

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. Carrie Winebrenner, Rev. Ann Pitman and Resident Pastor Maxwell Michaels.

†*Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE Tierce en Taille
Fanfare in D

François Couperin
Jeremy J. Bankson

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

To all searching for grace and truth,

Come and see!

To all searching for meaning and purpose,

Come and see!

To all searching for abundant life,

Come and see!

Let us worship God together.

†**HYMN NO. 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

†INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God, who knit us in the womb, knows us completely. God inclines towards us and hears our cry. Assured of God's grace and steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us...

...for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,

...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,

...for the times we have hoarded our abundance,

...for the times we have turned away from your children in need.

For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us. The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Amen.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

†RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 150 As with Gladness Men of Old DIX

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



As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 40:1-11

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

ANTHEM In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting

Jonah Kliewer

Chancel Choir

Now I'm resting, sweetly resting, in the cleft once made for me; in the rifted Rock I'm resting; safely sheltered, I abide. There no foes nor storms molest me, while within the cleft I hide. Refrain: Now I'm resting, sweetly resting, in the cleft once made for me. Jesus, blessed Rock of Ages, I will hide myself in thee. Long pursued by sin and Satan, weary, sad, I longed for rest. Then I found this heav'nly shelter, opened in my Savior's breast. Refrain. Peace which passeth understanding, joy the world can never give, now in Jesus I am finding; in his smiles of love I live. Refrain. In the rifted Rock I'm hiding, till the storms of life are past; all secure in this blest refuge, heeding not the fiercest blast. Refrain.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:29-42

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Come and See”

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

†**HYMN 450** Be Thou My Vision

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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 glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Rejoice and Be Glad

College Festival Handbell Choir/ Joe Galyon, Conductor

Joe Galyon

SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 475: Come Thou Font of Every Blessing– Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like “Ebenezer” (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for “ a stone of help” set up to give thanks for God’s assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.
TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Wyeth’s *Repository of sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

Hymn 450: Be Thou My Vision - These stanzas are selected from a 20-th century English petic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and it’s wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

Hymn 39: Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words , and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923

MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm

Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm

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GALLERY HOURS

Tuesday-Thursday, 12:00pm-5:00pm

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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 office at 260-426-7421. Please let us know if you would like a visit.

Hospital Stays: Hospitals are unable to give us information when a member is admitted. Please be sure to ask someone to contact the church office so that a Pastor may attend to the member in need.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Greeters: Steve Weissner and Chuck Chapman

Ushers: Dave Beer, Ron Gumbert, Tom Mettler, Judy Mettler, Charlotte Epling

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

College Festival Handbell Choir

Live Stream: Dick Florea

Sound: Marj Sapp

ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 15, 2023

Thank you for joining us today! We hope you'll return for Worship on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at the 11:00am English service in the Sanctuary or for the 11:00am Korean Language service in McMillen Chapel. Both services are also available to attend remotely via live stream on the website at www.firstpresfortwayne.org, or on YouTube.

GIVING REMINDER

Thank You For Giving: The Financial Office reminds all that the Per Capita for 2023 is \$43.13 per person and that giving envelopes for the year are available in the small dining room.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

First Presbyterian Scholarships: The 2023 selection period for First Presbyterian scholarships is now open. Scholarships in the amount of up to \$1,000 are made available to qualifying members and children of members to provide financial assistance in pursuit of post-secondary education. Scholarship recipients may be of any age, as long as they are/will be full-time students taking degree-directed courses. No one can receive the scholarship more than four times.

If interested, contact Steve Weissner (stevewwmew@gmail.com/260-348-5347) in the Financial Office for more information and an application. Completed applications, along with a carefully edited essay, a listing of church participation and activities, and a cumulative high school or college transcript, must be received by April 1, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

FELLOWSHIP—STUDY

Table Talk: Table talk will resume regularly scheduled meetings January 11, 2023. The group will continue to meet via Zoom. We will begin a new book **Jesus and the Disinherited** by Howard Thurman (1976). Although published a while ago, it was a favorite of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

You are welcome to check the public library or purchase the book on your own. Amazon shows it at \$15. If you are interested in joining in please contact Marcie Weissner at marcie5073@aol.com or Marj Sapp at marj.sapp@gmail.com.

Memoirs Class: The new 6-week Memoirs Class will begin on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. The class will meet from 2:30 pm-4:00 pm in the Session Room. It's a great way to become motivated to write some of your life's stories and to listen to the stories that people are comfortable sharing during our time together. This fellowship will be a time of pure joy as we work together and learn about each other.

Ecological Midweek Study: In preparation for our next Tough Talk, we will have a three-week study into Trisha Tull's book titled *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, The Bible, and The Ecological Crisis*. This study will be held on January 18th, January 25th, and February 1st from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. culminating in the Tough Talk, which will be held on February 8th all through Zoom. In these discussions, we will explore various topics discussed throughout the book in preparation for Trisha Tull's Tough Talk. For more information, contact Pastor Max Michaels (mmichaels@firstpresfortwayne.org) before the study, and he will make arrangements to set you up for the meeting.

Tough Talk: Dr. Rev. Patricia K. Tull on the Ecological Crisis: Join us as we start the year with this Tough Talk exploring the growing Ecological Crisis and what we can do as Christians. In this talk, we will host Dr. Rev. Patricia K. Tull, Professor Emerita of Old Testament, at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. Dr. Tull will focus on her discussion based on the writings from her book, *Inhabiting Eden*, which focuses on ecological justice and the connections between faith and the environment. This Tough Talk will be held on February 8th at 7 PM via Zoom. Contact Dr. Rev. Annie Epling or Resident Pastor Maxwell Michaels for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

THE ARTS

Biennial Parish Art Exhibition: Calling all First Presbyterian artists—painters and potters, poets and short story writers, sculptors and fiber artists—all you creative people! The First Presbyterian Biennial Parish Art Exhibition will be this coming spring, March 24-May 21.

Start thinking about what you'd like to exhibit. Get out the paints! Fire up the kiln! Stitch or write away these winter days! Of course you may exhibit anything that has not been in a previous parish show.

We will start collecting art work March 1. Watch for future information bulletins. Contact Sarah Savage with any questions: savage2426@gmail.com., 260-482-5112.

Handbell Concert: Today at 4:00pm, the Handbell Musicians of America in our region will be hosting an *Inspiring College Event* handbell concert in the Theatre. College students from the region and Purdue Bells will be traveling to Fort Wayne to rehearse and present this concert under the direction of Joe Gaylon. The concert is free and open to the public.

MISSIONS

3H Mission Team-St. Joseph Meal: The New Year's Resolution from the 3 H Mission Team is to continue serving an evening meal to the 18 residents of the St. Joseph's Mission on the 4th Monday of every month. Please help us by signing up to provide food in the small dining room this coming Sunday. We (and the ladies at the mission) are so grateful for everything you did in 2022.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Nursery Available for Infants thru Pre-School: Jesus loves the little children, and we do, too! Should you decide that today would be a good time to explore the nursery, your child is always invited to drop in. Ask the office volunteer for a key fob and directions, and our skilled child care employees will be excited to welcome your child while you worship.

Sunday School Today! – During our 11AM Worship

Calling all kids between kindergarten and 5th grade! Join us for Sunday School with Miss Rachel and Friends! After the Children's Choir sings today, we'll all head to our SS room as a group. Join us for fun, fellowship, learning, and of course...Bible Bucks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Be sure to look for your favorite ongoing class or activity in the calendar on the back page! Bible studies, faith and fibers, table talks, exercise, will be listed there every week.

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.

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

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm and Friday, 9:00am — 12:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

10:00am Wired Word, PR
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
 10:45am Childcare, NR
 11:00am Worship Service, SC
 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
 11:15am Sunday School, 210
 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

ALL DAY BUILDING CLOSED
 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

10:30am Soccer Shots, FH
 6:30pm Session Team Meeting, SR

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18, 2023

10:00am Table Talk, ZM
 10:30am (Alzheimer's Support Group), 304
 10:30am Day School Chapel, CH
 1:30pm 3-B Exercise Class, MH
 2:30pm Memoirs Class, SR
 6:00pm (Music Together), MR
 6:00pm Eco Study- Tough Talk, ZM

THURSDAY JANUARY 19, 2023

10:00am (Music Together), MR
 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

FRIDAY JANUARY 20, 2023

9:20am Day School Music Class, MR
 10:00am Men's Bible Study, ZM
 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

9:30am HeBrews Book Study
 9:30am Childcare, NR
 10:00am Wired Word, PR
 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
 11:00am Worship Service, SC
 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
 11:15am Sunday School, 210
 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
 12:17pm Youth Group, 209/212

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

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