

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

August 9, 2026

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

11th 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: “Nettleton”

Anonymous

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 Kings 11-13) please join in unison

One: Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

All: *Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear you and know you among us.*

*HYMN #356 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (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)

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Isaiah 43:1)

Pastor: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

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:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

SPECIAL MUSIC: Allegro scherzando (excerpt) from Piano Concerto #2 (see insert)

by Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)

SECOND READING:

Matthew 14:22-23

SERMON "Growing Faith"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from a Brief Statement of Faith) please join in unison

***We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

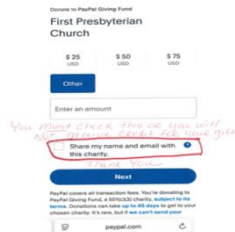
OFFERTORY: "Es ist ein traum" from "Der Rosenkavalier" (see insert)

by Richard Strauss (1864-1949)

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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")

*HYMN: #298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (pew hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "In Babilone"

Julius Röntgen

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 Diane Hack in honor of all August birthdays.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur
Liturgist	Andrew Grove
Greeter(s)	Rick and Sarah Blank
Ushers	Ree Labaj
Video and Sound Team	Mark Smith and Antoinette Jackson

WISHING YOU A 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**

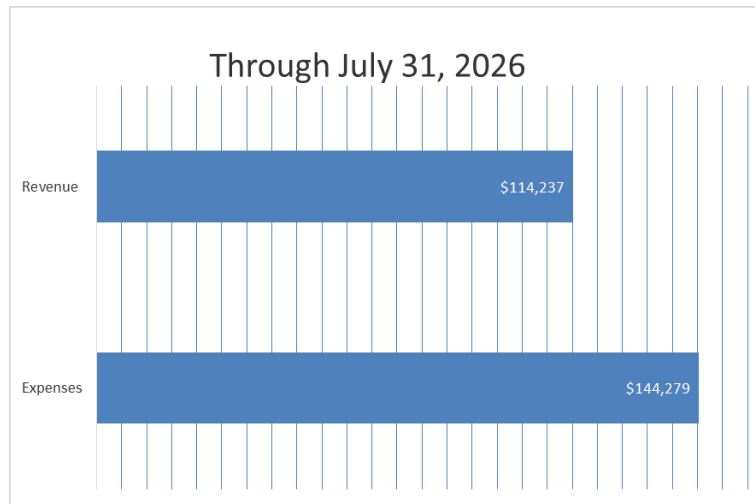
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 10 a.m.-11 a.m. MCCMF presentation
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 10-11:30 MCCMF rehearsal in choir room
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 12:30-10 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal in Sanctuary
- ❖ Aug 09 Sunday 3 p.m. Summer book club at location to be announced. Possible date change.
- ❖ Aug 10 Monday Pastor off-on vacation
- ❖ Aug 11 Tuesday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ Aug 11 Tuesday 10 a.m. -6:30 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal in the sanctuary
- ❖ Aug 12 Wednesday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ Aug 12 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ Aug 12 Wednesday NO 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting
- ❖ Aug 12 Wednesday 10 a.m. -6 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal in the sanctuary
- ❖ Aug 12 Wednesday 7 p.m. MCCMF concert in the sanctuary
- ❖ Aug 13 Thursday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ Aug 13 Thursday 11 a.m. Mission meeting
- ❖ Aug 13 Thursday 6 p.m. Bible study
- ❖ Aug 13 Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal in the choir room and sanctuary
- ❖ Aug 14 Friday Office closed Pastor on vacation
- ❖ Aug 14 Friday 11 a.m. Summer Book Club
- ❖ Aug 14 Friday 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal in the sanctuary
- ❖ Aug 14 Friday 7 p.m. concert
- ❖ Aug 15 Saturday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ Aug 15 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Aug 15 Saturday 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Kairos meeting
- ❖ Aug 15 Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal
- ❖ 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”

FINANCIALS



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



MEETINGS FOR SUMMER BOOK CLUB:

- ✚ Sunday, August 9th at 3p.m. Location to be announced-possible date change
 - ✚ 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.



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.



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

Are you looking for a fun activity this afternoon? Why not head on over to Footlight Players Theatre to watch their new play, a comedy called "The Foreigner." It is directed by our own Laura Meyer with Sue Ransom being the assistant director. (She also has a small part in the play.) The play starts at 2:00 pm and cost is \$17. The play will run August 13-16 too...Thursday and Friday at 7 PM and Saturday and Sunday at 2 PM. Hope to see you there.

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