

APRIL 16, 2023
11:00AM — SANCTUARY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. First Pres Fort Wayne provides thoughtful worship for thinking people, and we strive to carry this out on Sunday mornings and into the rest of our week. If you'd like to know more about this community of flawed yet faithful folks, please fill out the information sheet in the red folder in your pew. One of our pastors will reach out during the week. With blessings and prayers for your journey,

— Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner,
Rev. Ann Pitman and Rev. Maxwell Michaels

† *Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on Rhosymedre (or “Lovely”)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this, we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

The outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

† **HYMN No. 238** Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

† **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy; share that peace with one another.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

†RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia MFURAHINI, HALELUYA
(Children are welcome to come forward for the "Time with Children" as we sing the responsive hymn.)

Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting he has come to de - stroy.
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 16

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

ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Quinton Davis, Tenor

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. Refrain. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. Refrain.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:14, 22-32

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; We believe that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world; We believe any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

†HYMN No. 250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

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 This Joyful Eastertide

setting by Dale Wood

†**DOXOLOGY HYMN** 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**

Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

SENDING

†**HYMN NO. 233** The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

†**BENEDICTION**

†**POSTLUDE** Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

setting by J. Wayne Kerr

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in joy today
for the wedding of Lauren Elizabeth Haffner and John James Harden.

Sincere apologies to Bill Fish for the omission of his sponsorship of April 2, 2023.
The Chancel flowers were given in loving memory of Charles H. & Lillian S. Fish,
Dr. Ida B. S. Scudder and Charles S. Fish by William Fish.

SERVICE NOTES

Hymn 238: Thine is The Glory – This Easter text, first in French, later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel’s oratorio *Joshua*, and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

TEXT: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; trans R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.

MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1748

Hymn 250: In the Bulb There Is a Flower – The writing of the hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T.S. Elliot: “In my end is my beginning.” Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer’s husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

TEXT: AND MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

Hymn 233: The Day of Resurrection!– The roots of the English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

TEXT: John of Damascus, 8th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt.

MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, C. 1835

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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, Ron Kohart

Ushers: Anita Wolfe, Dave Beer, Linda Yount

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Soloist: Quinton Davis, Tenor

Live Stream: Dick Florea

Sound: Marj Sapp

ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 16, 2023

Thank you for joining us today! We hope you'll return on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at the 11:00 a.m. English service in the Sanctuary (also available to watch via Livestream, website or YouTube); or for the 11:00 a.m. Korean service in McMillen Chapel (which is also available to watch via website or YouTube).

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Family Day at First Pres – April 22, 2023, 9:30-12 p.m. Opening Day at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo! What better way to celebrate Earth Day than with some of the best parts of God's creation, animals? (My favorites are the bears, how about you??) Join the Children, Youth, and Families Ministry with this month's Family Day at First Pres as we head to the zoo! It's opening day, so it'll be busy, but that means it'll also be fun! Because we'll purchase tickets ahead of time, RSVP to Pastor Carrie by scanning the QR code or reaching out to her via email. Look for more details as we get closer!



Save the Dates - MAD2 Volunteers, June 5-9, 2023 – Are you ready to get MAD2 for the Fine Arts? First Presbyterian Church believes that the arts are a window to and an outlet for the soul, and we have vowed to ensure that kids have access to the creative, imaginative world of the fine arts. That's why they created a camp that explores music, art, drama, and dance through the minds and hearts of those entering K-5th grade. But, we cannot accomplish this creative camp without the help of our volunteers. If you are available in the mornings, whether it's one day, or all five, we would be grateful to have you! We are also looking for volunteers for Friday evening. Our Friday volunteers are just as valuable. Please visit the bulletin board by the elevator for more details and sign-up sheets.

Sunday School Today! – During our 11:00 a.m. Worship: Calling all kids between kindergarten and 5th grade! Join us for Sunday School with Miss Rachel and Friends! We'll all start in worship together, and then after the Time with Children, we'll all head to our SS room as a group. We hope you'll join us for fun, fellowship, learning, and....of course... Bible Bucks! Woohoooo!

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 childcare employees will be excited to welcome your child while you worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Coffee with the Pastors: April 23, 2023: Have you been visiting and want to know more? Maybe you're curious about something we do in worship, want to know more about how to get involved or wonder what we believe. If so, this is your chance to find out while getting to know others! Join us for "Coffee with the Pastors" on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Session Room (down the long hallway across from the Church Office.) Annie and Carrie will be there with coffee, ready to talk all things First Pres! Please let us know if you can come by emailing Annie (aepling@firstpresfortwayne.org) or Carrie (cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org) or by RSVP'ing in the office by April 20th.

Audiology Health Seminar: Fort Wayne Audiologist, Dr. Tina Sheehan, will come to First Pres to talk about hearing loss in general and new research showing how untreated hearing loss leads to cognitive decline. She will address all your questions on Wednesday evening, April 26, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in McKay Hall.

Printed information will also be on hand, so please let us know if you plan to come by calling the church office (260-426-7421), emailing Kathy Beatty (kathybeatty3755@gmail.com), or looking for a registration button on the Friday eNews.

THE ARTS

Music Series Concert: Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault, duo-organists will play a concert based entirely on repertoire for four hands and four feet on April 23rd at 4:00pm. The Chenaults have concertized extensively throughout the United States and Europe and have arranged and premiered over seventy organ duets, thereby making a significant historical contribution to this slighted area of organ literature. Because of their unique and refreshing repertoire, combined with their exciting and sensitive artistry, the Chenaults are in demand as recitalists and have established themselves as America's leading duo-organists. A screen will be set up at the front of the church so that you can watch the choreography that it takes to have two people sharing the same notes!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

FELLOWSHIP - DINNER GROUPS

Downtown Dinner Group: It's that time again! Dinner Time! Due to the Easter Holiday, the Downtown Dinner Group will meet on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Hall's Guest 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!

MISSIONS

Empty Bowls & Soup: Save the date! Sunday, April 23, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Purdue Fort Wayne ceramic students are again working to help feed the hungry in our community. The Empty Bowls project, sponsored by the PFW Department of Art and Design, works to raise money for The Pantry at Purdue Fort Wayne, Blessings in a Backpack, and the PFW Student Ceramics Club. When individuals donate \$35, they receive a beautiful, one-of-a-kind, handcrafted bowl (\$30 each if you purchase two or more). First Pres Missions will provide delicious chicken noodle soup to fill your bowl after purchase! We will be accepting free-will offerings.

St. Joseph's Meal Sign Up: Here is a timely opportunity to demonstrate that we are truly bearers of the Easter story. We will be providing the evening meal at the St. Joseph's Mission on Monday, April 24th. There are 18 women in residence there and we are asking that you only provide enough of your dish to serve 8-10. The sign up sheets will be in the small dining room after service today.

GREEN TEAM

IMPORTANT RECYCLING POINTS 2023:

- Recycle, reuse, or repurpose everything you can
- Minimize the use of single use containers including plastic bags
- Know the recycling guidelines wherever you live
(in Fort Wayne, outside Fort Wayne in Allen County, or elsewhere)
- NEVER place recycling items in plastic bags before tossing them into the recycling bin
- NEVER place containers with liquids in recycling bins
- If you aren't sure whether something is recyclable: "When in doubt, throw it out!"
(in the garbage)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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.

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 APRIL 16, 2023

9:30am HeBrews Book Study, 300
 10:00am Wired Word, PR
 11:00am Worship Service, SC
 11:00am KLM Worship Service, CH
 11:15am Sunday School, 210
 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

9:00am Day School Book Fair, 1st Fl HW
 1:30pm 3B Walking and Exercise Class, MH
 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
 4:30pm YT “Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher”
 Rehearsal, MH
 5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting, SR
 7:00pm “Clybourne Park” Rehearsal, TH

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

9:00am Day School Book Fair, 1st Fl HW
 10:00am Staff Meeting, SR
 11:00am Staff Worship Planning, SR
 4:00pm CCW/Adult Ed, SDR
 4:30pm YT “Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher”
 Rehearsal, MH
 6:30pm Session Meeting, SR
 7:00pm “Clybourne Park,” Rehearsal, TH

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 2023

9:00am Day School Book Fair, 1st Fl HW
 10:00am Table Talk, ZM
 10:30am (Alzheimer’s Support Group), 304
 10:30am Day School Chapel, CH
 1:30pm 3B Walking and Exercise Class, MH
 1:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting, 302
 4:30pm YT “Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher”
 Rehearsal, MH
 6:00pm (Music Together), 208
 7:00pm “Clybourne Park” < Rehearsal, TH

THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2023

9:00am Day School Book Fair, 1st Fl HW
 9:30am (Music Together), 208
 4:30pm YT “Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher”
 Rehearsal, MH
 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
 5:30pm Performing Arts Committee, 207
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
 7:00pm “Clybourne Park” Rehearsal, TH

FRIDAY APRIL 21, 2023

9:00am Day School Book Fair, 1st Fl HW
 9:20am Day School Music Class, MR
 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study, ZM
 4:30pm YT “Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher”
 Rehearsal, MH

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

10:00am CYF Family Event, OS

SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2023

9:30am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
 9:30am Coffee with the Pastors, SR
 9:30am HeBrews Book Study, 300
 9:30am LOGO’s, 304
 10:00am Wired Word, PR
 10:15am Children’s Choir, MR
 10:30am Empty Bowls Ceramic Bowl Sale, MH
 11:00am Worship Service, SC
 11:00am KLM Worship Service, CH
 11:15am Sunday School, 210
 12:00pm YT “Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher”
 Rehearsal, TH
 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH
 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
 4:00pm Music Series, Elizabeth and Raymond
 Chenault, Duo, SC
 5:00pm Music Series Reception, NX

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

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|----|-----------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------------|
| CH | Chapel | MF | McKay Foyer | PR | Parlor |
| CL | Chapel Lounge | MH/E | McKay Hall East | SB | Sanctuary Balcony |
| CN | Chapel Narthex | MH/W | McKay Hall West | 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 |