

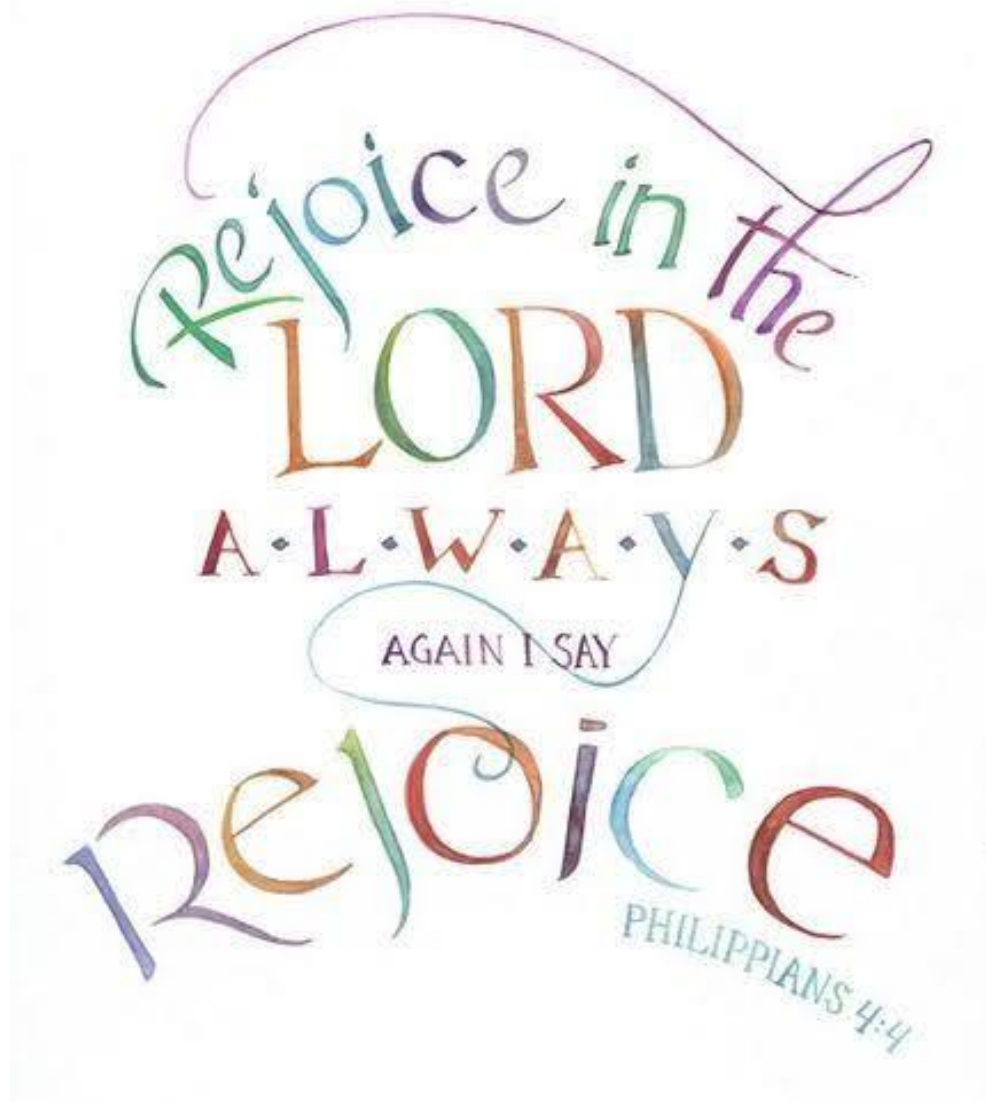
First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

October 11 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

20th 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: “Four Variants on ‘Gott Sei Dank’”

W. Moore

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 10) Please join in unison

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

All: *for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.*

One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

All: *Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.*

One: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

All: *that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.*

One: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say,

All: *Amen. Praise the Lord!*

*HYMN #455 “All Creatures of Our God and King” (pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Spoken by liturgist)

With great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ, even when we were dead through our sin. By grace we have been saved. With that assurance of the gospel, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PASTOR: Hear the good news! The night is far gone, the day is near.

All: *Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

Pastor: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: *Thanks be to God. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (from A Declaration of Faith) please join in unison

Dear God, your Word itself tells us that you inspire all Scripture, that everyone who belongs to you may be equipped for every good work. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, inspire us through your Holy Spirit that we may be ready to worship you and serve others with the love and grace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:1-14

SECOND READING:

Philippians 4:1-9

SERMON "Yes, and...."

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (adapted from A Declaration of Faith) please join in unison

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

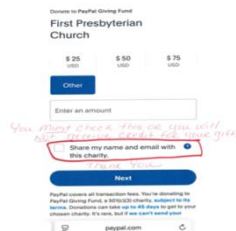
OFFERTORY: "Allegro"

A. Vivaldi

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"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN: #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" (pew Hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "How Firm a Foundation"

G. Martin

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Gerald Anderson, Sandy Dougherty, Stan Holdcraft, Luke Jackson, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, Mary Steider and Jerry Yacullo for health needs
- Laurie Wilson who will be undergoing surgery
- Mike Kilbourne, recovering from foot surgery
- 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 in honor of Amy and Jason McDaniel's grandparents' October birthdays.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Dave Hack
Youth Liturgist	Annabelle Kilbourne
Greeter(s)	Rick & Sarah Blank
Ushers	Peggy McAnally
Video and Sound Team	Mark Smith and Antoinette Jackson

Wishing you Very Happy Day!

Oct 02 Adeline Russell
Oct 04 Jenilee Haynes Peterson
Oct 07 Elizabeth Kelly
Oct 10 Carolyn Kelly
Oct 17 Michele McGuire



Oct 18 Darold Gieser, Jr
Oct 22 Skyler Steele
Oct 30 Beth Vaughn
Oct 30 Donna Williams

MEMORIALS/DONATION

No donations were received this week.
We are always thankful 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**

- ❖ Oct 11 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Oct 11 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka Communion Sunday
- ❖ Oct 11 Sunday Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- ❖ Oct 11 Sunday after the sermon, Sunday school
- ❖ Oct 11 Sunday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Confirmation kick-off
- ❖ Oct 12 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ Oct 12 Monday Columbus Day, Indigenous People's day and Canadian Thanksgiving
- ❖ Oct 13 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 13 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Finance Zoom meeting
- ❖ Oct 14 Wednesday Circle meeting 12:00 p.m.
- ❖ Oct 14 Wednesday Outreach moved to October 21
- ❖ Oct 15 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 16 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ Oct 17 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Oct 18 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Oct 18 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with guest preacher
- ❖ Oct 18 Sunday after the sermon, Sunday school
- ❖ Oct 18 Sunday Third Sunday in the Edith Boyd Lounge with Rev. Doreen Sterba Dezur
- ❖ Oct 18 Sunday Tweens and Teens invited to stay for Third Sunday
- ❖ Oct 19 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ Oct 20 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 21 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ Oct 21 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting
- ❖ Oct 21 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ Oct 22 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 23 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ Oct 24 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Oct 24 Saturday 3:00-5:00 p.m. Franklin Street Trick or Treating (Outreach committee is sponsoring the participation in this event). Please refer to the church chat for more information and how you can help.
- ❖ Oct 25 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Oct 25 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka - Noisy Offering
- ❖ Oct 25 Sunday after the sermon, Sunday school
- ❖ Oct 25 Sunday during worship speaker
- ❖ Oct 25 Sunday Reformation Sunday
- ❖ Oct 25 Sunday 4:30-6:00 p.m. Tweens and Teens at LaPorte Presbyterian for Trunk or Treat
- ❖ Oct 26 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ Oct 27 Tuesday NO 3B
- ❖ Oct 29 Thursday NO 3B
- ❖ Oct 30 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ Oct 31 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Oct 31 Reformation Day
- ❖ Oct 31 **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**
- ❖ Nov 01 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ Nov 01 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka Communion Sunday
- ❖ Nov 01 Sunday after the sermon, Sunday school
- ❖ Nov 01 Sunday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (This class will be every first Sunday of the month through the month of May.

CHURCH CHAT

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

TRICK OR TREAT

Outreach committee is once again sponsoring the participation of First Presbyterian Church in the Franklin Street Trick or Treating event on Saturday, October 24, 3-5 PM. We are asking you to contribute individually wrapped candy for distribution to all the princesses and goblins who will be haunting Franklin Street on the 24th. Bring your donation to Church on the next two Sundays (11th or 18th) or have it into the office by Thursday, October 22nd. Thank Booooooo!

DOORS

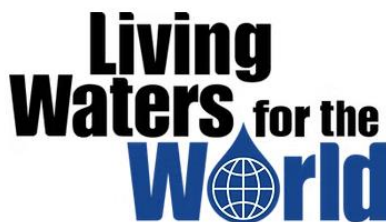
There seems to be issues with the elevator and garden doors. Both are **not** latching when the doors close. PLEASE take the time to wait for the doors to close and then pull on the handle to confirm the doors latched and are truly locked. Twice this week the elevator door was locked but it did not latch. With that door you have to let it close on its own, pull on the handle and if it did NOT latch, push on the door which it should latch. Please make sure the doors are latched before walking away. When this happens our building is not secured. Thank you

COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEMBERS

This might sound like it's a bit too early but time flies. Remember, once you have your last meeting for 2026 you can furnish me with your report for the 2026 annual report. This report is extremely time consuming. I would greatly appreciate it if you can get your report to me in advance. If your last meeting is in November, there should be no reason to wait to furnish your annual report. One thing off your plate and you can totally enjoy the holidays without the thought of the report hanging over your head. 😊

Thank you in advance.

Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant.



THIRD SUNDAY: On October 18, after worship, in the EB Lounge, Rev. Doreen Sterba Dezur will present to us about her recent trip to El Salvador through the covenants made between the First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange and six communities in El Salvador through Living Waters for the World (a ministry of the PC (USA). Come and hear what Pastor Doreen has to share with us, and we will also consider how our congregation can be involved with Living Waters for the World, as well.

STEWARDSHIP

This stewardship season, you're invited to practice generosity in all kinds of ways – and not just with your bank account. The enclosed “30 Day Generosity Challenge” offers simple, daily prompts to grow in gratitude, kindness, and joy. We will also be emailing the prompts daily, and posting them on social media. Give it a try!



A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

On Sunday November 18, you will have an opportunity to generously “sing along” with our congregation’s chorus of generosity. You don’t sing, you say? That’s ok! You don’t have to! A chorus of generosity has to do with faithfully giving of yourself with a chorus of others, as we together live in to the ministry God has given to our care. Stay tuned for more direction regarding your part in the Chorus of Generosity.



October 24, 2026
1200 Andrew Avenue LaPorte, Indiana 46350
FREE VETERAN DENTAL PROGRAM for
Veterans of La Porte County.

What: Free dental screening includes an exam and x-rays. Veterans will be referred to a local dentist who will perform the necessary general dental procedures at no cost.

When: Saturday, October 24, 2026 From 8:00AM-1:00PM
Please call 219-326-7446 to schedule your appointment before October 14, 2026.

Where: Dr. Daniel Fridt's office located at 1200 Andrew Avenue LaPorte, Indiana 46350

Documents Needed: Veterans need to bring their discharge papers (DD214) and a current ID.

HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION LA PORTE ICD DENTISTS OF La Porte Co.

PW FALL PROJECT

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

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