

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00AM — SANCTUARY



“Flow of Humanity”, Paper Lace
Hannah Garrity, artist

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 Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

†*Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE Grand Triumphant Chorus in A Major, Op. 47, No. 2 Alexandre Guilmant

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

To know the warmth of love,

To have the assurance that someone cares,

To be confident of our worth,

To be bold to love in return,

To be washed over with grace,

To be accepted as we are:

This is to know a bit of God.

Then let us worship our God.

†**HYMN No. 157** I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

†**CALL TO CONFESSION**

How many of you have ever had a bad day and found someone offering you unsolicited advice?

How many of you have ever had a bad week and had someone rush in with dozens of suggestions for how you might fix things, as if you hadn't thought of that before?

We have all been there, and we have all done that. It is part of our humanity.

Our scripture reminds us today that often in the face of hurt, what people really need is not a list of advice or solutions, but the simple presence of love.

So, let us pray to God today, acknowledging that we are works in progress, and that relationships always come with mistakes and confession. Let us pray.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

sometimes life feels like cooking with flour — it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess. This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships. We so desperately long to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution, that we overstep the line.

Forgive us for assuming the place you fill. Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity, could possibly fix all the hurt in this world. Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.

You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.

Teach us to ask, “What do you need?”

Teach us how to point to you.

Gratefully we pray. Amen.

†WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, no matter how many times you have spoken without listening, assumed without knowing, offered without asking, or rushed without waiting — you are forgiven.

God knows your desire and your intent.

God knows when we try and miss the mark, and God surrounds us in grace.

So hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

Every day is a new day for love.

We are claimed. We are forgiven.

We are invited into relationship.

Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end.

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

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 3:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven
Chancel Choir

William J. Skeat

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven, Evermore His praises sing: Praise Him! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress; Praise Him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless: Praise Him! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows; In His hand He gently
bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face; Saints triumphant bow before
Him! Gathered in from ev'ry race. Alleluia! Praise with us the God of Grace.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask . . . What Do You Need?”

Rev. Dr. Annie Epling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in relationships.

We believe in asking hard questions, in showing up for one another,
and in sitting together through the pain.

We believe in listening with grace, learning with curiosity and apologizing
with sincerity.

We believe in asking for help, saying what we need, and trusting that no degree
of vulnerability could strip us of God's love.

We believe in trying our best and offering grace when our best is not enough.
And we believe that God is in all relationships — modeling for us the value of
community through the relationships of the Trinity.

So, we love today and we strive to love even more tomorrow. Let it be so. Amen.

†HYMN NO. 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GREAT 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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Alfred Fedak

†DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 605 Praise to God the Father

DA N'ASE



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son; praise to God the
Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One. Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on
high. Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the beginning, God of now, and God of what will be; in your claiming us as your own, you have given us the most gracious and powerful invitation – to pray to lift all that weighs on our hearts, with the confidence that you will hear. As we offer gifts to you this morning, we pray that you will dedicate them so that they might bring love, compassion, joy, and mercy to people who are in need. Then remind us that we are not done until we have offered to you the prayers of our hearts. In the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

SENDING

†HYMN NO. 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

THE SUMMONS

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Carillon from Pièces en style libre, Op. 31/2

Louis Vierne

SERVICE NOTES

Hymn. 157: This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol “Tomorrow shall be my dancing day.” Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

Hymn. 291: As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

Hymn. 726: The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Worship Prayers: “Prayers by Rev. Sarah Are / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org.”

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters/Ushers: Steve Adair, Anne Barnett, David Beer, Nancy Bradtmiller, Wendell Cree, Charlotte Epling, August Kirchner and Dan Serban

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

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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. Please let us know if you would like a visit.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Earl Johns and Evelyn Johns Andrews, by their children, David and Alan Johns and Mary Barnett.

CHILDCARE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Thank you for joining us today. You are welcome to join us for the Joint World Communion Worship next Sunday, October 3, 2021, at 11:00am in the Theater (or via Live Stream, Facebook, Website or YouTube). The communion elements will be served by our confirmands.

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.

Berry Street Sidewalks CLOSED:

The City of Fort Wayne’s “Right of Way” department will be replacing the sidewalks on Berry Street from Webster Street to Ewing Street. This will affect both entrances on Berry Street for a couple of weeks or so. The City will be installing temporary stop signs and making the northwest corner of our building a 4-way stop. The Theater parking lot, Heller homes building and the alley will become a 2-way and a 4-way stop during this project. So, the only way in or out will be the Ewing Street alley and Wayne Street. Please proceed with caution! If you have any questions, please call Bill Patterson at 260-609-9696.

Jubilee Sunday – Reservations needed by Friday, October 1:

The Deacons would like to extend an invitation to the entire congregation to join in celebrating our newest Jubilee members. Following the 11am worship service we will share a luncheon and program to honor all of our Jubilee members. For our non-Jubilee members the cost will be \$10 per person, or \$35 per family; age 5 and under are free. Please make your lunch reservations by signing up in the Church Office or calling the church at: 426-7421, ext. 100.

Handbell Choir Rehearsals — Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm in Room 201 and, Chancel Choir Rehearsals — Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm in the Sanctuary:

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

Wired Word — Sundays @ 10:00am:

Wired word, a discussion class based on current news articles, meets most Sundays at 10:00am in the 2nd floor parlor. Come join us!

Hymn Festival with David Cherwien — Friday, October 8, 2021 @ 7:00pm:

A hymn festival entitled *To Everything There Is a Season* will be presented by one of the nation’s premier hymn festival leaders, David Cherwien. Each hymn has been carefully selected from the *Glory to God* hymnal and will be interspersed with inspiring readings by Susan Palo Cherwien.

There will be such hymns as *Of the Father's Love Begotten, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, I Danced in the Morning* and *For all the Saints* to name a few. Come lift your voice in song as we celebrate hymnody at its finest.

Please note that the concert on September 26, 2021, has been cancelled for unforeseeable circumstances.

End of Life – Planning your Funeral:

The Stephen Leaders will be offering an in-person class on October 17 and 24 immediately following morning worship. We will meet in the parlor, beginning with a light lunch. This is the same class that was offered on line during the Covid shut down. A number of you who were unable to join us then requested another opportunity to participate, and we heard you. Please make reservations by signing up in the Church office or calling the church at: 426-7421, ext. 100.

Art Gallery:

New Directions, our first regularly scheduled exhibition since January of 2020, features the work of five artists. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm, Sundays 9:30am-1:00 pm, and during all theater performances. Enjoy!

SMOCK SENIOR MINISTRIES

The following **3B** activities will continue as scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays:

Walkers @ 1:00pm in the Sanctuary — and — **Exercise Class @ 1:30pm** in McKay Hall

ON-LINE EVENTS

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. Contact: Marcie Weissner at marcie5073@aol.com or Marj Sapp at marj.sapp@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study (all men invited!) — Fridays @ 10:00am via Zoom: Join Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/262564318?pwd=UldEa2ZVVmZjTk10YzV1b21adXJMZz09>. Meeting ID: 262 564 318. Passcode: 2604267421. Contact: Rev. Young Soo An at 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.

FRIENDS OF FIRST

This September, we'll be kicking off the Friends of First campaign! It's a new initiative made up of three small groups geared towards three different audiences to offer more ways to be involved with the church outside of Sunday morning. Our plan is to eventually grow the number of groups, but for now we are focusing on 20/30 year olds, working men and anyone interested in learning about Korean culture.

Holy Joes: This club is for working men who are looking for something — perhaps a deeper relationship with God, an incredible bond or friendship with someone who “gets it”, or to be a better husband, father or human.

Hana Klub: Hana means one or unity and plays to one of our unique assets here at First Pres, merging both American and Korean culture. If you're interested in any and all things Korean, from K-Pop to Korean fashion and potentially even a visit to South Korea, then this club is for you! The first Hana Klub event will be held on October 1.

If any of these groups spark your interest or you'd like more information, email Tony Belton at tbelton@firstpresfortwayne.org.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Nursery worker needed!:

We need an assistant to the primary nursery worker because our nursery is growing. Hours are Sunday, 10:45-12:15; pay is a flat \$35/Sunday. Must go through a background check; high school and older preferred. If interested, please email Annie Epling, aepling@firstpresfortwayne.org

Volunteers Needed for the Front Office on Sundays — 10:00am-12:00pm:

First Pres needs volunteers for the front office on Sundays. The duties would be greeting people, directing visitors, answering questions, etc. All services will be livestreamed on the front office computer. If it is a Communion Sunday, you will be given the elements.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 5:00pm

Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm

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

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

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by going to our Webpage or Facebook page.**

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

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One License A-708176 for print, streaming and podcast.
Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal Online.

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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 5:00pm and Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- 10:00am The Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 10:30am Childcare, Rm 101
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship, CH
- 11:15am Sunday School, Rm 208
- 12:00pm Youth Group, PR
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH/E
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 12:15pm KLM Steering Committee, SR
- 2:00pm Rehearsal for “Bad Seed”, Rm 306
- 2:00pm Performance of “The Wolves”, TH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

- 1:00pm 3B Walkers, SC
- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH/W
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers & Fellowship, Rm 302
- 3:00pm Study Connection Orientation, MH
- 7:00pm Rehearsal for “Bad Seed”, Rm 306

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

- 11:05am Staff Worship Planning, SR
- 2:00pm Worship Committee Meeting, SR
- 4:00pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, SR
- 7:00pm Rehearsal for “Bad Seed”, Rm 306

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

- 10:00am Table Talk 1, ZM
- 1:00pm 3B Walkers, SC
- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH/W
- 7:00pm Rehearsal for “Bad Seed”, Rm 306

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

- 10:15am Smock Trip, “Little Women”, OS
- 1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leader Team, SM/O
- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 201
- 7:00pm Rehearsal for “Bad Seed”, Rm 306
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

- 9:00am Women’s Retreat “Set Up”, MH, MF
- 10:00am Men’s Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study, ZM
- 7:00pm First Friday — Korean Cooking, MH, KT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

- All Day Women’s Retreat, MH, MF

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 — WORLD COMMUNION DAY

- 10:00am The Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 10:30am Childcare, NR
- 11:00am Joint KLM/ELM Worship, Communion, TH
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH/E
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 2:00pm Rehearsal for “Bad Seed”, Rm 306

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

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

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