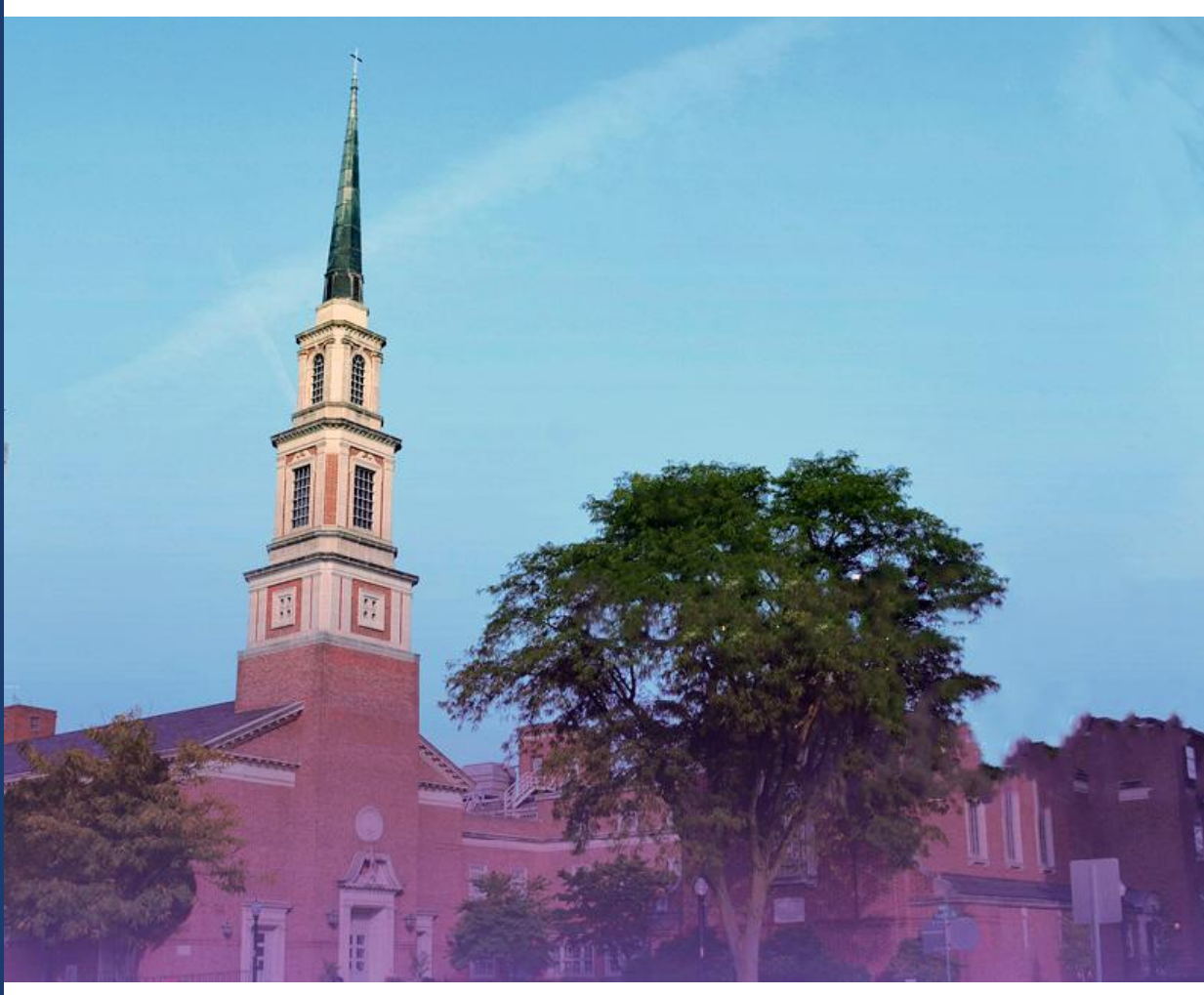


Friday, June 30, 2023



This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Notes



Dear First Pres Friends,

Birthdays are a wonderful time to celebrate another year of memories, and there are two important birthdays coming up soon! Did you know that tomorrow is the church's 192nd birthday? I'll admit that's a little hard for me to wrap my head around. I've been taking a bit of a

sentimental journey this week as I think about the great cloud of

witnesses that have passed through the church's hallways at our different locations over the years. Imagine the different hairstyles, clothing choices, wallpaper, vernacular, sermon topics, and even the conflicts. I wonder if, in the moment, our members considered how their conflicts would be impacting the congregation almost two hundred years later.

Coincidentally, as we head into the 247th birthday of the United States of America in a few days, I also wonder how our current conflicts will impact future generations of Americans. (This has also been difficult to wrap my head around.) But as I've been preparing to preach on Sunday, I've found myself holding this wonderment in tension with our Gospel reading and Psalm on Sunday. Jesus tells us to welcome others with as little as a cold cup of water, but seeing those pockets of welcome through the fog of our nation's discord is getting harder and harder. And the Psalmist is wondering "How long, O Lord?" And how does all of that contribute to the birthday celebrations to come?

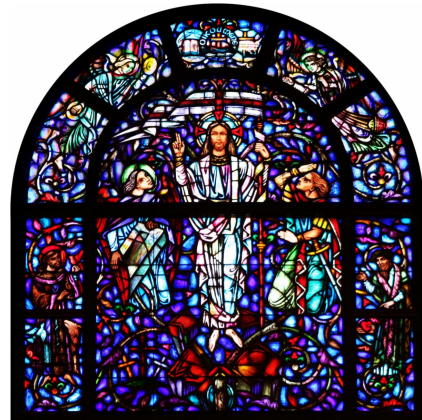
So, this Sunday, whether you join us from the pews, the living room, or the lake, I hope you'll join us as we ponder what independence means, and we'll celebrate as a family at the Table where all are welcome. Regardless of our conflicts; or the candles on our cakes!

With blessings and happy birthdays!
Carrie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Service in the Sanctuary, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner preaching
- Watch livestream via [Website](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Public Access Channel 1 and Channel 25, Wed 7:00 PM & Thurs 11:00 AM
- Public Access via [Digital Archive](#)



Korean

- 11:00 AM Chapel
- Live Stream via [Website](#), and [YouTube](#)

Bulletin

- The complete weekly bulletin may be found at [here](#).

E-News submissions should be sent to [Jenny Conrad](#).

Please note that the Church Campus will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day.

News & Events

Event Calendar

Weekly Announcements

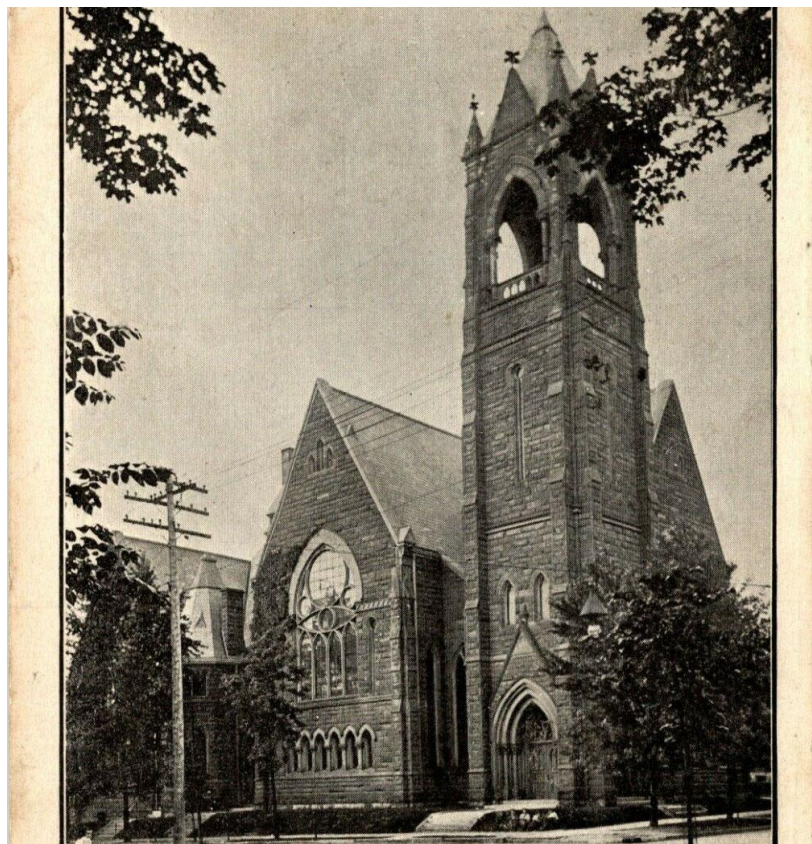


FORT WAYNE PRIDE

*Join us Saturday, July 22
@Headwaters Park*

Happy Birthday First Pres!

First Presbyterian Church is 192 years old! Fort Wayne's oldest, continuing congregation was founded on July 1, 1831. Our humble beginnings started in what was then a frontier town of about three hundred people, and we've progressed today to a church with a thriving, multifaceted ministry, and a downtown Fort Wayne landmark. Thank you to all who have been a part of or shared in our community!



For Heaven



With several hundred people watching, workmen begin to hoist the steeple to the top of the new First Presbyterian Church.



The steeple is moved into position by the first crane; then the one on top of the church takes over.



ion is being served during the first service in
leted church. Following early colonial archi-
o the smallest details, the church has closed
te floor covered with plastic and light fixtures
used with candles.

Church Plans Dedication On April 22





Fine and Performing Arts

Congratulations to the cast and crew of First Pres Theater's "A Star's Born- The Concert" on a fantastic run over this past weekend! Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Todd Sandman Cruz, hosted 2022/23 season ticket holders at a reception prior to the opening performance and was joined by the cast. The 2023/24 First Pres Theater "Season of Love" continues with

Bedroom Farce, opening August 18.







Season tickets for FPT's 2023-24 "Season of Love" are on sale now! Click the button below for ticket information!

Theater Tickets

Fellowship

South Dinner Group: Do you hear that? It's the sound of the dinner bell! Please join us for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Prayer List

- Cheryl Kirchner
- Mark Carbaugh
- Mark Chasse
- Janice Roddy
- Bob Jesse
- Bob and Coba Burton

If you are in need of prayer or an encouraging word, [let us know!](#)