

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

September 13, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

16th 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: “Menuetto”

L. Van Beethoven

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 103:1-4 (please join in unison)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

All: Bless God’s holy name.

One: God forgives, God heals, Gods transforms with steadfast love.

All: Bless God’s holy name.

*HYMN #138 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Spoken by liturgist)

Before we can hear God’s truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (James 5:15-16)

PASTOR: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God’s path of righteousness. 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

CHILDREN’S SERMON – Blessing of backpacks

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (please join in unison)

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Exodus 14:19-31

SECOND LESSON:

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON "Faith Formation"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

Children (K-5) are excused for Sunday school. Please join Ms. Michele and Ms. Peggy in the lobby to walk up together as a group. Youth (grades 6-12) please join Ms. Jennifer.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (From Book of Common Worship) please join in unison

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

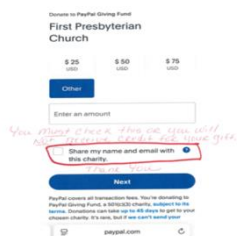
OFFERTORY: "Legende"

D. Paxton

Many ways to give and give back

paypal.com **Click on link**<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/112574644767835624/charity/3545525>

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"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN: #280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (pew Hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "How Majestic Is Thy Name"

F. Ritter

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, Becky Smith, 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 Marilyn Cook in honor of Alice and Lois and thanking them for their hard work and dedication to the 3B program.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Walt Barbknecht
Greeter(s)	Frank & Ree Labaj
Ushers	Debbie Langley
Video and Sound Team	Dave Hack and Antoinette Jackson

Wishing you Very Happy Day!

Sept 01 Alice Yacullo
Sept 02 Elizabeth Choate
Sept 08 Rev. Bud Ogle
Sept 10 Michael Hoffman
Sept 13 David Wilson
Sept 14 Jeffrey Thorne
Sept 15 Sandy Dougherty
Sept 16 Grant Durnell



Sept 16 David Miller
Sept 17 Annabelle Kilbourne
Sept 17 Jerry Kilbourne
Sept 17 Maxine Schwartz
Sept 21 Nora Mosher
Sept 24 Jacob Luncsford
Sept 26 F. Scott Winfield
Sept 28 Marilyn Cook

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**

- ❖ Sept 13 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Sept 13 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka (Blessing of backpacks)
- ❖ Sept 13 Sunday Sunday school is back in session
- ❖ Sept 13 Sunday after Worship service Blood Pressure screening

- ❖ Sept 13 **Sunday 1 p.m. ALL-CHURCH PICNIC at Creek Ridge Park (Prairie Shelter)**
- ❖ Sept 14 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ Sept 15 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Sept 16 Wednesday 11 a.m. WAM meeting
- ❖ Sept 16 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ Sept 17 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Sept 18 Friday Office Closed-Pastor by appointment
- ❖ Sept 18 Friday 11 a.m. Summer Book Club at Lakeshore Café Coffee House
- ❖ Sept 19 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Sept 20 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Sept 20 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Sept 20 Sunday 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Mental Health Resource Fair
- ❖ Sept 21 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ Sept 22 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Sept 23 Wednesday NO Elisabeth Circle meeting (met on Sept 9)
- ❖ Sept 23 Wednesday 6:30 Session meeting
- ❖ Sept 24 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Sept 25 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ Sept 25 Friday 11 a.m. Summer Book Club at Lakeshore Café (Coffee House)
- ❖ Sept 26 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Sept 26 Saturday 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Kairos meeting
- ❖ Sept 27 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Sept 27 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka NOISY OFFERING
- ❖ Sept 28 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ Sept 29 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B

CHURCH CHAT

“Any or all information is subject to change without notification”





MEETINGS FOR SUMMER BOOK CLUB:

Fridays will be at 11 a.m. at Lakeshore Café (Coffee House) located at 444 Wabash Street, Michigan City.
Last meeting for this group will be on October 2nd.

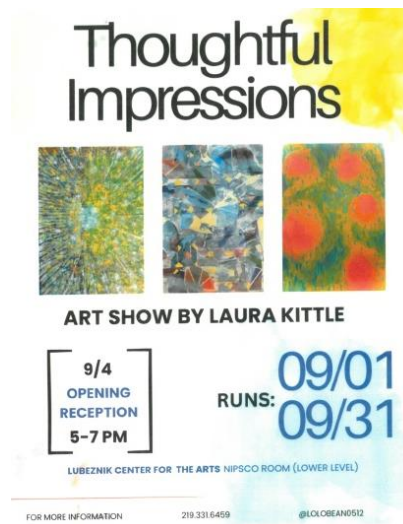
CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor the Chancel Flowers, which goes to the Children in Need fund, we currently have the following dates available September 27 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.

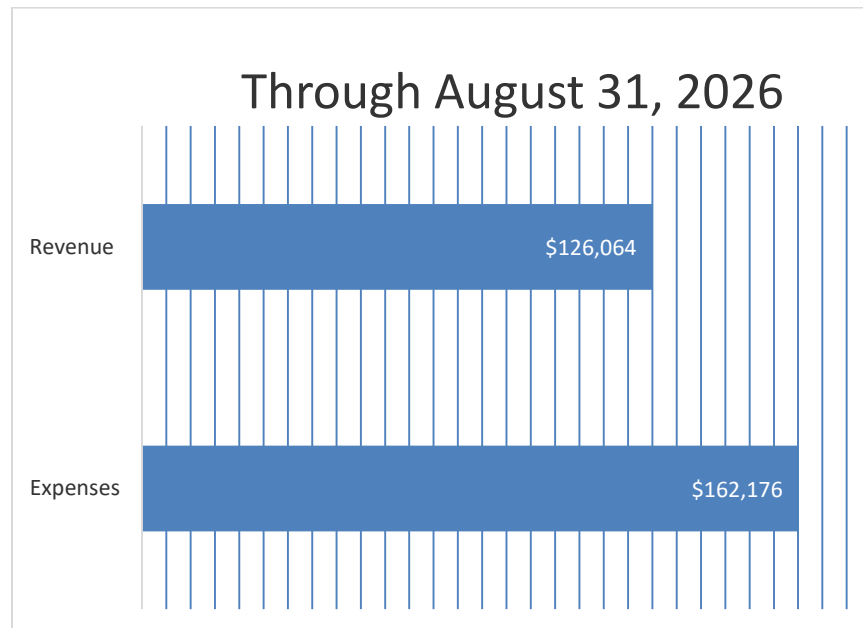
Thank you. Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant

ART SHOW BY LAURA KITTLE

Lubeznik Center for the Arts Sept 01-Sept 31
Opening Reception on Sept 04 from 5-7 PM



FINANCIALS





ATTENTION ATTENDEES

The signup sheets are located on the Edith Boyd Lounge door.
PLEASE sign up...we need signatures.
If you have any questions, please see Pastor Ericka.

PW SUMMER PROJECT

We are collecting powder drink mix for the shelter on 8th Street. Place them on the table near the coat racks.
Thank you, Carol G and Debbie L

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.

UPCOMING CLASSES

If you or someone you know might be interested in attending classes, please contact Gail at 219-575-3654 or GailsCrafts2025@gmail.com for additional information or to sign up.

Quilt-Making Classes!

Beginner & Intermediate

LaPorte

at the Makers Retreat Center

Beginner Classes start 9/8
5:30pm - 8:30pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Michigan City

at the Presbyterian Church

Beginner Classes start 10/8
9:30am - 12:30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays
and...

NEW! Intermediate Classes start 10/1
9:30am - 12:30pm, 1st & 3rd Thursdays

Gail's Crafts

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Space is limited,
Sign Up TODAY!

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