

MARCH 17, 2019
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
9:00AM McMILLEN CHAPEL
11:00AM SANCTUARY



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First Presbyterian Church

**TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH
THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad that you are here. We hope that joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. Here at First Pres our mission is transforming lives through the love of Jesus Christ, that simple and that challenging. We realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, and we know we are a work in progress.

If you are new to First Pres, we hope you will join us again and consider attending any of our mission, fellowship and education opportunities. If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the visitor information on the blue card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. **You are also more than welcome to contact any of our pastors over the phone or by email. God's peace to you today.**

— Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Ann Pitman

† *Those who are able please stand*

PRELUDE 9:00am Andante Cantabile

César Franck

11:00am I Bind Myself Unto Today (*St. Patrick's Breastplate*)

setting by Rebecca Groom te Velde

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of new beginnings—where there is a need for certainty,

All: Cultivate peace in us.

One: Where there is comparison,

All: Cultivate gentleness in us.

One: sWhere there is fear,

All: Cultivate hope in us.

One: Where there is doubt,

All: Cultivate faith in us.

One: Where there is isolation,

All: Cultivate worship in us;

One: For in worship we draw near to you and one another.

All: Let us worship our God.

†**HYMN** No. 410 God is Calling Through the Whisper

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†**CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Jesus said, “those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.” Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we admit before God and one another our faults and failings. Let us pray.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of grace, you ask us to care for the poor and the hungry, but that makes us uncomfortable. You ask us to care for the environment, but that requires sacrifice. You ask us to love our neighbor as ourselves, but that requires vulnerability. Instead, we hide our hands, avert our eyes, and choose ourselves. Forgive us for holding tight to our own agendas and letting go of your call to love. Cultivate in us more faithful spirits—hearts that are strong enough to choose one another and minds smart enough to make the sacrifice. Forever grateful we pray, Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The grace of God is always doing a new thing—whether we are prepared, or worthy, or not. Let yourself live and believe this good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 695 Change My Heart, O God

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Change my heart, O God; may I be like you." The lyrics are written below the notes. A small number '5' is written above the first note of the second staff.

Text and Music: Eddie Espinosa, 1982

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES 11:00am

Children are encouraged to come forward at this time. Parents may accompany their child if they wish. Afterwards, children may join their families in the pews for the rest of the service or meet teachers in the Narthex for Church School in Room 208. Children 5 or younger may go to childcare in Room 101. Ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27, p. 503-504

9:00am Jane Gastineau

11:00am Thom Hofrichter

ANTHEM 11:00am Steal Away Traditional Spiritual/arranged by Moses Hogan

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thunder;

The trumpet sounds within a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands atrembling;

The trumpet sounds within a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord calls me, He calls me by the lightning;

The trumpet sounds within a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 13: 31-35, p. 77

SERMON

"Foxes in the Hen House"

Rev. Dr. Annie Epling

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Unison)*

We believe in God, Creator of all things, heavenly father and mother, soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power, ruler of all that is and all that is to come, who is mystery, yet revealed.

We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life.

In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, Christ reveals God to us. Christ calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us, guides us, and empowers us as servants of God's grace.

We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light of eternal life. Amen.

†HYMN No. 195 When Twilight Comes

DAPIT HAPON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MINUTE *Please sign and pass the friendship pad to those in your pew.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY 9:00am God Is Calling through the Whisper setting by John David Peterson
11:00am O Christ the Same (*Londonderry Air*) setting by Robert Lind

†**DOXOLOGY** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (*Tune No. 606*) OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Gracious God, You speak of a promised day—a promised day where swords will be beaten into plowshares and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. So we offer you these gifts with hope that they might help bring about that day. Use us and use these gifts for your good; and as you do, cultivate in us more generous hearts. Amen.

†HYMN No. 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

†BENEDICTION

†**POSTLUDE** 9:00am Fugue
11:00am Morning Has Broken

Josef Seeger
setting by Dale Wood

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Dedication by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Anthem Note: Moses Hogan, who is remembered as a well-known African-American composer and arranger of choral music, arranged today's anthem. He is best known for his settings of spirituals. "Steal Away" was composed by Wallace Willis, a Choctaw freedman in old Indian Territory before 1862. Alexander Reid, a minister at a boarding school there heard the song and wrote the melody and text down. The music was eventually sent to the Fisk Jubilee Singers who popularized the songs during their tours beginning in 1870. The text to "Steal Away" is an example of how texts of spirituals sometimes include a secret code. Part of the text speaks about having faith in God and another part of the text contains messages for slaves to run away on their own or on the Underground Railroad. For example, the part of the text "Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here" is the code that speaks about the slaves wanting to run away.

WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters: 11:00am Dave Bash, Sarah Savage, Heidi Schultz, Mike Shim

Ushers: 11:00am Deb Ward, Chair; Dave Beer, Dan Serban, Elias Shaheen

Chancel Choir Members: (soprano) Christa Cook, Susan Dorion, Marta Hilworth, Joan Jackson, Antoinette Lee, Gretchen Lee, Patricia Pierce, Marianne Platt, Sandy Shearer; (alto) Jane Beer, Virginia Coats, Mary Jane Ormerod, Fran Page, Jill Therrien, Mary Winters; (tenor) Kathie Bishop, Scott McMeen, Marj Sapp; (bass) David Beer, Jim Mergenthal, Dan Michnay, Kip Ormerod

Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Brett Harding, our grandson, by Lou & Art Brickman.

TODAY

Monthly Emergency Food Pantry—Return your filled bags to the collection table in the Narthex or drop off to the Church Office. This month's list: canned pasta sauce (no glass please), baked beans, cake mix, frosting, boxed cereal, boxed skillet meals.

All parents and their children (infant-high school) are invited to lunch in the **Parlor**, after the 11:00am worship service to meet Jen Rannells, our new Family Ministries Coordinator. Jen will share preliminary plans for spring and summer activities, and you can share with Jen your hopes and dreams for family ministry at First.

CHILDCARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

8:45am Childcare is in **Room 101** (to 12:15pm).

10:00am Adult Education: Wired Word in the **Parlor**.

10:00am Youth Bible Study (6th grade through 12 grade) in Room 209.

11:15am – Children's Church School, Kindergarten through 5th grade.

MINISTRIES

FPC Missions Committee will host Scott and Elmarie Parker, March 24, at the 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services. Following the 11:00am worship, a Luncheon and Power Point presentation with questions and answers will be held in McKay Hall. Rev. Elmarie Parker serves as a Presbyterian Church (USA) Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships in the role of Regional Liaison to Church Partners in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon. Rev. Scott Parker serves also as an Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships working with the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. They will lead a discussion regarding current conditions in the region where they work and live, along with how these conditions (including ISIS) are impacting PCUSA Partners and their continuing work of worship and ministry. Though there is much over which to be deeply concerned, there are also stories of hope to be heard and shared. Bring your questions and come ready to hear the witness received first hand from local church leaders on the ground in these areas of conflict and chaos.

Annual Fish and Loaves Food Collection. This special food collection by The Hunger Relief Committee occurs during the six weeks of Lent. Leave your donations on the Fish and Loaves table, next to the Church Office, anytime the church is open. We are requesting the following items: canned tuna, tuna fish (in pre-packaged cups or cans), canned salmon, snack crackers, saltine or oyster crackers, and Tuna Helper. We prayerfully hope that you will find it in your hearts to support both food collections during this special time of the year.

Welcome Jennifer Shaw, new Day School Director— I feel incredibly blessed to be back serving at the church in which I was raised, baptized, and confirmed. A brief overview of my professional journey... I graduated from Northrop High School, and received a BS in Early Childhood Education and Childhood Development from Indiana University. Work experience includes a variety of early childhood settings, public elementary, literacy coach, grant coordinator at FWCS, and Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries here at First Pres. My husband Kent is a Fort Wayne firefighter, and also works part time at a family farm in Bluffton. We are the proud parents of three incredible children that keep us busy! Cora is 15 and a freshman at Homestead, Henry is 13 and a 7th grader at Canterbury, and Darcy is 12 and a 6th grader at Summit. When I can steal some time to myself, I love to travel and cook. Being at the Day School is a true honor as the first five years of life bring incredible growth to all areas of a child's development. I look forward to working with the parents and staff to cultivate what God has planted in each of the children we are fortunate to service.

LEARN, STRATEGIZE, ENGAGE

Seeking the Heart of God in the Heart of the City:

Learn, Strategize, Engage

Learn more about all of the exciting things happening in our community and how each of us can help to enhance the lives of those who live, work, and play in downtown Fort Wayne. Feel free to join us Wednesday evenings. Dinner (optional) starts at **5:30pm**, and is followed by the one hour program that begins at **6:00pm** in **McKay Hall**. **Please sign up in the Church Office.**

March 20 Washington Elementary School; featuring DaNene Neff, Principal

March 27 Downtown Improvement District; featuring Bill Brown,
Executive Director of the Downtown Improvement District

April 3 Downtown Development; featuring Geoff Paddock, Councilman Ward 5

April 10 What's Next? Strategy discussion

CULTIVATING & LETTING GO This year for Lent, our theme is “Cultivating and Letting Go.” The materials were written by the Sanctified Art Creative Team consisting of four women.

The team writes: *Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we're embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go.* Another component is that we will be filling the bare tree at the front of the Sanctuary and Chapel with origami cranes filled with handwritten statements of what we would like to let go or cultivate during Lent. By Easter morning, the tree will be filled with colorful birds. We are practicing doing a new thing, like trees bud with new leaves and flowers in the spring. **Devotionals and Coloring Calendars are in the Narthex.**

Palm Sunday—April 14, 9:00am English Worship, Chapel; 11:00am English Worship, Sanctuary; Korean Worship, Chapel

Maundy Thursday Worship Service—April 18, 7:00pm, McKay Hall

Good Friday Worship Service—April 19, 7:00pm, Chapel, hosted by Korean Language Ministry.

Easter Sunday—April 21:

7:30am—Sunrise Service, Sanctuary Narthex

8:30am—Youth Breakfast Fundraiser, McKay Hall

10:00am—Easter Egg Hunt, Courtyard

10:45am—Festival Prelude, Sanctuary

11:00am—English Worship, Sanctuary

11:00am—Korean Group Worship, Chapel

Easter brass quintet, April 21, 11:00am service—Donations are being accepted to help with the cost of our fabulous Easter brass quintet. To make a contribution, either place it in the offering plate or bring it to the Financial Office or Church Office. If you would like to make the donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please be sure to include that information with your donation. Please have your contribution in by **April 14 to be listed in the Easter Bulletin**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Chancel Guild's fund for Easter flowers—Memorialize a loved one by contributing to the Chancel Guild's fund for Easter flowers. Use the envelopes from your pledge box or one from the pew rack. Names of those remembered will be in the Easter bulletins.

Submission deadline is Palm Sunday, April 14.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Pres Annual Garage Sale: Friday, April 12, 9:00am-4:00pm, and Saturday, April 13, 9:00am-2:00pm. Donate your household (no mattresses or box springs) and garage items, etc. to benefit church missions. Donations may be dropped off in the main coat room across from the Church Office. Please sign up in the Church Office for the following: bake sale donations, volunteers to set up on April 11, help during the sale, and concessions. Bake sale donations can be dropped off April 11 or anytime during the sale to the Main Kitchen. If you need help hauling donations, or have any questions, contact Bill Patterson at 260-609-9696 or bpatterson@firstpresfortwayne.org.

The **2019 competition for Presbyterian Scholarships is now open.** 1) A few \$1000 scholarships are made available to qualifying members and children of First Presbyterian members to provide financial assistance in pursuit of full-time post-secondary education. 2) Thanks to the generosity of former Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church members, a few \$1000 Scholarships are also available to members of any Fort Wayne Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) prior to December 31, 2018, and who are preparing to enter or continue at an accredited college/university as a full-time student. Contact Michelle Adams, madams@firstpres-fw.org or 260-426-7421 x116 for more information and to request an application. **Completed applications, an essay, a listing of church participation and activities, and a cumulative high school or college transcript must be received by April 2.**

RELIGIOUS ARTS



“Abstractions”: Michael Poorman and **“Throw, Slap and Pinch”:** Steve Skinner. February 1-March 24, 2019. Michael Poorman began his career around the age of four drawing cartoon characters. In high school, with two of his buddies, they produced comic books. He went on to pursue his love of art as an abstract painter. Steve Skinner, of New Carlisle, Indiana, makes contemporary sculpted and functional stoneware and porcelain pottery, informed by his interests in American Regionalism and art from ancient cultures, especially Mayan pottery. **Gallery hours are 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday; 8:30am-12:30pm Sunday.**



Ashu in Concert—April 7, 2:00pm, Sanctuary. Free Will Offering. Concert saxophonist Ashu is returning to First Presbyterian Church. Ashu is known for his ability to communicate with audiences through charismatic and emotive performances. Over the years, he has won several international awards that are typically won by pianists and violinists. Learn more at ashuonline.com.

Celebrate First Presbyterian Theater’s 50th Anniversary, April 6. Arrive at 5:00pm, dinner at 5:30pm, and a program in the Theater at 7:00pm. Entertainment will feature scenes, monologues, and songs from Thom Hofrichter’s and John Tolley’s favorite shows. Silent auction all night. Only \$10 to cover the cost of a catered buffet. **Silent Auctions items are needed.** To donate auction items, purchase tickets, or request information, call 260-426-7421 ext. 121, or go online at firstpresbyteriantheater.com for tickets or information. **Today, March 17:** tickets will be sold near the north entrance elevator, from 10:00am to 11:00am, and after the 11:00am worship service.

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Office Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm M-F;
8:30am - 12:30pm Sunday

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

If you or a loved one is having surgery or is admitted to the hospital, please notify the Church Office or a pastor so we can provide care as you prefer: hold you in prayer or pay a visit — if desired.

Please let the Church Office know if you are admitted to any of the Lutheran Hospitals (Lutheran, St. Joe, or Dupont). These hospitals no longer provide us a list of admitted members. Instead, we must provide them with a name to confirm admission status.

MISSION CO-WORKERS SPONSORED:

Mr. Mark Hare and Ms. Jenny Bent, Haiti and the Dominican Republic
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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:45am Childcare (*until 12:15am*), 101
- 9:00am English Worship, CH
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-up, SC
Korean Group Choir Practice, 201
Korean Group Fellowship, FH
Church School, Youth, Adults, 209, PR
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL
Korean Group Worship, CH
- 11:15am Church School (K-5th), 208
- 12:00pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15pm CYF Lunch and Fellowship, PR
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH
- 4:15pm Rescue Mission Meal, OS

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 3:00pm Study Connection, MH
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Butler*, TH

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Prayer Day: John McCall, Mission in Taiwan

- 1:00pm Stephen Leader Team Meeting, SMO
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- 5:45pm Session Dinner, MH
- 6:30pm Session Meeting, SR
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Butler*, TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Prayer Day: Presbyterian workers in the Middle East

- 9:00am Religious Arts Committee, 304
- 10:00am Table Talk 1, SR
- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC
Women's Bible Study, 302
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 2:30pm Table Talk 2, 300
- 5:30pm T.O.W.N., MH
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Butler*, TH

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Prayer Day: Mark Hare & Jenny Bent, Mission for Haiti

- 10:00am Presby Day, MH
- 10:30am Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 304
- 5:00pm Finance Meeting, SR
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Butler*, TH

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- 7:00am KLM Chapel Prayer, CH
- 8:00am KLM Bible Study, SR
- 9:00am Mission Luncheon Prep, MK

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:45am Childcare (*until 12:15am*), 101
- 9:00am English Worship, CH
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-up, SC
Korean Group Choir Practice, 201
Korean Group Fellowship, FH
Church School, Youth, Adults, 209, PR
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL
Korean Group Worship, CH
- 11:15am Church School (K-5th), 208
- 12:00pm Mission Luncheon, MH
- 12:15pm Drama Committee Meeting, 302
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH

CH - Chapel

CL - Chapel Lounge

CN - Chapel Narthex

CR - Conference Room

CY - Courtyard

FH - Fellowship Hall

FO - Front Office

GL - Gallery

K2 - Kitchen, 2nd floor

LB - Library

LE - Lobby Elevator

LK - Lower-level Kitchen

LN - Lobby North

MF - McKay Foyer

MH - McKay Hall

MK - Main Kitchen

MR - Music Room

NX - Narthex, SC

OS - Offsite

PG - Playground

PO - Pastor's Office

PR - Parlor

SB - Sanctuary Balcony

SC - Sanctuary

SDR - Small Dining Room

SMO - Stephen Ministry

Office

SR - Session Room

TH - Theater

YL - Youth Lounge

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