

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

July 26, 2026

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

9th Sunday after Pentecost



THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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** Indicates those who are able, please stand*

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

† WELCOME – WORSHIP – CELEBRATE – SERVE †

PRELUDE: “Softly Jesus Calls Us”

R. Koury

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 119) please join in unison

One: The decrees of the Lord are wonderful.

All: *The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.*

One: Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

All: *Make your face shine upon your servants.*

One: We come together to worship the living God.

*HYMN #250 “In the Bulb There is a Flower/Hymn of Promise” (Glory to God hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: Spoken by liturgist

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. We admit that we need to begin again for we have fallen short of the glory of God. So we come to the baptismal font seeking a fresh start. With confidence that God hears our prayers, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.*

Pastor: Proclaim the good news with me:

All: *Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. Thanks be to God.*

*SINGING GOD'S GLORY: Gloria Patri “Glory to the Father” #567 (Please join in unison)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen Amen Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us all forgive one another,
and pass the peace of Christ to each other.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: *And also with you!*

(Worshippers are invited to turn to their neighbors, offer the greeting “The peace of Christ be with you”, and one may respond with the words, “And also with you.” Worshippers may also share a handshake, hug or other expression of Christ's peace.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

NO CHILDREN'S SERMON

NOISY OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (please join in unison)

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Romans 8:26-39

SECOND READING:

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON "Seeds of Faith"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from The Barmen Declaration, 8.14-8.16) please join in unison

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

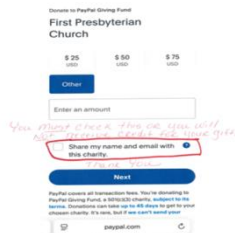
OFFERTORY: "Contemplation on 'Gordon'"

J. Spong

Many ways to give and give back  paypal.com **Click on link**

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OR Scan here:



When giving on PayPal, please be sure to **SHARE** your name and email address so we can give proper credit for the gift!!

*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord's Prayer (together, using "debts")

*HYMN: #2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (Sing the Faith hymnal)

WE GO OUT IN GRATITUDE TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Sing Forth to the Lord"

D. Paxton

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

For each of us to share the Gospel with someone this week:

- Gerald Anderson, Sandy Dougherty, Stan Holdcraft, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, Mary Steider and Jerry Yacullo for health needs
- Pray for our Military and their families
- AmeriCorps and Peace Corps workers and their families

GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are delighted to welcome you and worship with you today! **First time visitors**-we would love to connect with you. Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.



The CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from Susie and Doug Wiseman in memory of their mother, Donna who would have celebrated her 97th birthday on July 25th.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Kash Williams
Greeter(s)	Williams Family
Ushers	Alice Yacullo
Video and Sound Team	Dave Hack and Antoinette Jackson

Wishing you Very Happy Day!

July 01 Daisy Kilbourne
July 02 Gerald Yacullo
July 03 Marianne Meyer
July 04 United States of
America's 250 year celebration
July 04 June Tietzer
July 06 Derrick Mosher
July 08 Kash Williams
July 08 Andrew Ransom



July 08 Kevan Ryan
July 09 Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur
July 09 Natalie Yacullo
July 10 Elaine Hornyak
July 16 Nolan DeLeon
July 17 Gerald Anderson
July 22 Diane Yettaw



MEMORIALS/DONATION

The Elevator Fund/Special Projects received a donation from Barbara Reichert in memory of Donna Wiseman

The Organ Fund received a donation from Margo Shank in memory of Donna Wiseman

Thank you for your kindness.



**EVENTS, DATES AND/OR TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THIS LIST WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY
AS OF TODAY, THIS IS THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

- ❖ July 26 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 26 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 26 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka NOISY OFFERING
- ❖ July 26 Sunday 3 p.m. Summer book club at Melanie Ledgerwood's home (address below)
- ❖ July 27 Monday Pastor off
- ❖ July 28 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 30 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B **LAST FOR THIS SESSION**
- ❖ July 31 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ July 31 Friday 11 a.m. Summer book club at Lakeshore Coffee (address below)
- ❖ Aug 01 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Aug 02 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 02 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 02 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 02 Sunday 3 p.m. Summer book club at Melanie Ledgerwood's home (address below)
- ❖ Aug 03 Monday Pastor off
- ❖ Aug 04 Tuesday 5:30 p.m. PFlag meeting
- ❖ Aug 04 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Finance zoom meeting
- ❖ Aug 05 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. B&G meeting
- ❖ Aug 06 Thursday NO 11 a.m. Mission meeting
- ❖ Aug 06 Thursday 12:30-3 p.m. PEO meeting in Edith Boyd Lounge & Kitchenette
- ❖ Aug 07 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ Aug 07 Friday 10 a.m. -7:30 p.m. MCCMF rehearsals
- ❖ Aug 07 Friday 11 a.m. Summer book club at Lakeshore Coffee (address below)
- ❖ Aug 08 Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. MCCMF rehearsals
- ❖ Aug 08 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Aug 08 Saturday 7 p.m. MCCMF concert
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 10 a.m.-11 a.m. MCCMF in Sanctuary
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 10-11:30 MCCMF rehearsal in choir room
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 12:30-10 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal in Sanctuary
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 3 p.m. Summer book club at Melanie Ledgerwood's home (address below)

CHURCH CHAT

"Any or all information is subject to change without notification"



FIRST MEETINGS FOR SUMMER BOOK CLUB: **Future dates will be discussed at the first meetings.**

- + Sunday, July 26 at 3p.m. at Melanie Ledgerwood home located at 205 Bluebird Place, Trail Creek. **Maximum Six**
- + Friday, July 31 at 11a.m. at Lakeshore Café' (Coffee House) located at 444 Wabash Street, Michigan City.
Sign up form is located on the door of the Edith Boyd Lounge.
If you are planning on attending, **PLEASE SIGN UP**

Books are in! If you would like to purchase one the cost is \$15.00. Please see Diane in the office.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor the Chancel Flowers, which goes to the Children in Need fund, we currently have the following dates available August 16, 23 & 30, and October 4. If you have an "annual" date, that is reserved for you. The cost is \$35. Please contact the office to check if a date you are interested in is available.
Thank you. Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant



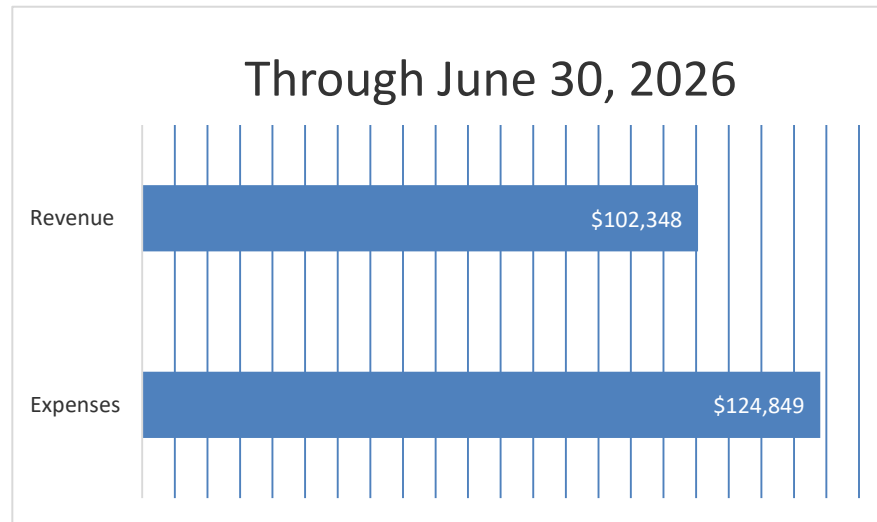
PENCIL IT IN

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Time flies and our annual All-Church picnic will be here before we know it. Again this year the picnic will be at Creek Ridge Park (Prairie Shelter) on September 13th at 1:00 p.m. In the near future a signup sheet will be on the door of the Edith Boyd Lounge.
BUT in the meantime be sure to save the date!!
Hope to see all there.



FINANCIALS



PW SUMMER PROJECT

We are collecting bottles of salad dressing (ranch and French) for the shelter on 8th Street. Place them on the table near the coat racks.

Thank you
Carol G. and Debbie L.

FRANCISCAN HEALTH MICHIGAN CITY

Tina Hoffmann is a Faith Community Health Coordinator with Franciscan Health. She also facilitates multiple types of suicide prevention and mental health courses. We are hosting an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) August 26-27, 2026 at Franciscan Health Michigan City. We believe that we will need support of the Faith Communities to help reduce suicide outcomes. We know people are still in the churches and we want to support those that are supporting the community.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is a 2 day workshop that helps support growth identifying someone at risk for suicide, asking directly about suicide and then working through how to have an intervention conversation and safety plan development. We discuss the barriers to talking about suicide whether it ourselves or others including personal beliefs. This class is scenario, practice focused, supportive growth and evidence based. ASIST is considered a best practice curriculum by the national Suicide Prevention Resource Center. This community-based class is for everyone not limited to any one profession.

Franciscan Health Michigan City

3500 Franciscan Wy, Michigan City, IN 46360

8:30am-5:00pm both days required. \$25 registration fee will cover lunch for both days.

Registration link: <https://afspindianaasistaug11.attendase.com/> (Flyer is on the bulletin board)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for sharing with your faith community, because together we can build a suicide safer community.

Thank you,

Tina Hoffmann

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Franciscan Health

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There are flyers on the table under the bulletin board outside of the Edith Boyd Lounge

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