

JANUARY 22, 2023  
11:00AM — THEATER  
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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

†*Those who are able, please stand*

*Congregation responds in bold*

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** Be Thou My Vision  
God Bless The Child  
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds for worship.

†**HYMN NO. 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;  
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

†INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us pause here to confess the sins that have kept us from recognizing and enjoying God's presence.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:17)

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

†RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 475 Come Now Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

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

Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mer-cy, nev-er  
ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-  
bove; praise the moun-t! I'm fixed up-on it, moun-t of God's un-chang-ing love!

## HEARING THE WORD

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 27:1, 4-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM Grant Us Light

Eric H. Thiman

#### *Chamber Chorale*

*Grant us light in our minds, O Lord; wisdom in thought and truth in word: understanding in all we do, that thy bright spirit may shine through. Lead our steps and direct our will that we may work for thee until thy purpose is achieved on earth and undreamed beauty comes to birth. Grant us peace in our separate ways, and time to sing and speak thy praise, that all our lives may come to be, a clear reflection Lord of thee.*

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### HOW ARE YOU CALLED?

Todd Sandman-Cruz, Brent Neuenschwander

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ARTISTS

Bless the creators, O God of creation, who by their gifts make the world a more joyful and beautiful realm. Through their labors they teach us to see more clearly the truth around us. In their inspiration they call forth wonder and awe in our own living. In their hope and vision they remind us that life is holy. Bless all who create in your image, O God of creation. Pour your Spirit upon them that their hearts may sing and their works be fulfilling. Amen.

### †HYMN NO. 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me  
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

## 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 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

†DOXOLOGY HYMN NO. 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be low; praise  
God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### †PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ's ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.

## SENDING

†HYMN 835 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

CLOSER WALK

*Refrain* Just a closer walk with thee, grant it,  
1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly

thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE When the Saints Go Marching In

FLOWERS

The flowers are given in loving memory of James Ator  
 by his wife, Irene Ator and his daughter and son-in-law, Carole and Jeff Slater.

## SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 611: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee— This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adamot, Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

Hymn 834: Precious Lord, Take My Hand.- This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

TEXT: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

MUSIC: George N. Allen, 1844; arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

Hymn 835: Just a Closer Walk with Thee: The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggest that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.

TEXT and MUSIC: trad. North American hymn

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

*Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm*

*Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm*

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

### GALLERY HOURS

*Tuesday-Thursday, 10am-3:00pm*

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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 Marcie Weissner

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

**Director of Fine Arts Ministry:** Todd Sandman-Cruz

**Director of Music Ministries and Organist:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Assistant Organist:** Kathryn Miller

**Chamber Chorale**

**Jazz Ensemble: Trumpet:** Akira Murotani, **Saxophone:** John Weber, **Double Bass:** Kevin Piekarski, **Piano:** David Latchaw, **Drums:** Steve Smeltzer

**Live Stream and Sound:** Courtney Wallace

## ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 22, 2023

**Thank you for joining us today!** We hope you'll return for Worship on Sunday, January 29, 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### FELLOWSHIP—STUDY

**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

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

### **Sunday School Today! – During our 11AM Worship**

Calling all kids between kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

**Steve and Marcie Weissner 50th Anniversary:** The happy couple would like to invite you to join them in McKay Hall for fellowship, and cake to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Congratulations on a milestone anniversary from all of us!

### GREEN TEAM

**Reusable Bags:** Did you know that Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year but only 87% of them ever get recycled? That is 365 bags per person per year! That is the equivalent of driving more than 25 miles using gasoline! When plastic bags end up in the landfill, it takes hundreds of years for them to break down in the soil and when they do, they release toxins into the groundwater. We also know that plastic bags pose dangers to animals that ingest them.

For the next two Sundays (January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>), the Green Team will be giving away free reusable sets of a “bag of bags” at the Green Team Cart. If you have not already done so already, please consider making an environmentally-conscious **Resolution for 2023: Use reusable bags rather than plastic bags when shopping.** We hope this Green Team bag of bags will encourage your participation. If you already shop with reusable bags, consider giving one of our sets to someone you know who still uses plastic bags. Pay it forward for a greener world! Thank you. The Green Team

**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 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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

- 1:00pm Stephen Leader Team Meeting, SMO
- 1:30pm 3-B Exercise Class, MH
- 2:00pm Faith, Fibers, Fellowship, 302
- 3:00pm Building Security Meeting, SR

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

- 10:30am Soccer Shots, FH
- 1:00pm SCOC. 207
- 4:00pm Building and Grounds Team Meeting, SR
- 5:00pm Mission Team Meetin, SR

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, 2023

- 10:00am Table Talk, ZM
- 10:30am Day School Chapel, CH
- 1:30pm 3-B Exercise Class, MH
- 2:30pm Memoirs Class, SR
- 6:00pm (Music Together), MR

## THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 2023

- 10:00am (Music Together), MR
- 10:00am Day School to Library, OS
- 4:30pm American Guild of Organists Executive Committee, 302
- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

## FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 2023

- 9:20am Day School Music Class, MR
- 10:00am Men's Bible Study, ZM
- 11:30am (Toastmasters), PR
- 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM
- 5:30pm Gallery Reception "Papercutting," GL

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

- 9:30am HeBrews Book Study, 300
- 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 Congregational Gallery Reception, "Papercutting," GL
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 5:30pm "Godspell" Auditions, TH

### 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