First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

November 15, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

25th Sunday after Pentecost

A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

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: "We Gather Together" *Paxton/Smith*

WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: "Give Thanks" *H. Smith*

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 100) Please join in unison

One: Come; make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
All: ***This is the day that God has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***
One: This is the world that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!
All: ***We are the people God has made, creative and generous, made in the image of a creative and generous God.***
One: Let us rejoice! Let us create! Let us be generous!
All: ***Come, let us worship God!***

*HYMN #467 "How Great Thou Art" (Pew Hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Spoken by liturgist)

We are a people who wander from the ways of God. We have not loved, served, and given of ourselves as we should. We have sinned. Let us then offer our prayer of confession, trusting in our Savior's infinite grace and mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world, we pray. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: Hear the Good News!
All: ***Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven.***
Pastor: Be at peace. 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: (please join in unison)

Loving God, come to us in these words of scripture and proclamation and speak to us of your way in the world and in our lives. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1: 4-20

ANTHEM: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" *J. Steurlein*

SECOND READING: Mark 12:38-44

SERMON "A Chorus of Generosity" Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

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

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

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Amen.

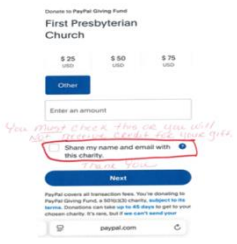
EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Ode to Praise" *R. Hughes*

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*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” (Pew Hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Making Our Pledge for the 2027 Year

Members are invited to come forward after the benediction to place their pledge inside the wooden church.

*POSTLUDE: “Festive Postlude” *H. décor*

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
- Margo Shank as she prepares for surgery
- Laurie Wilson who is recovering from surgery
- Pam Thornton recovering from surgery
- Sue Ransom as she recovering for 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 from Mary Barr in loving memory of her husband, Jim and grandson, Zander.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Ree Labaj
Youth Liturgist	TBD
Greeter(s)	Mel Ledgerwood & Lauren White
Ushers	Deb Langley
Video and Sound Team	Mark Smith 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

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

- 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.

CHIRSTMAS POINSETTIA

You may order a poinsettia in memory and/or in honor of a loved one this Christmas Season. Cost per plant is $10.00. When you purchase a poinsettia, we will include your name and the name(s) in whose memory or honor the donation is made in our Christmas bulletin.
Order forms are on the usher's table. Deadline to order is December 10th.
If you have any questions, contact the church office or speak with Deb Langley.
Thank you.

A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

This morning, at the end of the service, we all have an opportunity to generously "sing along" with our congregation's chorus of generosity. While not everyone can "sing" with the choir, *this* chorus does not require vocal chords! *This* chorus is one that has to do with faithfully giving of ourselves with a "chorus" of others. This morning, our chorus will sing together by making our pledge to the ministry that God has given to our care. Together, with each singing their own part, we will make harmonious music for the Glory of God!

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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

FEATURED ARTIST: Kerri Mommer's Exhibition, VISIONS AND REVISIONS

Kerri Mommer is an artist who lives in Munster, IN. She paints contemporary landscapes and nature-inspired abstract works. Her works often feature trees, especially bare trees which she appreciates for their bold, graphic shapes. She also paints a variety of different skies, portrayed with a variety of marks. She has twelve works on display at First Presbyterian Church in Michigan City in a show called "Visions and Revisions."

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