

APRIL 25, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00AM SANCTUARY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We're so glad that you are here. If you would like to learn more about us, please fill out the information on the Get Connected 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 and Pastor Carrie Winebrenner

†*Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on *Come Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*
Partita on *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

Flor Peeters

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens declare the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

The plants and trees show God's presence.

Let us join with creation in praising God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.

God has founded it on the seas.

And established it on the rivers.

†**HYMN NO. 14** For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

†CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved, we are made in the divine image,
and God called us good.

Yet we go our own way,
causing harm to ourselves, to one another and to the planet.

Confident in the mercy of the One who made us and saved us,
let us confess our sin to God and to another.

†UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life,

You created us in your image to care for one another and for all creation.

Forgive us for turning away from you, ignoring the needs of our neighbors and the cries of the earth. As the sun brings light and warmth to this earth, make us signs of your grace, through Christ, our light and life, we pray. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace as you share the blessing with others and care for this good earth, that all creation may declare God's glory. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

†RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, _____ whose grace has
2. World with-out end, _____ with - out end. A - men. World with-out end, _____ with - out

par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free. As it
end. A - men. World with-out end, _____ with - out end. A - men.

was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, your Word is a living word. By your Spirit awaken us, that we may see and hear your presence in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and guide. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 4:9-17

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM I'm Trampin' Trying to Make Heaven My Home

Martha Lynn Thompson

Handbell Choir

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, and despair into hope. We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility. We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter the dance of life. We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomblife safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully. We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice kindness, encourage beauty and work for justice and freedom. We believe we are an Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible.

†HYMN NO. 801 The Lord’s My Shepherd I’ll Not Want

CRIMOND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Seth Green, Purdue Fort Wayne

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Come, Ye Faithful

R.S. Thatcher

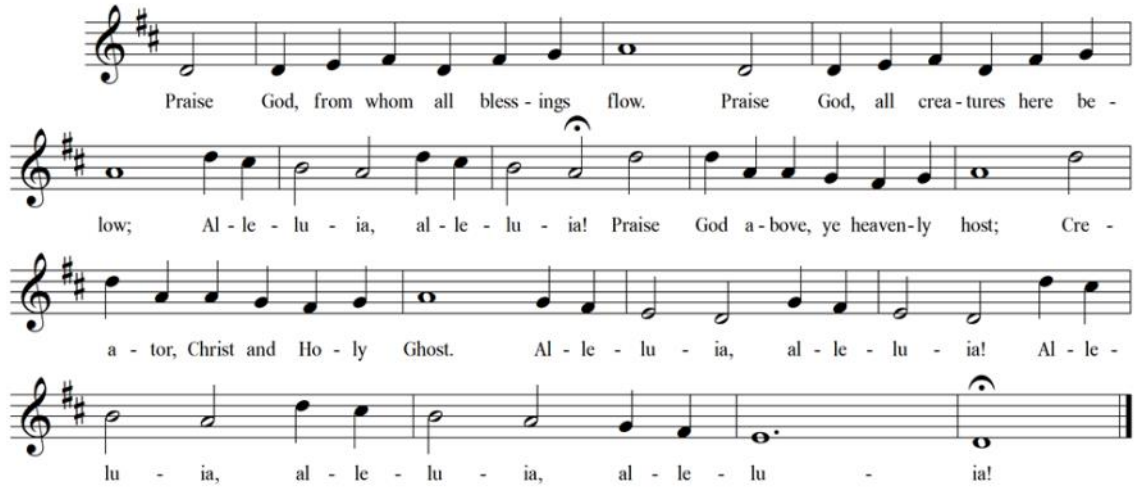
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness; ‘tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days sleep in death as a Sun hath risen.

Now the Queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearyed strains Jesu’s resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal; but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

†**DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 609** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre -
a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

†**HYMN NO. 821** My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

†**BENEDICTION**

†**MUSICAL BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you; and give you peace,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

†**POSTLUDE** *Toccata in B Minor*

Eugene Gigout

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters/Ushers: Dave Beer, Wendell Cree (Chair), Ron Gumbert, Judy Mettler and Tom Mettler

Guest Usher: Charlotte Epling

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir: David Beer, David Belew, Quinton Davis, Susan Dorion, Joseph Foltz, Joan Jackson, Scott McMeen, Jim Mergenthal, Kip Ormerod, Mary Jane Ormerod, Fran Page, Rachel Parker, Cassandra Petrie, Marianne Platt, Jen Poiry, Marj Sapp, Sandy Shearer, Hannah Strayhorn, Jill Therrien and Mary Winters

Handbell Choir: Irene Ator, Kathy Beatty, David Belew, Annie Epling, Charlotte Epling, Henry Epling, Julia Epling, Antoinette Lee, Gretchen Lee, Kathryn Miller, Kassidy Murphy and Jill Therrien

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Prayer List or to Request Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list or are seeking pastoral care, please contact the church at 260-426-7421 x106. Clergy are now welcome at Lutheran and Parkview hospitals to make in-person visits. All four clergy have now had their vaccines, too. Please let us know if you would like a visit.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Fritz and Isabelle Ruoff
by their daughter, Cindi Simerman.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available in Room 101 for age 5 and under.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 25, 2021

Thank you for joining us today. We welcome you to join us for worship and communion on Sunday, May 2, 2021, at 11:00am for either the English in-person service in the Sanctuary (or via Live Stream, Facebook, Website or YouTube); or for the 11:00am Korean in-person service in McMillen Chapel (or via website or YouTube).

To use the “Hearing Loop” during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the “T”, T-Coil or telephone position. For questions, please call Bill Patterson at 260-609-9696.

Women’s Bible Study:

Beginning in May, a new bible study series will begin using a Horizon’s Bible Study titled “What She Said, Quotable Women in Scripture.” While active in the stories, women often had no speeches or quotations attributed to them. In this series, we will be studying Sarah and Hagar, Miriam and Deborah, Ruth and Naomi, Hannah, Huldah, Elizabeth and Mary, Mary and Martha, Mary Magdalene, and Lydia and a slave girl of Philippi. If interested, please contact Rev. Ann Pitman at apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Earth Day and Arbor Day:

In celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, the Green Team will be offering Black Cherry hardwood tree seedlings to members of the congregation. The distribution will take place in the Narthex today (Sunday, April 25, 2021), after the 11:00 am service. If you have a planting spot or would like to surprise a friend or neighbor with a “gift of green”, please stop by and pick one up.

Special Presale of *Empty Bowls* at First Presbyterian — Today, April 25:

The Purdue Fort Wayne (PFW) ceramics program is hosting *Empty Bowls* and once again helping to feed the hungry in our community. Individuals donate **\$25.00** and receive a beautiful, one-of-kind, handcrafted bowl. Funds raised benefit the PFW food bank, Blessings in a Backpack and PFW Student Ceramics Club. So, stop by after today’s 11:00am service to see if there’s a bowl that catches your fancy. Cash or checks are accepted.

1st Yoga:

1st Yoga, led by Baptiste Power Yoga, will meet on Monday, May 3, 2021, in the Narthex at 6:00pm (1st and 3rd Mondays of each month). A free-will offering will be accepted and mats will be available for purchase if you do not have your own. The use of chairs rather than mats is also an option.

Presbyterian 101 — Sundays, May 9 and 16, 2021 at 9:30am via Zoom:

Want to know more about what being a Presbyterian is about? Whether you’re considering becoming a Presbyterian -- or just curious -- this class is for you. We’ll cover the topics of grace, sin and evil, what it means to declare Jesus as Lord and Savior, how we approach the Bible, and how we live out our faith in the world today. Call-In Number: 312 626 6799; Meeting ID: 881 9492 8796, Passcode: 2604267421. Contact: Pastor Carrie Winebrenner at cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org.

SMOCK SENIOR MINISTRIES

The below activities will be held every **Monday** and **Wednesday**:

3B Walkers @ 1:00pm in the Sanctuary

3B Exercise Class @ 1:30pm in McKay Hall

SMOCK Senior Ministries — Presby Day Task Force:

There will be Presby Day Task Force meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 10:30am in Room 302.

SMOCK Senior Ministries – Shows, Tours and Trips: There is still room for this Tuesday's (April 27, 2021) trip to Black Pine Animal Preserve in Albion. The SMOCK bus will leave at 10:30am with lunch on your own at St. James. Please call the SMOCK office at 260-426-7421, ext. 132, to make your reservation. The cost is \$7.00. You can make your check out to First Presbyterian Church and bring your payment with you on Tuesday, but remember to call and make a reservation first.

The next SMOCK tour and trip will be on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, with a visit to the Auburn Cord Museum, Auburn, IN. The SMOCK bus will depart from First Presbyterian Church at 11:30am and lunch will be on your own at Water's Edge. Please call the SMOCK office at 260-426-7421, ext. 132, to make your reservation. The cost is \$15.00 so please make your check out to First Presbyterian Church and mail to P.O. Box 11674, Fort Wayne, IN 46859.

FAMILIES @ FIRST

Nursery:

We offer nursery for children from birth – 5yr old. Our nursery is located in the Day School hallway on the first floor. We also have a “mothers room” down the same hallway, complete with rocking chair and changing table. Feel free to use as needed.

Sunday School:

Sunday school continues to be offered virtually. If you are interested in being a part of this please contact Jen Rannells at cyf@firstpresfortwayne.org or 260-426-7421 X 150 to get signed up.

Youth Group:

Youth group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We meet in the youth lounge on the 2nd floor from 12:00-2:00pm. Lunch is provided.

ON-LINE EVENTS

Wired Word — Sundays @ 9:30am via Zoom:

Join Meeting: zoom.us/j/841496772. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 841 496 772. Passcode: 2604267421.

Table Talk 1 — Wednesdays @ 10am via Zoom:

Join Meeting: zoom.us/j/241730827. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 241 730 827. Passcode: 2604267421.

Men's Bible Study (all men invited!) — Fridays @ 10:00am via Zoom:

Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/262564318>. Call-In Number: 312 626 6799. Meeting ID: 262 564 318. Passcode: 2604267421.

Contact: Rev. Youngsoo An, ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Women's Bible Study — Fridays @ 1:00pm via Zoom:

Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/904041033>. Call-in Number: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 904 041 033. Passcode: 2604267421.

Contact: Rev. Ann Pitman, apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

Handbell Choir Rehearsal — Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm in Room 201:

Interested in joining the choir or handbells, contact Brent Neuenschwander 426-7421 x137.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal — Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm in the Sanctuary:

Interested in joining the choir or handbells, contact Brent Neuenschwander 426-7421 x137.

What we're doing to keep everyone safe and healthy:

- ◆ Wearing masks, keeping 6 feet apart, and sanitizing and handwashing, as suggested by the CDC. *Disposable masks are available if one is forgotten.*
- ◆ Access to the Church is via all entrances.
- ◆ Church Office hours are now Monday – Thursday from 9:00am-3:00pm and Fridays from 9:00am-12:00pm. All other times are by appointment made by contacting the staff.
- ◆ In-person Sunday worship services are at 11:00am, English Language in the Sanctuary (or via Live Stream, Facebook, Website or YouTube) and Korean Language in McMillen Chapel (or via website or YouTube).
- ◆ Stay connected through various In-person and Zoom classes/studies. Keep watch in the e-news for the latest happenings.
- ◆ Contact the church office with questions at 426-7421 x100.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00am —3:00pm

Fridays, 9:00am —12:00pm

Phone: 260-426-7421, *press 5 for the Staff Directory*

Visit our **website:** www.firstpresfortwayne.org

**Watch the livestream of our worship services each Sunday
by going to our Webpage or Facebook page.**

For sermons, go to the **Resources** link, select **Sermons**

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Email Jiin Jung, jjung@firstpresfortwayne.org

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Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal Online

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK!

For everyone's protection, please wear a mask and social distance at events. Thank you!
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm and Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

9:30am The Wired Word, ZM
10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
10:30am Childcare, NR
11:00am English Worship, SC
11:00am Korean Worship, CH
12:00pm Empty Bowls, MH
12:00pm Sapling Give-Away, NX
12:00pm Youth Group, YL
12:15pm KLM Steering Committee, SR

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021

1:00pm Smock 3B Walkers, SC
1:30pm Smock 3B Exercise Class, MH/W

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021

All Day Smock Tour — Black Pines in Albion
11:00am Staff Worship Planning, SR
1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders, ZM
2:00pm Worship Committee Meeting, SR
4:00pm Building & Grounds Com. Mtg, 302
7:30pm Stephen Ministry Support Grp, ZM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

10:00am Table Talk 1, ZM
1:00pm 3B Walkers, SC
1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH/W

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

5:00pm Foundation Meeting, ZM
5:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, SC
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

10:00am Men's Bible Study, ZM
1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

10:00am Officer Training, MH

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

9:30am The Wired Word, ZM
10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
10:30am Childcare, NR
11:00am English Worship, Communion, SC
11:00am Korean Worship, Communion, CH
12:45pm Pat Lundy Visitation, NX
1:30pm Pat Lundy Memorial Service, SC
2:30pm Pat Lundy Reception, MH

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chapel	MH	McKay Hall	SB	Sanctuary Balcony
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH/W	McKay Hall West	SC	Sanctuary
CN	Chapel Narthex	MR	Music Room	SDR	Small Dinning Room
CY	Courtyard	NP	North Parking Lot	SR	Session Room
FH	Fellowship Hall	NX	Narthex	TH	Theater
FO	Front Office	NR	Nursery	YL	Youth Lounge
GL	Gallery	OS	Offsite	ZM	Zoom
MF	McKay Foyer	PR	Parlor		

*Please stop by the Church Office with any questions
or to learn how to get connected to church events.*