

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

August 16, 2026

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

12th Sunday after Pentecost

*Jesucristo
es Agua Viva
para nuestros cuerpos
y nuestras almas*



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: Selections from Kinderszenen

Robert Schumann

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev. Doreen will lead) please join in unison

This is the day	This is the day
That the Lord has made	That the Lord has made
We will rejoice	We will rejoice
And be glad in it	And be glad in it
	This is the day that the Lord has made
	We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day	This is the day
	That the Lord has made

*HYMN #446 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Spoken by liturgist)

We return to God through confession. Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

Gracious God, we feel that we somehow deserve more from your blessings than others do. We grumble. Forgive us when we think ourselves above others, or more worthy than others. Help us realize that such thinking shows where we fail to see your vision for your Kingdom here on earth and fail to be your loving and welcoming family. We thank you for always coming to seek us, to bring us back into your field or flock. We are blessed that you do not keep a scorecard or a book on what we deserve, but rather you seek to welcome us whenever we choose to change our ways and to follow your will for us. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: As long as we come to God confessing our failings and desiring to change, our assurance is in the certainty that our God is a God of second chances, repeated second chances.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (please join in unison)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Exodus 17:1-7

SECOND READING:

John 4:1-26, 39-42

SERMON

Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (please join in unison)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ
his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Paulistana No. 3"

by Claudio Santoro

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*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, sins, or trespasses")

*HYMN: #182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Amazing Grace"

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 by Michele Bartels and Peggy McAnally with a song in our hearts and a joyful prayer to the Lord for an exciting and successful school year for our Michigan City school children, teachers, and all support personnel.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers

Guest Preacher

Guest Pianist

Guest Organist

Guest Musicians

Liturgist

Greeter(s)

Ushers

Video and Sound Team

All Members of the Congregation

Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur

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Jasmin Arakawa (MCCMF) Offertory

Christian McDaniel

Dave Hack

Walt & Janiece Barbknecht

Ree Labaj

Mark Smith and Antoinette Jackson

Wishing you Very Happy Day!

Aug 02 Rachel Langley
Aug 08 Kyle-Pierre Nfr
Aug 09 Diane Hack
Aug 09 Johanna Miller
Aug 12 Carol Garrett
Aug 16 Darold G. Gieser, Sr



Aug 22 Oliver Mosher
Aug 23 Maxwell Trowbridge
Aug 23 KC Williams
Aug 25 Randy Pals
Aug 25 Joanne Thorne

MEMORIALS/DONATION

No donations were received this week.
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**

- ❖ Aug 16 Sunday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ Aug 16 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur
- ❖ Aug 16 Sunday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal
- ❖ Aug 16 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Aug 16 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur
- ❖ Aug 16 Sunday 10 a.m.-11 a.m. MCCMF presentation
- ❖ Aug 16 Sunday after worship blood pressure screening
- ❖ Aug 16 Sunday 3 p.m. Summer book club at Melanie Ledgerwood's home (address below)
- ❖ Aug 17 Monday Pastor off-on vacation
- ❖ Aug 18 Tuesday Pastor returns
- ❖ Aug 18 Tuesday NO 11 a.m. WAM meeting (next meeting in September)
- ❖ Aug 19 Wednesday No Elisabeth circle meeting
- ❖ Aug 19 Wednesday no 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ Aug 21 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ Aug 21 Friday 11 a.m. Summer Book Club
- ❖ Aug 22 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Aug 23 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 23 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 23 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka Noisy Offering
- ❖ Aug 23 Sunday 3 p.m. Summer book club at Melanie Ledgerwood's home (address below)
- ❖ Aug 24 Monday Pastor off
- ❖ Aug 27 Thursday 6 p.m. Bible study
- ❖ Aug 28 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ Aug 28 Friday 11 a.m. Summer Book Club
- ❖ Aug 29 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Aug 29 Saturday 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Kairos meeting
- ❖ Aug 30 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 30 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 30 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka Noisy Offering
- ❖ Aug 30 Sunday 3 p.m. Summer book club at Melanie Ledgerwood's home (address below)
- ❖ Aug 31 Monday Pastor off

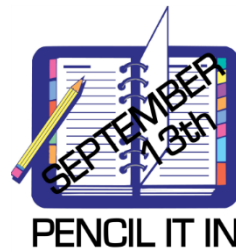
CHURCH CHAT

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

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 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



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.



MEETINGS FOR SUMMER BOOK CLUB:

- ✚ Sunday, August 16th at 3p.m. at Melanie Ledgerwood home. **Maximum Six**
- ✚ Sunday, August 23rd at 3p.m. at Melanie Ledgerwood home. **Maximum Six**
- ✚ Sunday, August 30th at 3p.m. at Melanie Ledgerwood home. **Maximum Six**

Melanie's address: 205 Bluebird Place, Trail Creek

- ✚ Fridays will be at 11 a.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**

We are out of books but you can purchase one from Amazon.

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

ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN

The All-Circle meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Edith Boyd Lounge. Pastor Ericka will present the new Bible Study, "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other".

Please bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. See you then.

Carol Garrett

FEATURED ARTIST

A reminder that Teresina Pavel's art work is still on display in our Edith Boyd Lounge.
Take a moment to check out her work.

FOOTLIGHT PLAYER THEATRE

If you haven't been able to attend the play "The Foreigner", a comedy with our own Sue Ransom as assistant director, you have one more chance this afternoon at 2 PM at Footlight Player Theatre. Hope to see you there.

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