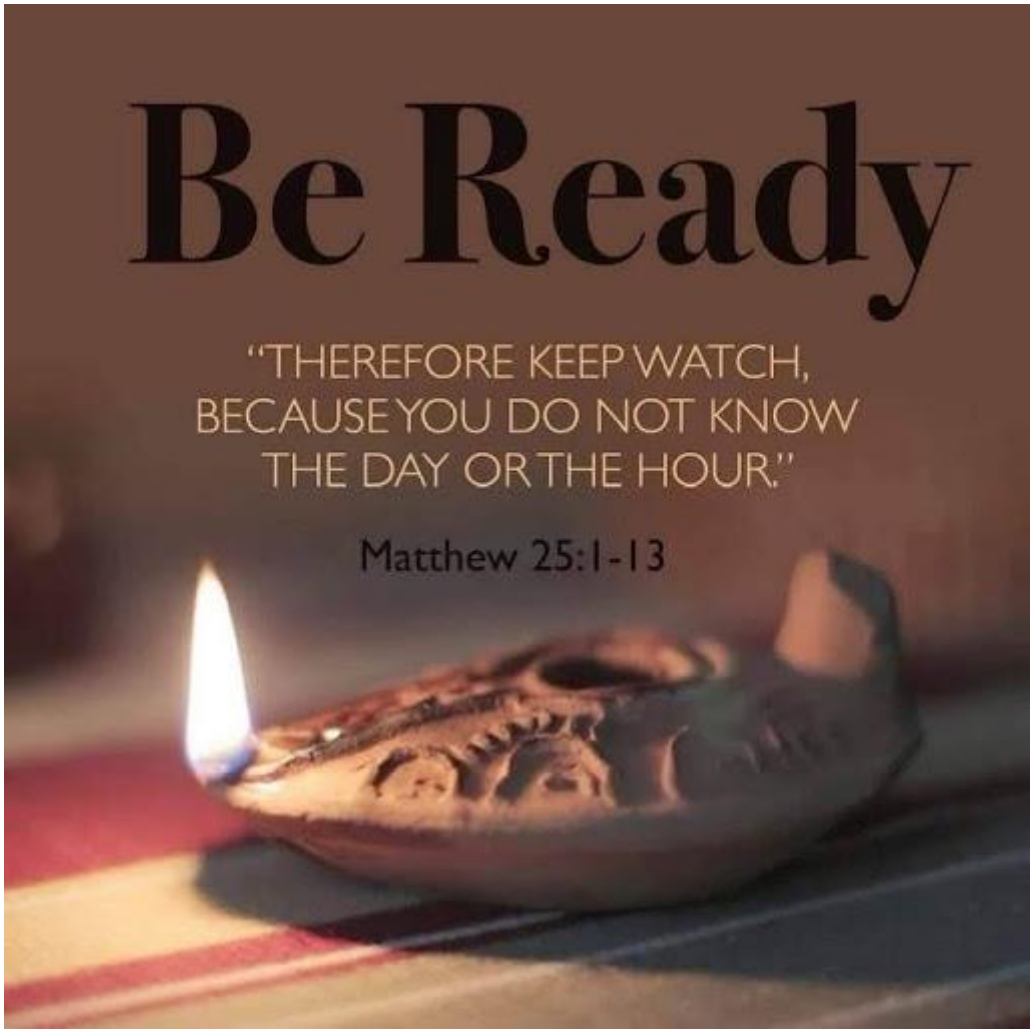
First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

November 8, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

24th 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: "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" *Pethel/Koury*

WELCOME

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

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

All: ***Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.***

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

All: ***For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.***

*HYMN #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (Pew Hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Spoken by liturgist)

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we seek to begin again. With confidence that God hears us as we pray, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fall short in our preparations for the delays that inevitably come. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive.

All: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, 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: (please join in unison)

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

SECOND READING: Matthew 25

SERMON "Ready, Set, Go!" 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: (Sung) please join in unison

Sing the Faith Hymnal #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Now Thank We All Our God" *J. Rasley*

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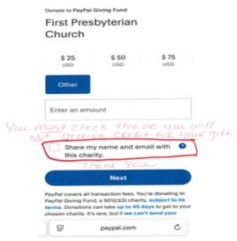

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*Doxology Song #592
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY REFLECTION Peggy McAnally

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

*HYMN: #369 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Pew Hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Fanfare and Trumpet Tune" *S. Saxton*

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, Mary Steider and Jerry Yacullo for health needs
- Margo Shank as she is recovering from 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 Walt & Janiece Barbknecht in loving memory of their parents, Helen and John Rowles, Walter and Ione Barbknecht and their son, Michael Barbknecht

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Jeanette Tyrrell
Youth Liturgist	TBD
Greeter(s)	Rob McFarland
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

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 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 09 Monday through Nov 12, Diane will be out of the office, volunteers will be in the office those days.
- 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 meeting
- 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.

THANK YOU FROM OUTREACH

Outreach wishes to thank all of you for your donation of candy to our Franklin Street Halloween Trick-or-Treat. For the first time ever we didn't run out of candy (even though there were hundreds of trick-or-treaters) and had enough that the youth could use the leftovers at their Trunk-or-Treat event at LaPorte Presbyterian Church the next day. Everyone had a great time at both events thanks to your generosity.

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!

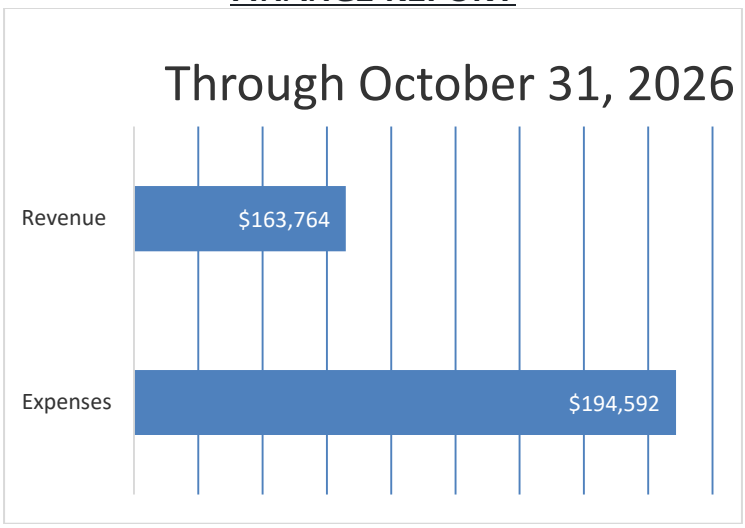
A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

Next Sunday, 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.
Today we will hear from church members as they reflect upon generosity.

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

FINANCE REPORT



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."

Kerri titled her show "Visions and Revisions" for several reasons. When she is out in nature, she enjoys many views of nature, some stunning, some perhaps disturbing. When she makes art inspired by what she has seen, she revises and edits the subject matter to express herself. Another reason for using the word "revision" is that humans are changing the natural world, sometimes for the better and sometimes not. For example, the painting entitled "Waiting for the Prairie's Return" was inspired by the restored prairie at Kankakee Sands—that's a success story. "Sequestered Sanctuary" was inspired by a small woodland dunes area in Northwest Indiana, a rare ecosystem, called Briar East Woods, that is about to be destroyed in the name of progress. Kerri's paintings express and evoke a variety of emotions. She hopes that viewers will take the opportunity to experience them in person and see how they react.

Artist Bio

Kerri Mommer is a painter who resides in Northwest Indiana. She exhibits regularly in the Midwest, including in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Michigan. Past shows have included solo exhibitions at the South Shore Arts Atrium Gallery in Munster, IN, at the Bernard Gallery at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, IN, and at the Dorothea Thiel Gallery in South Holland, IL. In 2026 she put on a two-person show with Dawn Diamantopoulos at the Marshall Gardner Center for the Arts in Gary. She has also participated in juried group shows such as the Elkhart Juried Regional at the Midwest Museum of American Art, the Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition at the Swope Art Museum, the Bridgeport Art Center Juried Art Competition, the Beverly Art Center Juried Art Competition, the Chesterton Art Center Juried Competition, and the South Shore Arts Salon Show. In 2026, she was awarded a micro-grant by the Indiana Arts Commission.

Artist Statement

I make modern landscapes and contemporary nature paintings with an original style and unique point of view. My paintings are representational works but stylized and expressionist with varying degrees of abstraction. I strive to create a visual language based on intriguing shapes and designs I observe in nature. I want to connect viewers to the world outside of the painting and suggest reasons to care about it. My artwork does not always convey positive ideas and moods about the natural world. Although many of them do express an appreciation of the beauty and vibrancy of nature, there are some that convey a moody pessimism, or a questioning, or a reaching for answers.

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