

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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. Bill Lane, Rev. Ann Pitman

† *Those who are able please stand*

PRELUDE 9:00am Church Sonata W. A. Mozart
11:00am Variations on “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”
setting by Robert A. Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Surely, God is in this place,

All: and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: Surely, the Lord is in this place

All: receiving our songs and praise.

All: Surely, God is in this place! Let us praise the Lord!

† **HYMN** No. 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

Gracious God who is our gentle guide and loving guardian, heal our foolish ways. Our hearts seek the ways of your Spirit and the waters of life, but our footsteps lead us into arid, desert sands. This is not your hope and plan for us. Forgive us. Turn us again to the healing you so freely offer and mend the brokenness in our lives and in our world. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God looks at us in our brokenness and offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord. With the assurance of God's faithful love, we choose this day to be people of blessing and know we are forgiven. 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. 155 Raise a Song of Gladness

JUBILATE DEO

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,
bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
joy to ev-ery heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-ery heart!

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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 5 or younger may go to childcare in Room 101; older children stay in worship. If you need assistance, ask an usher.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 6:17-26, p. 64

9:00am Jane Gastineau

11:00am Thom Hofrichter

ANTHEM 11:00am Shall We Gather at the River?

setting by John Carter

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.*

*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Annie Epling

†AFFIRMATION 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.

†HYMN No. 372 O for a World

AZMON

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 *Please sign and pass the friendship pad to those in your pew.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY 9:00am O for a World setting by Robert A. Hobby
11:00am Blest Are They setting by Charles Lenz

†**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*)
Source of every blessing, in gratitude and thanks we return these gifts to you.
Bless them with your grace and multiply them in your mercy, that they may be used as a blessing for others and according to your purpose. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

†**HYMN** No. 815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears FESTAL SONG

†BENEDICTION

†**POSTLUDE** 9:00am O for a World setting by Mark Brampton Smith
11:00am “Someone’s Singing, Lord” from *Kum Ba Yab Variations*
setting by John Behnke

Anthem Note: The hymn “Shall We Gather at the River?” was written by Robert Lowry, a Baptist Pastor, in 1864, while seated at his parlor organ. Lowry’s intent was to create a hymn that was an alternative to the gloomy “river of death” hymns. It celebrates the “*pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb*” (Revelation 22:1 KJV). “Deep River,” an African-American spiritual is also used in today’s anthem. John Carter, the arranger of this morning’s anthem, is a well-known composer of hundreds of choral compositions. He resides in Columbus, Ohio where he is the Director of Music at University Baptist Church.

WORSHIP THIS MORNING

- Greeters:** 9:00am Denise Davis, Jane Gastineau
11:00am Jeong-il Cho, Dong Joong Kim, Sondra Mergenthal, Bill Patterson
- Ushers:** 9:00am Denise Davis
11:00am Jerry Winters, Chair; Dave Beer, Dick Florea, John Ruble,
Anita Wolfe

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 memory of Marcella and Lester Merica and George E. Smith by Anita Wolfe and family.

TODAY

Food Pantry Collection—Today, return your filled bags to the collection table in the Narthex. The Emergency Food Pantry relies on your donated food or money to support its program of feeding hungry people caught in crisis situations. This month's list: family size soup (any flavor), cake mix, frosting, hot chocolate mix, and instant drink mixes (Kool-Aid, Country Time, etc.).

Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for **today**, at **10:30am**, in the **Sanctuary** for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between the Rev. William Lane and First Presbyterian Church.

MINISTRIES

ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 24

9:15am Annual Meeting Breakfast, McKay Hall

10:00am Annual Meeting, McKay Hall

11:00am One Joint English/Korean Worship Service, Sanctuary

Join us at the annual meeting and breakfast! It's been a great year at First Pres and we hope you will be here to celebrate it. Plus, we have a delicious breakfast planned: biscuits and gravy, bacon, fruit and scones! Who would want to miss that? Hope to see you here!

Also on **February 24**, there will be a reception to celebrate Pastor Bill's ministry with First Presbyterian and a chance to wish him well. The celebration will be **after the 11:00am worship service in McKay Hall**. There will be a basket on the reception table for cards.

Ditty Bag Project —The Deacons are in need of approximately 150 "Ditty Bags" in order to assemble them in June. **Pick up the sewing instructions, which includes a list of hygiene products, located in the brochure rack outside of the Church Office.** Bags and donations can be placed in the blue bin labeled "Deacon's Ditty Bags" in the Small Dining Room. Contact Vicki Davis at 260-466-5116 or Judy Hayhurst 260-341-6008 with questions.

LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Worship Service—March 6, 7:00pm, Chapel

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

Good Friday Worship Service—April 19, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 21:

7:30am—Sunrise Service, Sanctuary Narthex

8:00am—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

FELLOWSHIP

T.O.W.N. (Together on Wednesday Night) is for everyone, young and old. Most T.O.W.N. programs typically include dinner, fellowship, and an adult program. The program can be speakers, book studies, music, discussions about current Theater performances, or Bible studies that are topical or seasonal. T.O.W.N. also sponsors activities or family events. The meal is served at **5:30pm** and a donation of \$5 is suggested. The program starts at **6:00pm** and is about an hour in length. Please **RSVP for dinner and/or the program** in the Church Office or by emailing blanc@firstpresfortwayne.org.

February 20: The Treasure Hunt - Join us for a fun night of treasure hunting, food, fellowship, and lots of fun! Teams can be Families, Adults, High Schoolers, Middle Schoolers, or a mix. Who will be the fastest? There will be several hunts for different abilities and ages. Dinner will be at 5:30pm, and Treasure Hunt begins at 5:50pm.
*Children 5th grade and under must be accompanied by parent or responsible adult.

T.O.W.N. will not meet February 27 or March 6.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now hiring for Director of First Presbyterian Day School and Food Provider, Part-Time. Job descriptions are available at the Church Office or download from our website, www.firstpresfortwayne.org/resources/news. To apply, submit cover letter, resume, and (3) references -- attention to: Danielle Gonzalez, dgonzalez@firstpresfortwayne.org, or drop off at the Church Office.

Celebrate FPT'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 Auction items are needed.** To donate auction items, purchase tickets, or request information, contact Thom Hofrichter at 260-426-7421 x103, or thofrichter@firstpresfortwayne.org.

2019 Theatre Tours—For info, contact Thom Hofrichter at 260-426-7421 x103, or thofrichter@firstpresfortwayne.org.

- **Stratford, June 21-23**, 4 spots available.
- **Ohio Theatre Tour—July 25-July 26.** On Friday, see *The Pirates of Penzance* and *Into the Woods* at the Ohio Light Opera in Wooster, OH. Then see Thom's production of *Macbeth* at Shakespeare at the Castle in Alliance, OH on Saturday, July 27. Leaving at 8:30am on Friday, returning Sunday approximately 1:30pm.

CHILDCARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

Childcare is in **Room 101** from **9:45am to 11:15pm**. **Room 105** is available for those who need a **Quiet Room** to attend to your baby/young child.

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

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

RELIGIOUS ARTS



“Abstractions”: Michael Poorman and **“Throw, Slap and Pinch”:** Steve Skinner. Now—March 24, 2019. Michael Poorman began his career around the age of four drawing cartoon characters; this served him well later in high school when, 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.



Pizza, Pipes, and Piano—February 25, 2019, 6:30pm, Sanctuary. Once again Dr. Chelsea Vaught and Dotty Miller will team up to present a program that all ages will enjoy. The program will feature both the organ and piano, and will be centered around classical music that has been made popular through the movies, television, or advertising. Pizza will be served beginning at **5:30pm** in **McKay Hall**. Please sign up in the Church Office by

Friday, **February 22** if you plan to come for the pizza dinner.



***Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare**

February 28, March 1, 2, 8, 9, 10*, 15, 16, 2019**

Shakespeare's Romantic Comedy previews on **Thursday, February 28 with all seats \$12 sold at the door. March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16, runs Fridays and Saturdays with curtains at 7:30pm. *There is one Sunday matinee on March 10. at 2:00pm. The Box Office is open Thursday and Friday from 11:00am to 2:00pm beginning on February 20. Or, call 260-426-

7421 x121, and leave your number and we will return your call. You can also buy tickets by going to our website, www.firstprebyteriantheater.com.

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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.

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, FEBRUARY 17

- 8:45am Childcare, 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, 209
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 10:30am Congregational Meeting, SC
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL
Korean Group Worship, CH
- 11:15am Church School, 208
- 12:00pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH
- 4:15pm Rescue Mission Meal, OS
- 4:30pm Middle Sch. Youth Group Fellowship, 209/212
- 5:30pm Middle & Sr. High Youth Supper, SDR
- 6:00pm Sr. High Youth Group Fellowship, 209/212
Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, TH

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 3:00pm Study Connection, MH
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, TH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Prayer Day: John McCall, Mission in Taiwan

- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- 5:45pm Session Dinner, MH
- 6:30pm Session Meeting, SR
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, TH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 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 Treasure Hunt / T.O.W.N., MH
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, TH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 10:00am Presby Day, MH
- 10:30am Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 304
- 5:00pm Finance Committee, SR
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, TH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, TH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 7:00am KLM Chapel Prayer, CH
- 8:00am KLM Bible Study, SR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 8:45am Childcare, 101
- 9:15am Annual Meeting Breakfast, MH
Chancel Choir Warm-up, SC
- 10:00am Annual Meeting, MH
Korean Group Choir Practice, 201
Korean Group Fellowship, FH
- 10:20am Korean Group Prayer Meeting, CL
- 11:00am Joint KLM & English Worship, SC
Korean Group Children's Worship, CL
- 11:15am Church School, 208
- 12:15pm Rev. Bill Lane Reception, MH
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH
Tech Rehearsal 12th Night, TH
- 4:30pm Middle Sch. Youth Group Fellowship, 209/212
- 5:30pm Middle & Sr. High Youth Supper, SDR
- 6:00pm Sr. High Youth Group Fellowship, 209/212

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)