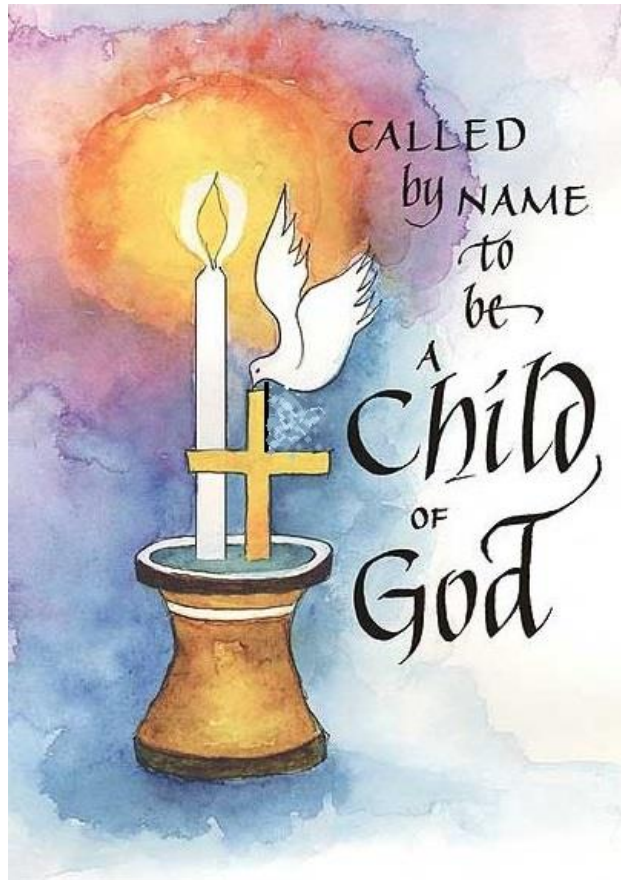


APRIL 28, 2019  
*2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER*  
*JUBILEE SUNDAY*  
9:00AM McMILLEN CHAPEL  
11:00AM SANCTUARY



**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

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† *Those who are able please stand*

**PRELUDE** 9:00am I Know That My Redeemer Lives setting by Wilbur Held  
11:00am Christ is Alive! setting by J. Wayne Kerr

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Now what?**

One: The disciples clung to each other. They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

**All: Would the authorities come to take them, too?**

One: Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

**All: What next?**

One: Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions, and a last word:

**All: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”**

One: Christ is risen! Now what?

**All: Now we come together to practice resurrection.**

One: May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.

† **HYMN** No. 485 We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## †PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Today, along with Thomas, we confess that we are often slow to believe.

**All: There are times that we refuse to believe unless we see the marks of Jesus' nail-scarred hands...**

One: Forgive us Lord... for the times we fail to recognize you in our midst.

*(silence)*

Forgive us Lord... for demanding proof!

*(silence)*

Forgive us Lord... for times when we would rather believe the shouts of fear than the whispers of faith.

*(silence)*

Forgive us Lord and empower us to live lives of faith and witness.

*(silence)*

## †ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News: When Thomas doubted the reports of his closest friends, Jesus continued in his love for Thomas and made it possible for him to have faith. You can walk in faith and confidence, even when doubt rears its ugly head, remembering that God has promised to be with you to the end of the age. In Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**All: 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. 591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

## **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**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 5:27-32, p. 123

9:00am Susan Johnson

11:00am David McCants

### **ANTHEM 11:00am The Tree of Life**

K. Lee Scott

*There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,  
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:  
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.*

*Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"  
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;  
See where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its life blood.*

*Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage;  
our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.  
Ye, Look! it lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.*

*See how its branches reach to us in welcome;  
bear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!"  
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing."*

*This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.*

*All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose Passion  
offers in mercy healing, strength and pardon.  
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!*

### **GOSPEL READING**

John 20:19-31, P. 115

### **SERMON**

"Doubts & Questions"

Rev. Dr. Annie Epling

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *11:00am*

### PRESENTATION

Elder Kathy Beatty

*Frank James Stertz, son of Emma Mary (Coverdale) and Anthony Frances Stertz*

### †PROFESSION OF FAITH (*Unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

### THE BAPTISM

### WELCOME

†HYMN No. 488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

### 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 & RECOGNITION OF JUBILEE MEMBERS

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *9:00am* I Danced in the Morning

setting by J. Wayne Kerr

*11:00am* I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

setting by David Christiansen

†**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** (*Unison*)

**We offer these gifts to you, O God, that they may serve your purposes in the world. And we offer ourselves as witnesses to your love. Help us to witness in Christ's name and on Christ's behalf in our living each day. Amen.**

†**HYMN** No. 246 Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

†**BENEDICTION**

†**POSTLUDE** 9:00am Christ Is Alive!

setting by J. Wayne Kerr

11:00am O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing!

setting by Healey Willan

### **Jubilee Celebration**

Today, we offer congratulations to the new Class of 1969 Jubilee members: Steven Landon Chapman, Elizabeth A. Johnston, James Mervin Johnston, Betty L. Lemasters, Joan L. Ruble, John Gerald Ruble, Maribelle S. Severine, Rodney G. Severine, Patricia R. Sheets, Paul H. Sheets, Sally Lynn Swihart, Thomas Dean Swihart, Amy Maxwell Szwabowicz, Nanette Teixeira (in memoriam), and Nancy Louise Ward. Jubilee members are active First Presbyterian members of 50 years or more.

**Anthem Note:** Today's anthem, "The Tree of Life" is a setting of the hymn, "There in God's Garden." This hymn originated in 1986 when K. Lee Scott was asked to write a hymn and a setting of it for the annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama. He chose a text written by Erik Routley and wrote the tune at 11:00 one night. The tune was named SHADES MOUNTAIN as that is the mountain in Birmingham where Scott has lived for over 25 years. Routley took the text from a twelve stanza hymn which was written by a 17th-century Hungarian pastor. The hymn is found on page 226 in *Glory to God*.

## WORSHIP THIS MORNING

**Greeters:** 9:00am Susan and Frank Johnson

11:00am Steve and Kathy Adair, Dave and Pat Lundy, Diana Wyss,  
Gina Yim-Perez

**Ushers:** 9:00am Frank Johnson

11:00am Wendell Cree, Chair; Dave Beer, Charlotte Epling, Dick Florea,  
Ron Gumbert, Deb Ward

**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) Dave Beer, Jim Mergenthal, Dan Michnay, Kip Ormerod.

**Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of Fritz Ruoff by Isabelle Ruoff and Cindi Simerman. The flowers on the Narthex table are given by the Deacons to celebrate today's Jubilee Members.

## CHILDCARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

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

**10:00am Adult Education**—The Wired Word, Parlor.

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

**11:15am – Children Church School** (Kindergarten through 5th grade) – Room 208. No class on the First Sunday of the month.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

**Ditty Bag Project**—helping those in need of hygiene products, hosted by the Deacons. **There is a need for approximately 40 more bags** in order to assemble them in June. Sewing instructions, including a list of hygiene products, are located in the brochure rack outside of the Church Office. Bags and donations can be placed in the blue bin labeled “Deacons Ditty Bags” in the Small Dining Room. Contact Vicki Davis at 260-466-5116 or Judy Hayhurst at 260-341-6008 with questions.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

**Friday Fun and Fellowship—May 3—**We will meet at the church to drop off the children, then the adults will go to JK O'Donnell's for dinner. Children will have dinner and activities are planned. Adults will pay for their own dinners. Drop children off at the church at 5:30pm, with dinner reservations at 6:00pm. **All grown-ups invited!**

The Children, Youth, and Family Committee would like to invite everyone, all ages, to participate in the **Great American Cleanup on May 4**. Our group will meet at **9:00am** at the park on Niagara Drive east of N. Anthony Blvd. After the work is done, a volunteer celebration with food, drinks, prizes and live entertainment will be held at Headwaters Park West from 11:30am to 2:00pm. There is no RSVP, but the first 12 respondents will get a free T-shirt and gloves. Questions? Call or text Lucas Satter at 260-246-7394.

**Family Retreat—**Join us for a weekend family retreat at Geneva Center May 18th - May 19th. **We will leave the church parking lot May 18 at 7:30am.** Upon arrival, we will spend Saturday morning helping around the retreat center, then have lunch together. After lunch you are free to spend the day with your family exploring the trails to hike, a lake, a challenge course, and many more things to do. Dinner is together and we'll enjoy sitting around the campfire eating s'mores and fellowshiping with others. There will be a boys and girls cabin for sleeping. Sunday breakfast is provided before heading back to the church on Sunday by 12:00pm. Cost is \$30 per person and includes all food and transportation. Questions? Email Jen Rannells, Family Ministry Coordinator, at [cyf@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:cyf@firstpresfortwayne.org).

## WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

- **Today, Jubilee Sunday** — Our new 50-year Jubilee members will be honored during the 11:00am service. Please come to share your good wishes with them in the Narthex after the service. The **Fair Trade Cart** will be open a half hour before and after 11:00am worship in McKay Hall.
- **On May 5**, we'll welcome nine new members to First Presbyterian Church. Due to Mother's Day next Sunday, the **46804 and 46814 Zip Code Dinner Group** will meet at 5:30pm at Don Hall's Tavern, 5745 Coventry Lane.
- **On May 12, Mother's Day**, we'll hear a sermon about the worst mother in the Bible, and after church all women and their friends and family are invited to have their picture taken. Invite friends and family to join you.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scholastic Book Fair**—Support the First Presbyterian Church Day School, today from 10:00am to 12:30pm in the Small Dining Room. It's not too early to start Christmas shopping for family and friends!

Due to the Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian in Muncie, the **Table Talk I and Women's Bible Study will not meet May 1**, but will resume on May 8.

**A warm Thank You** to the First Presbyterian Church family for all your love and support during a difficult time in the loss of my mother. The blessings that poured out were immeasurably appreciated! ~ Danielle Gonzalez and family

**A Picture Perfect Mother's Day**—Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day. After worship, our Hospitality Table will be located in McKay Foyer, where punch and cookies will be served. A photographer will take your picture, so bring the whole family to church for a day of fun. After your picture is taken, visit the First Presbyterian Gallery. The trolley stops here, so hop aboard for a ride to other downtown venues.

**Mother's Day Downtown—Sunday, May 12, 2019, 11:00am to 5:00pm.** Explore unique gift shops in Fort Wayne—it is the best place to find local merchandise and community memorabilia—all downtown! Park here and take the trolley to your favorite shops and cultural attractions. For more information, see [www.downtownfortwayne.com](http://www.downtownfortwayne.com). **The First Presbyterian Gallery is part of this event, and the hours are from 11:00am to 2:00pm.**

**Crafting Day—May 18, 9:00am to 3:30pm, McKay Hall**—Fiber and other table-top crafters, spend a spring Saturday working on your projects in a friendly and encouraging setting. Bring your own morning beverages. Pastries, pizza, and veggies or fruit will be provided for \$10.00, paid that day. **Please sign up in the Church Office by May 11, and indicate if you need an 8-foot table.** If you have questions, please contact Marj Sapp [marj.sapp@gmail.com](mailto:marj.sapp@gmail.com) or Marcie Weissner [marcie5073@aol.com](mailto:marcie5073@aol.com).

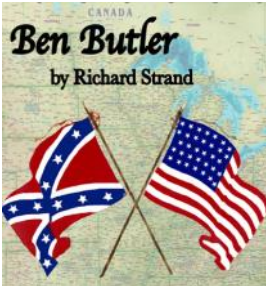
Indiana Center for Middle East Peace will be hosting Israeli human rights journalist Amira Hass, who will be presenting "**A Jewish Journalist Discusses the Israeli Occupation**". It will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church on May 2, at 6:30pm, and is free and open to the public. More information can be found at [indianacmep.org/events](http://indianacmep.org/events).

## RELIGIOUS ARTS



***In the Gallery: “Vision Eternal—Artistic Testimonies of Faith”:*** Art Cislo, Jon Detweiler, Justin Johnson and John Leavell. “Vision Eternal” features four local artists whose creative works are defined by their personal faith. Art Cislo, Jon Detweiler, Justin Johnson, and John Leavell each display their faith through their artistic talents. To complement these spiritual works of testimony, a collection of

historic illuminated manuscripts and Russian icons (12th-19th century) will be on display now through June 2. **Gallery hours: 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday; 8:30am-12:30pm Sunday.**



***In The Theater. Ben Butler—April 28\*, May 3,4***

Performances at 7:30pm, except today’s Matinee at 2:00pm.

General Butler is faced with a moral dilemma when escaped slaves request sanctuary. Based on actual events in 1861, this play is clever without being glib, meaningful without being pretentious, and side-splittingly funny. It’s a timeless exploration of social conscience and individual responsibility. Box Office is open

Thursday or Friday, 11:00am to 2:00pm. Call 260-426-7421 X121

or [www.firstpresbyteriantheater.com](http://www.firstpresbyteriantheater.com)

THANKS!!!! For making First Presbyterian Theater’s 50th anniversary celebration a success. Nearly 200 people gathered in McKay Hall and the Theater on Saturday, April 6. It meant a lot to those of us who so love this ministry in the church that you showed up! Thanks again.

**Assistance needed**—If you can help, call Thom, 416-4461, or email him, [thofrichter@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:thofrichter@firstpresfortwayne.org).

- **Stage help.** We strike our set of BEN BUTLER after the Saturday, May 4, performance from 9:30pm to 11:30pm. It’s fun, and if you come at 7:30pm, you can see the final performance for free!
- **Ladder climbers and button pushers.** We will be changing over our lights on Sunday, May 5 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. It’s fun either climbing the ladders—or watching Thom and Rae do it.

## 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. Lutheran hospitals (Lutheran, St. Joe, or Dupont), no longer provide us a list of admitted members. Instead, we must provide them with a name to confirm admission status.

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### 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, APRIL 28

### JUBILEE SUNDAY

- 8:45am Childcare (*until 12:15pm*), 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  
Day School Book Fair, SDR
- 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 Jubilee Honorees, NX
- 12:15pm Jubilee Celebration Lunch, MH  
1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH  
2:00pm Theatre Performance, *Ben Butler*, TH

## MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, MH
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 3:00pm Study Connection, MH

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30

*Prayer Day: John McCall, Mission in Taiwan*

- 10:30am Smock Life Long Learning, 302, MH
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- 4:00pm Special Congregational Life Committee, SR

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

*Prayer Day: Presbyterian workers in the Middle East*

- 7:30am Presbytery Meeting, OS
- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, MH
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 2:30pm Table Talk II, 300
- 7:00pm Ambassadors Committee, SR

## THURSDAY, MAY 2

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

- 5:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 201
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

## FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, MH
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 5:30pm CYF Friday Fun & Fellowship, OS, 209
- 7:30pm Theatre Performance, *Ben Butler*, TH

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 7:00am Korean Group Chapel Prayer, CH
- 8:00am Korean Group Bible Study, SR
- 9:00am New Officer Training, MH
- 11:30am CYF Great American Cleanup, OS
- 7:30pm Theatre Performance, *Ben Butler*, TH

## SUNDAY, MAY 5

### NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

- 8:45am Childcare (*until 12:15pm*), 101
- 9:00am English Worship, Communion CH
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-up, SC  
Korean Group Choir Practice, 201  
Korean Group Fellowship, FH  
Church School, Youth, Adults, 209, PR
- 10:30am Fair Trade Sales, MH
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 11:00am English Worship, Communion, SC  
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL  
Korean Group Worship, Communion, CH
- 12:00pm Hospitality Time, NX  
Fair Trade Sales, MH
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH
- 5:30pm Zip Code Dinner 46804/14, OS

**The church building will close on  
Saturday, May 11, at 9:00am,  
for maintenance.**

**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

(209, 212)