

FEBRUARY 12, 2023
11:00AM — SANCTUARY
6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



The Beatitudes, Joseph Matar, 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. Carrie Winebrenner,
Rev. Ann Pitman and Resident Pastor Maxwell Michaels

†*Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE Intermezzo from Sonata No. 4
Adagio from Sonata No. 5, Op. 111

Josef Rheinberger

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.

Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful,
and as we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.

†**HYMN NO. 410** God Is Calling through the Whisper

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†INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Into the shadows of our isolation, God speaks the words of life and community. Through God's graceful, healing presence, God redeems our woundedness and restores us to wholeness. Trusting in God's gracious provision, let us together confess our limitations and proclaim God's faithfulness.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children.

Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. Amen.

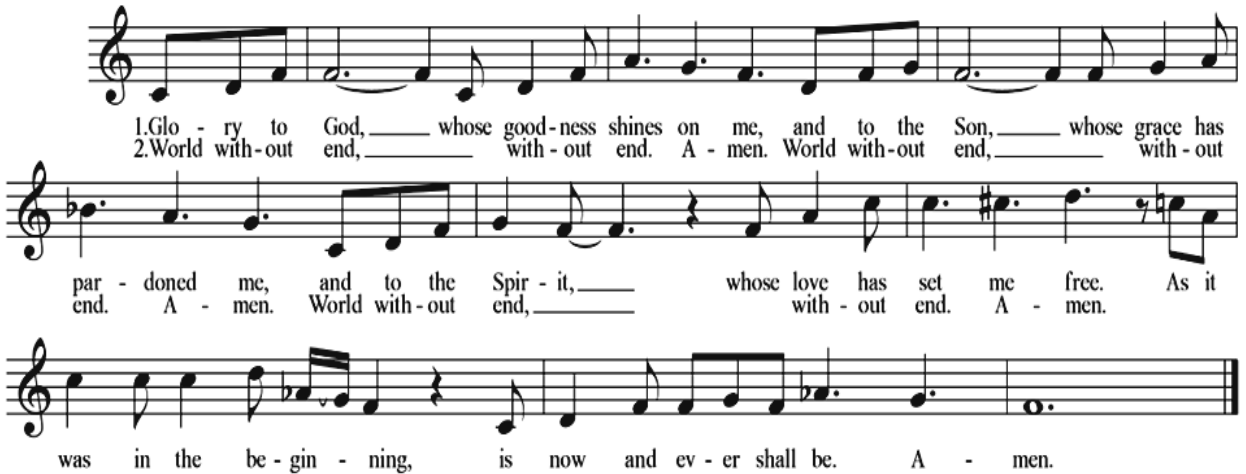
†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, in Jesus Christ, we have been fed God's grace and redemption. And that redemption gives us the strength to love our neighbors near and far, proclaiming in our words and deeds:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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



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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

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

ANTHEM Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

Chancel Choir

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful over our race, still to man extends his grace. Heaven and earth by him were made, all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below? God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure. Sing, my soul, adore his name; let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home, trust his love for all to come.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:21-37

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“So, Now What?”

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. 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!”

†HYMN No. 815 Give to the Wind Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Andante tranquillo*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

†DOXOLOGY HYMN 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

Generous God, you have planted the seeds of generosity into our hearts, and by your grace, you give the growth through our actions and response. Receive the fruit of your mercy and the offerings of our lives, and use these gifts to grow your harvest of justice and mercy, Amen.

SENDING

†HYMN NO. 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 410: God Is Calling through the Whisper - This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003

MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958

Hymn 815: Give to the Wind Thy Fears - This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653, trans., John Wesley, 1737, alt.

MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1872

Hymn 546: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing - This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

TEXT: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring, 1880, alt.

MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th cent.

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Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 3:00pm

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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: Heidi Schulenberg, Vernell Fetting

Ushers: Anita Wolfe, Dave Beer, Eric Evans, Linda Yount

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

Live Stream: Dick Florea

Sound: Marj Sapp

ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Thank you for joining us today! We hope you'll return for Sunday, February 19, 2023, at the 11:00am English service in the Sanctuary (also available to watch via Livestream, website or YouTube); or for the 11:00am Korean service in McMillen Chapel (which is also available to watch via website or YouTube).

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Awards: Each year we award the Church and Society Distinguished Service Award in memory of Elaine I. Wareham, who showed all of us that the witness of a Christian should extend beyond the local church and be a compelling force in daily life. We are seeking nominations, submitted in confidence, to the committee. Nomination forms and an explanation of the award, along with previous recipients, may be requested from the church office. Please return your completed form to the church office in a sealed and labeled envelope. The envelopes may be placed in the white labeled box in the church office until the deadline. The deadline to turn in your nomination is next Sunday, February 19, 2023.

FELLOWSHIP - STUDIES

Logos: Exploring Our Theology with the FPC Ministers: Hey Everybody! Pastor Max Michaels is pleased to announce that we are offering a new class that will run for five weeks exploring the book *The Cross and The Lynching Tree*: by Dr. James H. Cone. The class will explore a challenging topic and ask questions about ourselves, our faith, and how we feel about our connection to God. The class will meet at 9:45 AM in Room (304) starting on March 5th and conclude at 10:30 AM. There will be coffee and doughnuts; if you are interested register by March 1st. You can register by either notifying Pastor Max (mmichaels@firstpresfortwayne.org) or signing up for the class on Realm. First Presbyterian Church will provide copies of the book once you sign up for the class.

LENT 2023

Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

The scripture passages this Lent offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. We are seeking our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. We hope this series will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful. Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking?

Join us for the beginning of Lent and worship on Ash Wednesday, 7:00pm, in the Chapel.

MISSIONS

Fair Trade Chocolate Sales: Today, the Green Team will be selling Fair Trade chocolate bars for \$5.00 each at the Green Team Cart. We support Fair Trade because the farmers are paid a fair wage and the chocolate is sustainably grown and harvested. Please consider giving a gift of Fair Trade chocolate to celebrate Valentine's Day! Cash or check accepted. Proceeds are used to purchase food for the food banks we support.

Rescue Mission Meal Cookie and Cornbread Collection: The reservation book is in the front office to sign up for the Rescue Mission cookies and cornbread. Please bring your contributions to the church by the third Sunday. We are also in need of volunteers to help serve the meal. Please see Bill Patterson for information.

Hunger Relief: First Pres Hunger Relief will be collecting food at the 11:00 service next Sunday, February 19th. Food items and monetary donations may also be left at the church office during the week. Rising prices mean that our church food bank budget buys less at the same time that the three food banks we support are seeing more people needing help. Your individual contributions are more important than ever. The following items are needed:

- **Peanut butter**
- **Elbow macaroni,**
- **Boxed or bagged instant mashed potatoes,**
- **Canned tuna,**
- **Tuna helper,**
- **Boxed or bagged dry cereal,**
- **Family-size soup (any variety)**

If you are worshipping remotely, you can send monetary donations to the church at:

First Presbyterian Church
Attn: Financial Office—Hunger Relief
300 W. Wayne St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Thank you for your support of this important church ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

THE ARTS

New Gallery Exhibit: The third exhibit of the 2022-23 FPC Gallery Series, Knife's Edge - Papercutting. The exhibit features the art of Lou Hii, originally of Brunei, Borneo, now living in Indianapolis, and Janice Furtner of Fort Wayne, Indiana. A selection of photographs from Taizhou, China, a Fort Wayne sister city, is on exhibit.

Parish Art Exhibit Update: Who may exhibit in the March 24-May 21 Parish Art Exhibit in the Gallery? You may be church members or non-members who attend First Presbyterian worship services, staff, or children or grandchildren of same. Art work may be of any theme or style; there will be a section in the exhibition for art related to Earth Care. The gallery starts receiving art work on March 1, but we are now collecting names of potential exhibitors. Please email or call Sarah if you're thinking about exhibiting. This will help with planning. savage2426@gmail.com; 260-482-5112

Theatre: Season Tickets are now on sale for First Pres Theater's 2023/24 Season of Love! The ambitious productions include four Fort Wayne premieres, and a collaboration with Fort Wayne Youtheatre. FPT will present *Bedroom Farce*, *Head Over Heels*, *Almost Maine*, *The Prom* (with Fort Wayne Youtheatre), and *The Father*. Season tickets available through ArtsTix by calling 260-422-4226 or online by visiting www.artstix.com.

FELLOWSHIP - DINNER GROUPS - TOMORROW

Downtown Dinner Group: The Downtown Dinner Group meets the second Monday of every month. We will be joining in fellowship again on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:30pm at Hall's Gas House (305 E. Superior St.). Please RSVP to Joyce McGiffin at (260) 409-2426 or by email at krinks52@hotmail.com. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

North Dinner Group: We meet the second Monday of every month. Our next gathering will be tomorrow, Monday February 13, 2023 at 5:30pm for dinner at The Factory Restaurant (5811 Coldwater Road). Please RSVP to Sondra Mergenthal at (260)437-9892 or by email at lisoninc@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you!

South Dinner Group: The South Side Dinner Group meets the second Monday of every month. Please join us for friendship, conversation, and dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, February 13 2023, at 5:30pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

FELLOWSHIP-EVENTS

Chili Cook-Off: Get ready to bring your best next Sunday, February 19, 2023! In McKay Hall everyone will have the warmest, the spiciest, the beaniest, the meatiest chili they can muster! Will you have what it takes to take home the bragging rights for First Presbyterian's Chiliest Chili?

Here is the important information, so read closely. Please bring a large crock pot of chili to share. (If chili is just not your thing we are asking that you bring a side of corn bread, corn muffins, or a dessert, to share please.) Bring your contributions to McKay Hall before the 11:00 am service and we will set it up. Please provide a small card with the ingredients as a kindness for those with allergies, thank you. This event is free, and the top three entries get trophies and bragging rights! This event is brought to you by the Congregational Life Committee.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY

Emerging leaders: It's cookie season! Eleanor Palmison and Beatrice Patton, will be selling Girl Scout cookies this Sunday, February 12. Their troop is raising funds for badges, horseback riding and camping. Feel free to join them in the small dining room before and after the service if you'd like to purchase some delicious cookies and support this excellent organization. Cookies are \$5 per box; cash and cards will both be accepted as well as lively discussion about which cookie is the best. (ETA: Pastor Carrie wholly votes for Carmel DeLites...aka Samoas!)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Card Shower: Jubilee member Hilda Seybert is celebrating her 100th Birthday! Let's make this the most memorable one yet! Everyone is invited to shower the birthday beauty with a card wishing her well. Cards may be addressed to:

Hilda Seybert
10132 Woodland Ridge W.
Fort Wayne, IN 46804

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, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

- 9:30am Nominating Committee, SR
- 9:30am Childcare, NR
- 9:30am HeBrews Book Study, 300
- 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

- 1:30pm 3B Walking and Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- 4:30pm Youtheatre “Baghdad Zoo” Rehearsal, TH
- 7:00pm “Godspell” Rehearsal, FH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

- 10:30am Soccer Shots, FH
- 4:00pm Congregational Life Team Meeting, SR
- 4:30pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo” , TH
- 5:00pm HHH Team Meeting, SDR
- 7:00pm CYF Committee meeting, ZM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2023

- 10:00am Table Talk, ZM
- 10:30am Day School Chapel, CH
- 10:30am (Alzheimer’s Support Group)
- 1:30pm 3B Walking and Exercise Class, MH
- 2:30pm Memoirs Class, ZM
- 4:30pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo”, TH
- 6:00pm (Music Together), MR
- 7:00pm “Godspell” Rehearsal, FH

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023

- 10:00am (Music Together), MR
- 4:30pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo”, TH
- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 5:30pm Performing Arts Committee, 207
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm “Godspell” Rehearsal, FH

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2023

- 9:20am Day School Music Class, MR
- 10:00am Men’s Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study, ZM
- 4:30pm Youtheatre Rehearsal “Baghdad Zoo,” TH

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2023

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2023

- 9:30am Nominating Committee, SR
- 9:30am Childcare, NR
- 9:30am HeBrews Book Study, 300
- 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

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