First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

November 1, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

COMMUNION SUNDAY

23rd 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 "A Song of Thanksgiving" *E. Broughton*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 43:3-5) please join in unison

One: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

All: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

*HYMN: #526 "For All the Saints" (Pew Hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

The work of the church in being the people of God is not solitary work. We are here to support one another, to love one another, and to lead one another to Christ, again and again. In our work as the people of God, we will sometimes come up short. But God stands more ready to forgive than we are to ask. Let us now confess our sin together, and then in silence, as we make more candid our confessions before our God who created us, who knows us, and who loves us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers. Amen

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Ephesian 2:8-10) please join in unison

Pastor: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

All: For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Pastor: Believe the promise of the Gospel

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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 (Please join in unison)

Leader: 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.

People: 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

On October 25 children collected $134.32 for the Noisy Offering

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Holy God, in the world of rapidly shifting narratives, speak your eternal Word that never fails. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Word that you would give us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Joshua 3:7-17

SECOND READING: Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON: "Joining the Chorus of Generosity" Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

Children (K-5) are excused for Sunday school. Please join Ms. Amy and Mr. Jason in the lobby to walk up together as a group. Youth (grades 6-12) stay for communion

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the Heidelberg Catechism) please join in unison

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: ***That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head Without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "We Thank Thee, Lord" *R. Hughes*

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

https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/11257464476783562 4/charity/3545525
OR Scan here:

First time visitors-we would love to connect with you.
Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.

*Doxology Song #592
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY REFLECTION:

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you
One: Lift up your hearts!
All: We lift them up to the Lord
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise
One: It is truly right and our greatest joy…

(…the prayer continues and includes The Prayers of the People)

…Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever….(ending with the Lord's Prayer). (Together, using "debts")

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music: "Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me" *T. Hastings*

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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

*HYMN: #364 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" (Pew hymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Procession" *C. Sergison*

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
- Deb Beckinger, family and friends as they mourn for the loss of Terry
- Margo Shank as she prepares for surgery
- Laurie Wilson who is recovering from surgery
- For the family and friends of Luke Jackson as they grieve for him
- Pam Thornton recovering from surgery
- Sue Ransom as she prepares for surgery
- Pray for our Military and their families
  AmeriCorps and Peace Corps workers 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 memory of those watching over us from Leonard Griswold.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Kendra Angela
Greeter(s)	Kathy Angelo
Ushers	Deb Langley
Video and Sound Team	Dave Hack and Antoinette Jackson

Wishing you Very Happy Day!

Nov 02	Beth Sullivan
Nov 07	Shirley Bowman
Nov 10	Kirk Rogers
Nov 10	Robert McGuire
Nov 10	Donna Ogle
Nov 12	Brock Vinson
Nov 13	Natt Kilbourne



Nov 20	Laura Kittle
Nov 20	Ryan Towle
Nov 20	Elizabeth Gesse
Nov 20	Haley Gesse
Nov 21	MacKinley Mosher
Nov 27	Erin McGuire

MEMORIALS/DONATION

Soup Kitchen fund received a donation from United Way of LaPorte County
Thank you for your kindness.

This month at our Church

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



- Nov 01 Sunday at 12:01 a.m. Times changes. Back one hour
- 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, K-5 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.
- Nov 02 Monday Pastor Off
- Nov 03 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- Nov 04 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. B&G meeting
- Nov 05 Thursday 10 a.m. 3 B
- Nov 05 Thursday 10 a.m. Mission Meeting
- Nov 05 Thursday 11:15 a.m. Worship & Music meeting
- Nov 05 Thursday 12:30-3 p.m. PEO meeting in the EBL
- Nov 05 Thursday 5:30 p.m. PFlag meeting
- Nov 06 Friday Office closed Pastor in by appointment
- Nov 07 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1p.m.Soup Kitchen
- Nov 08 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- Nov 08 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- Nov 08 Sunday after the sermon Sunday school
- Nov 09 Monday Pastor Off
- Nov 10 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- Nov 10 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Finance zoom meeting
- Nov 11 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- Nov 11 Wednesday 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meetin
- Nov 12 Thursday 10 a.m. 3 B
- Nov 13 Friday Office closed Pastor in by appointment
- Nov 14 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1p.m.Soup Kitchen
- Nov 15 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- Nov 15 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- Nov 15 Sunday Stewardship Pledge Sunday
- Nov 15 Sunday after the sermon Sunday school
- Nov 15 Sunday- Third Sunday event
- Nov 15 Sunday after worship- blood pressure screening
- Nov 16 Monday Pastor Off
- Nov 17 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- Nov 18 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Elisabeth Circle meeting
- Nov 18 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- Nov 19 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- Nov 20 Friday Office closed Pastor in by appointment
- Nov 21 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1p.m.Soup Kitchen
- Nov 22 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- Nov 22 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka – NOISY OFFERING
- Nov 22 Sunday after the sermon
- Nov 22 Sunday Hanging of the greens
- Nov 23 Monday Pastor off
- Nov 24 Tuesday 10 am 3B (LAST FOR THIS SESSION)
- Nov 26 Thursday Thanksgiving Office CLOSED
- Nov 27 Friday Thanksgiving holiday Office CLOSED
- Nov 27 Friday Thanksgiving Holiday Pastor Off
- Nov 28 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1p.m. Soup Kitchen
- Nov 29 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- Nov 29 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Alice Yacullo
- Nov 29 Sunday after the sermon Sunday school
- Nov 29 Sunday Advent begins
- Nov 30 Monday Thanksgiving holiday Office CLOSED

CHURCH CHAT

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

THE ANGEL TREE

Please join the Wednesday Circle in donating to the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. The Angel tree will be located in our Narthex area. Pick an angel tag from the tree and the tag will state either girl" or "boy" and the age range. Then purchase an age appropriate new toy and place the unwrapped toy in the box which will be near the Angel Tree. We will collect toys through and including December 6th. If you have any questions please see Janiece Barbknecht or Laura Kittle. We hope you will help us to bring joy to a child's Christmas this year. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

PW PROJECT

We are collecting boxed dry (cold) cereal for the shelter on 8th Street.

Place them on the table near the coat racks.

Thank you, Carol G and Debbie L

A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

On Sunday November 15, 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. Sunday, November 1 and November 8 we will hear from church members as they reflect upon generosity.

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