

MARCH 10, 2019
1ST 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 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days setting by Flor Peeters
11:00am Seed, Scattered and Sown arr. Anne Roberts

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of the seasons-

Help us to let go of to-do lists and anxiety,

All: So that we can hold onto you.

One: Help us to let go of the need for certainty,

All: So that we can hold onto you.

One: Help us to let go of fear and comparison,

All: So that we can hold onto you.

One: God of the seasons, as we enter this space,

All: We strive to let go of everything that keeps us from being with you.

One: With honest hearts and open minds, we pray—

All: Let us worship God.

† **HYMN** No. 166 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

† **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, we are works in progress. In spaces where we could cultivate belonging, we build up walls. In spaces where we could cultivate compassion, we insist on perfection and pressure ourselves to achieve the impossible. In spaces where we could let go of anger, we keep score like it's our job and insist on an "eye for an eye" justice. So today we pray—remind us how to cultivate hope, love, and justice. Remind us how to let go of fear, perfection, and hatred. Forgive us. Guide us. Heal us. Gratefully 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 first two phrases: "Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true." The second staff, starting with a measure rest and a "5" above it, contains the next two phrases: "Change my heart, O God; may I be like you." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems, and a final whole note.

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.**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, p. 180-181

9:00am Larry Stoneburner

11:00am Steve Weissner

ANTHEM 11:00am Kyrie eleison

Eric W. Unruh

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:1-13, p. 61

SERMON

“Cultivating & Letting Go”

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, he reveals God to us. He 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, and 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 When We Walk With the Lord (*see insert*)

TRUST AND OBEY

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 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee setting by Paul Manz
11:00am As the Wind Song setting by Michael Burkhardt

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude,

All: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

One: We give these offerings in faith,

All: trusting that you will provide for our needs.

One: We give these offerings in hope,

All: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

One: With these offerings, we give ourselves;

All: may we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.

†HYMN No. 816 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

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†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE 9:00am If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

chorale prelude by J. S. Bach

11:00am If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee setting by John Behnke

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Anthem Note: Eric W. Unruh is a pianist, composer and educator who has written choral and orchestral works. He is currently the Dean of the School of Fine Arts and Humanities at Casper College in Casper, Wyoming. Unruh is originally from Greensburg, Kansas, and has a bachelors degree from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, and a MM and DM from Northwestern. “Kyrle Eleison” was written in 1997 and is one of Unruh’s most popular anthems.

WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters: 9:00am Larry and Brenda Stoneburner

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

Ushers: 9:00am Tom Swihart

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 William Linville by Jean Linville.

TODAY

Zip Code Dinner Groups Zip code dinners are a good way to meet other people. All are welcome.

Today: The 46845 and 46825 will meet at 12:30pm at Don Hall's Gas House, 305 E. Superior St. The 46804 and 46814 will meet at 5:30pm at Don Hall's Tavern, 5745 Coventry Lane.

Monday, March 14: The 46805, 46835 and 46802 will meet at 5:30pm at Don Hall's Triangle Park, 3010 Trier Road. Faith Friends 46815 will meet at 6:00pm at Don Hall's Triangle Park.

Monthly Emergency Food Pantry relies on your donated food or money to support its program of feeding hungry people caught in crisis situations. Pick up a bag to fill in the Narthex. This month's list: canned pasta sauce (no glass please), baked beans, cake mix, frosting, boxed cereal, boxed skillet meals.

MINISTRIES

All parents and their children (infant-high school) are invited to lunch in the **Parlor, March 17**, 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. Please **RSVP to cyf@firstpresfortwayne.org**. We hope to see you there!

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. The Missions Committee and our congregation support these missionaries in the Middle East, doing the work we cannot. **We encourage everyone to attend these events.** **Scott Parker** serves with the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) as PCUSA Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships and Communications. **Elmarie Parker**, also a PCUSA Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships, serves as Regional Liaison to Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon.

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.

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... After graduating from Northrop High School, I attended Indiana University, Bloomington, where I received a BS in Early Childhood Education and Childhood Development. I spent time in a variety of early childhood settings before taking a position in a public elementary school. I have taught in K, 2nd, and 3rd classrooms in IN, PA, and DC. I served as a literacy coach and grant coordinator at FWCS before taking time off to raise our family. Prior to returning to the classroom, I served here at First Pres for five years as the Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries. Most recently, I taught the 2's class at The Chapel Christian Preschool. 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. Early childhood educating is a gift. 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.

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 "Deacons Ditty Bags" in the Small Dining Room. Contact Vicki Davis at 260-466-5116 or Judy Hayhurst 260-341-6008 with questions.

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 13** United Way; featuring David Nicole, CEO
March 20 Washington Elementary School; featuring DaNeme 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
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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 – artists and Presbyterian ministers from North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. 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 cultivate during Lent. This week, there is a piece of origami paper in your bulletin, and you are invited to write "This Lent, I wish to cultivate _____" and place it in the offering plate or in the basket in the narthex. 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 if you did not pick one up last Sunday!**

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

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations! Nickolin Byer has earned the Boy Scouts of America National Eagle Scout designation. This is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn.

First Pres Annual Garage Sale: Friday, April 12, 9:00am-4:00pm, and Saturday, April 14, 9:00am-2:00pm. Donate your household (no mattresses or box springs), garage items, and 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 May 11, help during the sale, and concessions. Bake sale donations can be dropped off May 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 1, 2015, 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.**

CHILDCARE AND CHURCH SCHOOL

8:45am Childcare is in **Room 101** 9:45am to 11:15am. **10:00am Adult Education: Wired Word** in the **Parlor**—each week we will discuss a current event and analyze it in a biblical context. **10:00am Youth Bible Study** (6th grade through 12 grade). **11:15am – Children’s Church School**, Kindergarten through 5th grade.

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.



***Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare—March 8, 9, 10*, 15, 16, 2019** “If music be the food of love, play on.” Love and revelry and gender identity turn the world topsy-turvy in one of Shakespeare’s most popular comedies. Anything can happen when you assemble a cast of the bard’s most memorable characters. All evening shows begin at 7:30pm. *Sunday Matinee curtain at 2:00pm.

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 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. **Sunday, March 10 and 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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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, MARCH 10

- 8:45am Childcare (*until 11:15am*), 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
- 12:30pm Zip Code Dinner 46845/46825, OS
- 1:00pm Korean Group Choir Practice, 201, CH
- 2:00pm Theatre Performance, *12th Night*, TH
- 5:30pm Zip Code Dinner 46804/46814, Hall's

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- 1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC
Matthew 25 Committee, SR
- 1:30pm Smock 3B, MH
- 3:00pm Study Connection, MH
- 5:30pm 46805,46835,46802 Dinner, Hall's Triangle Park
- 6:00pm 46815 Faith Friends Dinner, Hall's Triangle Park
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Bulter*, TH

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Prayer Day: John McCall, Mission in Taiwan

- 1:00pm Stephen Leader Team Meeting, SMO
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- 4:00pm Congregational Life, SR
- 5:00pm Board of Deacons, PR
- 6:00pm Contemporary Christians World View, 302
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Bulter*, TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Ash Wednesday

Prayer Day: Presbyterian workers in the Middle East

- 9:00am Hunger Relief Food Delivery, MH
- 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
- 4:30pm Stephen Ministries Peer Support Group, 300
- 5:30pm T.O.W.N., MH
- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Bulter*, TH

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 5:00pm Mission Meeting, SR
- 6:30pm Theatre Rehearsal, *12th Night*, TH
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Bulter*, TH

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 7:00pm Theatre Rehearsal, *Ben Bulter*, TH
- 7:30pm Theatre Performance, *12th Night*, TH

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 7:00am KLM Chapel Prayer, CH
- 8:00am KLM Bible Study, SR
- 10:00am Rescue Mission Meal Prep, MK
- 7:30pm Theatre Performance, *12th Night*, TH

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:45am Childcare (*until 11:15am*), 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
- 2:00pm Theatre Performance, *12th Night*, TH
- 4:15pm Rescue Mission Meal, OS

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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