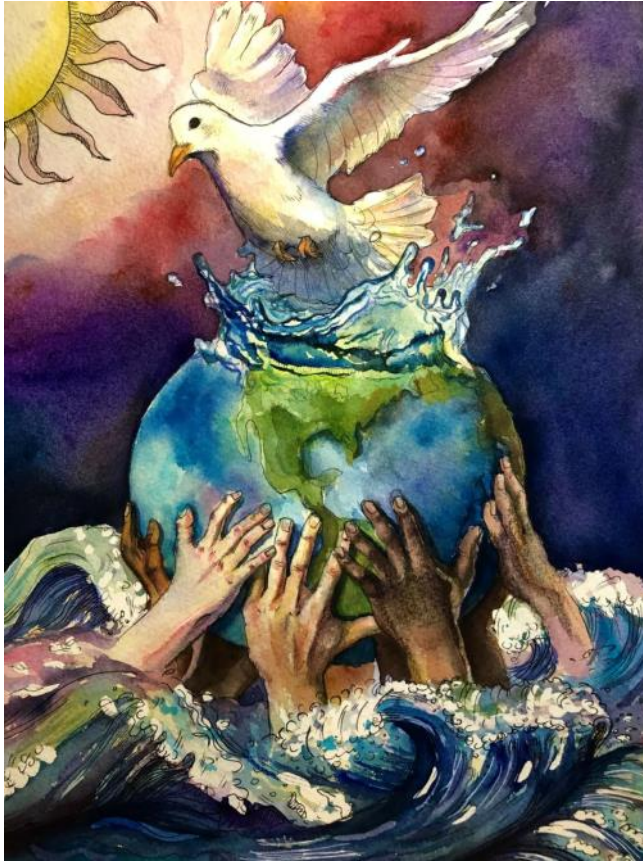


MAY 22, 2022
11:00AM — SANCTUARY
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“The Path to Peace” original watercolor by Yahan Wang, 2020

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 Chorale Prelude on *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

Johannes Brahms

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather around,
**we are welcome here,
and we will hear Good News.**

In a world
where there are so many
discouraging and negative voices,
**it is the God of encouragement
who will speak to us today.
The God of Jesus Christ.**

So come in, relax,
let your tiredness roll away.
Let us lift up our hearts, and listen.

†**HYMN NO. 375** Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

†CALL TO CONFESSION

Try as we might to stop sinning, we fail more often than we succeed. But God's grace never fails, and God never stops giving us another chance to try. Let us now try again, as we confess our sins together in prayer.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of never-ending love,
You know how easy it is for us to sit here,
tethered to our darkness and fear.
We get bound up by chains of mistrust.**

We dare not hope,
for so many times before we have been disappointed.
So we sit here and wonder where you are.
We are not unlike the disciples
who wondered also, who feared.

Lord, come to us in our darkness.
Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy.
Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory.
Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign.
Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love.
For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day.
Feel the healing presence of God in your lives.
Accept God's love and hope for you.
This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ,
God's risen Son our Lord. **Amen.**

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

†RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 244 This Joy Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

(Children are welcome to come forward for the "Time with Children" as we sing the responsive hymn.)

This joy-ful Eas-ter-tide, a-way with sin and sor-row! My love, the Cru-ci-
fied, has sprung to life this mor-row. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his
three-day pris-on, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a-ris-en, a-ris-en, a-
ris-en, a-ris-en.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for children's participation. The lyrics are: "This joy-ful Eas-ter-tide, a-way with sin and sor-row! My love, the Cru-ci-". The second staff continues: "fied, has sprung to life this mor-row. Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his". The third staff continues: "three-day pris-on, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a-ris-en, a-ris-en, a-". The fourth staff concludes: "ris-en, a-ris-en." with a double bar line at the end.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 67

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

John 14:23-29

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Tightrope”

Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth
to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

HYMN NO. 490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

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 Shall We Gather at the River

setting by Dale Wood

†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. 295 Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois

SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 375: Shall We Gather at the River — Text and Music: Robert Lowry, 1864. A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy “river of death” hymns, it is a celebration of 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).

Hymn 490: Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters — Text: Ruth Duck, 1987, rev. Music: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958. This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage and sharing in Christ’s resurrection.

Hymn 295: Go to the World! — Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906. Based on Christ’s great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians.

THE SESSION

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters: Carolyn Krebs and Antoinette Lee

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Live Stream: Dick Florea

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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 loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Crawford F. Parker and Mr. & Mrs. E.F. Opie
by the Maclyn T. Parker family.

CHILDCARE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 22, 2022

Thank you for joining us today! First Pres Fort Wayne believes that our ministry is to provide thoughtful worship for thinking people, and we carry this out of Sunday mornings and into the rest of our week. So, we hope that you find something today that makes you feel welcome, wanted, and loved.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP REMINDER

Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 10:30am
Joint service at Trinity Presbyterian Church (9600 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, IN)
All Fort Wayne Presbyterian Churches have been invited to participate.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (CYF)

Calling All Graduates! Graduation is a big deal, and we would love to help you celebrate! Please let us know that you are graduating, whether it's from kindergarten, fifth grade, college...or anywhere in between! You have worked hard to get to this point, so we would love to lift you up for accomplishing this milestone! Please reach out to Pastor Carrie at cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org, and you get bonus points for sharing a photo in your cap and gown!

COMMUNITY

Monthly Food Pantry Collection: We will be collecting food today. You can place food on the table in the narthex or you can drop off items during church office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm and on Fridays, 9:00am-12:00pm) or on Sunday mornings. If you are still participating remotely, you can continue to send monetary donations to the financial office. The address is: First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Financial Office – Hunger Relief, 300 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46852.

ARTS AT FIRST PRES

“The Greatest Showman” — Last Day of Show — Today, May 22, at 2:00pm and 7:30pm. Get your tickets at <https://firstpresfortwayne.org/theater/>

Gallery Art Works: John Hrehov's "New Directions in Painting" and Seth Green's "Architecturally Inspired Wood-Fired Vessels" are currently on display in the Gallery until today, Sunday, May 22.

Revised Gallery Hours: The following revised hours have been established for the Gallery — Tuesday-Thursday from 12:00pm-5:00pm with all other times by appointment only.

SMOCK SENIOR MINISTRIES

The following **3B** activities are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays: **Walkers @ 1:00pm** on your own around the building — and — **Exercise Class @ 1:30pm** in McKay Hall.

Summer 2022 Smock Trips to the Wagon Wheel Theater in Warsaw, IN: The plays listed below are scheduled to be on Thursdays with the following schedule: 9:30am — leave the church; 11:00am — lunch on your own at the Boathouse (reservations have been made) and 2:00pm — shows start. Play reservations for the first three plays (see below) are needed as soon as possible.

June 9 — Cinderella, Rodgers & Hammerstein (Musical). Tickets are \$35.00 for seniors 65 and over. Eight have signed up and there is room for seven more.

June 23 — Legally Blonde (Comedy). Tickets are \$35.00 for seniors 65 and over. Eight have signed up and there is room for seven more.

July 7 — Brigadoon, Lerner & Lowe (Musical). Tickets are \$35.00 for seniors 65 and over. Nine have signed up and there is room for six more.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Hearing Loop: 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.

Faith, Fibers and Fellowship — Summer Schedule: This summer, the crafters will continue to meet on Monday afternoons from 3:00pm-5:00pm (rather than change to evenings) in room 302. Please join us if you can. We request no ink, and any beverages be capped with lids. If you have questions, please call or text Marj Sapp at 413.2639 or Marcie Weissner at 312.5733.

Table Talk (Women’s Book Study) — Wednesdays @ 10:00am via Zoom: Meeting ID: 241 730 827. Passcode: 2604267421. We will begin a new book on Wednesday, July 6. We take turns “reading around the table”, so no homework is assigned. We will be reading If God is Love, Don’t Be a Jerk by John Pavlovitz (2021). You are welcome to check the public library or purchase the book on your own. If you would like to have us order a paperback copy for you, please contact Marcie Weissner (312.5733 or marcie5073@aol.com) by June 22. The cost will be about \$14.50 – we’ll let you know for sure when the books arrive. If paying by check, please make it out to First Presbyterian Church and note “Table Talk 1 book” on the memo line.

Men's Bible Study (all men invited!) — Fridays @ 10:00am via Zoom: 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: Call-in Number: 312-626-6799. Meeting ID: 904 041 033. Passcode: 2604267421. Contact: Rev. Ann Pitman at apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Hospital Stays: With the increased concerns over patient's privacy, hospitals are very limited in what information they can release to churches. When you are admitted to the hospital, please ask someone to notify the church office so that our pastors can provide appropriate care.

Pledges and Offerings: We invite you to mail in pledges and offerings to First Presbyterian Church, 300 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 or go online and give at www.firstpresfortwayne.org, where you can also find updated information on our events. Thank you for your gifts!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 5:00pm

Friday, 9:00am — 12:00pm

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

10:00am The Wired Word, PR
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
 10:45am Childcare, Rm 101
 11:00am English Worship Service, SC
 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
 11:00am KLM Kids Worship Ministry, CL
 11:15pm Sunday School, Rm 210
 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
 1:00pm KLM Steering Committee, SR
 1:30pm Joe McGeehan Memorial Service, CH
 2:00pm Performance of "The Greatest Showman", TH
 2:30pm Joe McGeehan Memorial Reception, PR
 5:30pm Auditions for "The Play That Goes Wrong", MH
 7:30pm Performance of "The Greatest Showman", TH

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022

1:00pm 3B Walkers
 1:30pm 3B Exercise, MH
 3:00pm Faith, Fiber and Fellowship, Rm 302
 5:00pm St. Joseph Meal Delivery, OS
 7:00pm Auditions for "The Play That Goes Wrong", TH

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

9:30am Men's Coffee Time, MH
 11:00am Staff Worship Planning, SR
 2:00pm Worship Committee Meeting, SR
 4:00pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, OS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

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

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

9:00am Day School "End of Year" Party, Playground
 1:00pm Stephen Ministry Leaders Team, SM/O
 6:00pm Betty-Alice Almeida Memorial Service, CH
 7:00pm Holy Joes, OS

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022

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

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022

8:00am KLM Bible Study, SR

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

10:30am Joint Worship Service of all Fort Wayne Presbyterian Churches at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 9600 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, IN

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
DS	Day School	NX	Narthex	YL	Youth Lounge
FH	Fellowship Hall	NR	Nursery	ZM	Zoom
FO	Front Office	OS	Offsite		
GL	Gallery	PR	Parlor		
KT	Kitchen	SB	Sanctuary Balcony		
MF	McKay Foyer	SC	Sanctuary		
MH	McKay Hall				