

OCTOBER 8, 2023
11:00AM — SANCTUARY
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us today! We hope you'll return for Sunday, October 15, 2023, for the 11:00am English service in the Sanctuary, or for the 11:00am Korean service in McMillen Chapel (both are available to watch via website or YouTube).

†*Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE Processional in E-flat

David N. Johnson

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables and frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages?

It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great temple and to restore its subverted chambers to a house of prayer.

Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and turn it as hard as gold.

May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.

May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered and let it break forth in beauty.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

†**HYMN No. 301** Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

†**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Truth be told, Jesus, there are lots of tables that need overturning in our lives. Beneath the veneer of respectability and the tidy rows and neat regulations, hide dark addictions and angry judgments; hungry greed and heartless rejections.

We know the pain—and so do those around us—of keeping up the façade. What a relief it would be to have it all upset, smashed, scattered, and destroyed. So perhaps, Jesus, today you could pay us a visit and help us to radically rearrange the furniture of our lives.

Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

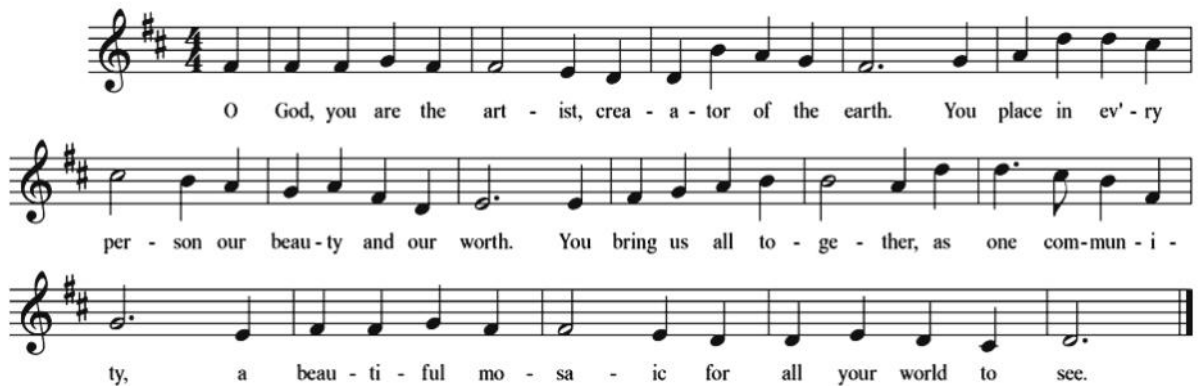
And also with you.

Let us now greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

†RESPONSIVE HYMN An Artist Had a Vision

AURELIA

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



O God, you are the art - ist, crea - a - tor of the earth. You place in ev' - ry
per - son our beau - ty and our worth. You bring us all to - ge - ther, as one com - mun - i -
ty, a beau - ti - ful mo - sa - ic for all your world to see.

HEARING THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM God Is Here

Glenn Wonacott

Chancel Choir

God is here, reaching out to all who gather, God is here, listening to the prayers of all; God is here, giving grace where hearts are wounded. God is here, lifting lives after a fall. God is here, calling us to find our passion, God is here, teaching us to find ourselves. Reaching, listening, giving grace, lifting lives to see God's face. God is here, showing why we all are here, for God is here, God is here.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 2:13-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

“Thoughts and Prayers: Prayer as Protest and Public Witness”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are a cloth of diverse colors.

We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.

We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave,
contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for,
essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.

We commit ourselves to work together,
that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.

†HYMN No. 749 Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

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 Create in Me a Clean Heart

J. A. Freylinghausen/Paul Christiansen

Chancel Choir

Send forth thy light and thy love, O Lord. Fill my heart with thy Holy Spirit. Lead me, lead me into thy presence and teach me to love thy ways, O Jesus. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.



All the mus - ic sung and played here is a gift, O God, from you. For as long as we have
prayed here, we've been blessed by mus - ic, too. By your Spi - rit, each mu - si - cian finds new
depths of faith to share. Mu - sic is a gift you've giv - en and be - comes our thank - ful prayer.

DOXOLOGY HYMN All the Music Sung and Played Here

NETTLETON

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The wisdom of the world tells us to hoard what we own, O God, while you invite us to share what we have with those in need. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world.

SENDING

†HYMN No. 394 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary

Thomas Pavlechko

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of
John E. McKibben from his family .

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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: Vernell Fettig and Terri Linvall

Ushers: Dave Beer, Ron Gumbert, Tom Mettler, and Judy Mettler

Director of Music and Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

Live Stream: Dick Florea

Sound: Marj Sapp

JOINING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you have been visiting with us and feel called to become a member, we are so excited to welcome you with open arms! We receive new members at each Session meeting, held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. This process takes about 20 minutes and includes a chance to share a bit about you and learn more about each of our elders and pastors. Please reach out to Rev. Carrie Winebrenner to coordinate this momentous step in your faith journey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 8, 2023

Introducing... **Arttober**

A month dedicated to the enrichment of our faith through the arts.

ORGAN CRAWL

TODAY - OCTOBER 8 - 12:15PM

Meet us in the sanctuary balcony for a tour and demonstration of our Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ with Brent!

"HEAD OVER HEELS"

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15 AND 20, 21, 22

You will love this laugh-out-loud love story set to the music of the iconic 1980's band, The Go Gos, in our theater's latest musical production! Tickets are available at <http://tickets.artstix.org> or by calling 260-260-422-4226. Showtimes: Fri/Sat 7:30 PM, Sun 2:00 PM.

THEATER CRAWL

OCTOBER 15 - 12:15PM

Join Todd for a behind-the-scenes tour of the theater backstage! An elevator is available, and if you're staying for the show, you may preorder a boxed lunch by scanning the purple QR code.



PRETZELS WITH OUR PASTOR

OCTOBER 16 - 6:30PM ZOOM

The Culinary Arts are often overlooked but are the tastiest arts we can imagine! Join Annie on Zoom for a cooking class to learn the secret art of pretzel-making from the comfort of your kitchen!
*Registration required.

ART TOUR

OCTOBER 22- 12:15PM

Our church has a magnificent fine art collection, and we would love to give you a docent-quality tour of all of it, led by a member of the Fine Arts Committee! If you're staying for "Head Over Heels," you may preorder a boxed lunch by scanning the blue QR code.



IMPROV SHENANIGANS

OCTOBER 25 - 6:30PM CHAPEL

Come learn the art of "Yes, and!" with Carrie! This improvisation class for absolute beginners will stretch your brain muscles as we discover the art of creating in the moment. No experience needed!

BRAZILIAN JAZZ DUO

OCTOBER 29 - 3PM SANCTUARY

Join us for the next Music Series concert, presenting the father-daughter duo of Clarice and Sergio Assad, featuring voice, jazz piano, and guitar! Reception to follow.



HEAD OVER HEELS

FORT WAYNE PREMIER!

SONGS BY
THE GO-GO'S
BASED UPON THE ARCADIA BY
SIR PHILIP SIDNEY

October 13, 14, 15 & 20, 21, 22
FRI & SAT @ 7:30 PM
SUN @ 2:00 PM

DIRECTED BY
LESLIE BEAUCHAMP
ADAPTED BY
JAMES MACGRUDER
CONCEIVED AND BOOK BY
JEFF WHITTY



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HEAD OVER HEELS is presented through special arrangement with Broadway Licensing

Head Over Heels! This iconic show opens Friday, October 13! This laugh-out-loud love story is set to the music of the iconic 1980's all-female rock band The Go-Go's, including the hit songs, "We Got the Beat," "Our Lips Are Sealed," "Vacation," and Belinda Carlisle's "Heaven is a Place on Earth" and "Mad About You." A hilarious and exuberant celebration of love, HEAD OVER HEELS follows the escapades of a royal family on an outrageous journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction—only to discover the key to their realm's survival lies within each of their own hearts. Tickets on sale now! Call the Arts Tix box office at 260-422-4226 or scan the QR code to purchase online. See you at the theater!

THE ARTS

Music Series: On October 29th at 3:00pm, the Music Series will host Clarice & Sérgio Assad in a concert of Brazilian Jazz Vocals, Samba, Jazz Piano and Guitar. This father and daughter combo feature the voice and guitar in a variety of styles and have made multiple recordings together. Clarice is a Grammy-nominated composer and one of her pieces will open the March 9, 2024 Philharmonic Concert! Together, they will present the highest level of music making with broad appeal to all tastes. A free-will offering will be taken, and recordings will be available after the concert. See you on October 29th!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Sunday School Today! – During our 11 AM 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!

Busy Bags and Littles' Library: We know that worship is not always an easy time for little hands and minds to focus, so we've provided Busy Bags and a Littles' Library! Our Busy Bags are filled with items like fidget toys, activity pages, playdoh, and pipe cleaners. We also invite you to visit the Littles' Library where reading material for a wide range of ages is available to "check-out" during church. All we ask is that the books and the Busy Bags are returned after worship. Enjoy!

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.

FELLOWSHIP

Table Talk (Women's Book Study) The group meets on Wednesdays via Zoom at 10:00 am. We are reading Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation by Kristen Kobes De Mez (2021). If you have any other questions, please contact Marj Sapp at 260.413.2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260.312.5733. Zoom Meeting ID: 241 730 827 Passcode: 260 426 7421.

Touchy Topics Book Club: Wednesday, October 18th. Join us for our next gathering when we'll delve into the thought-provoking book "Canary in the Coal Mine." We'll kick off the evening with a delightful dinner at 6:00, providing us with an opportunity to catch up and enjoy each other's company. After dinner at 6:30, we'll gather for our discussion of "Canary in the Coal Mine."

When Dr. Will Cooke, an idealistic young physician just out of medical training, set up practice in the small rural community of Austin, Indiana, he had no idea that much of the town was being torn apart by poverty, addiction, and life-threatening illnesses. But he soon found himself at the crossroads of two unprecedented health-care disasters: a national opioid epidemic and the worst drug-fueled HIV outbreak ever seen in rural America. Please come prepared to share your thoughts, questions, and any passages that resonated with you.

To help us plan for dinner and ensure we have enough seating, please RSVP by October 15 by emailing Annie or signing up in the church office. Cost for dinner is \$12. The books are available upon request at no charge. Contact the office if you would like to request a book.

**On Saturday, November 4, 2:00pm, Dr. Cooke will speak about his book at the downtown library.

DINNER GROUPS

Downtown Dinner Group: It's that time again! Dinner Time! The Downtown Dinner Group will meet on Monday, October 9, 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: Call me, but don't call me late for dinner! Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday October 9, 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: Do you hear that? It's the sound of the dinner bell! Please join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 5:30pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

FULL CONGREGATION MISSION OPPORTUNITY
ORGANIZED BY THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

THIS WEDNESDAY

PROJECT

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FIGHT HUNGER. GIVE HOPE.

OCTOBER 11
5:15 PM FOR PIZZA
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
MCKAY HALL

Join us as we pack nutritional meals to be sent overseas to feed Ukrainian refugees fleeing their war-torn country. This event is fun, hands-on, and meaningful for all ages.

Team and individual sign-up sheets are in the Small Dining Room!
Please get in touch with any Missions Committee member for more details.

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

TRICK-OR-TREAT

Witches, goblins, and ghosts galore; it's a trick-or-treat party like never before!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
4-6PM IN MCKAY HALL

*Candy *Crafts *Costume Parade *Cake Walk *More Candy!



If you'd like to volunteer, please let Ashley Morley or Carrie know!

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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 OCTOBER 8, 2023

- 9:30 am HeBrews, 300
- 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 11:00 am Worship Service, SC
- 11:00 am KLM Worship, CH
"Full Moon Celebration", CH
- 11:15 am Sunday School, 210
- 12:15 pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15 pm KLM Fellowship, MH
- 12:15 pm Organ Crawl, SB

MONDAY OCTOBER 9, 2023

- 11:50 am (OA), 304
- 1:30 pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00 pm Faith, Fibers, Fellowship, 302
- 7:00 pm (Stag ALAnon), YR
- 7:30 pm (AA Grapevine), PR

TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am Count Team, FO
- 11:00 am Staff Worship Planning, SR
- 5:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting, SR
- 5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting, 302
- 6:00 pm (SAA), 304
- 6:00 pm (PEO), PR
- 7:00 pm (ACOA), 300
- 7:00 pm (Narcotics Anonymous), 302
- 7:30 pm (Central AA), MH

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2023

- 10:00 am Table Talk, ZM
- 10:35 am Day School Chapel
- 1:30 pm 3B Exercise Class
- 4:00 pm Project 216, MH
- 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry Support Group, SR
- 6:00 pm (Music Together), 208
- 7:00 pm (Narcotics Anonymous), 302

THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 2023

- 9:30 am (Music Together), 208
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13, 2023

- 9:30 am Day School Music Class, MR
- 10:00 am Men's Bible Study, ZM
- 11:30 am (Toastmasters), 304
- 1:00 pm Women's Bible Study, ZM
- 7:00 pm "Head Over Heels" Performance, TH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023

- 11:30 am Central HS Alumni Reunion, MH
- 7:30 pm "Head Over Heels" Performance, TH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

- 9:30 am HeBrews, 300
- 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 11:00 am Worship Service, SC
- 11:00 am KLM Worship, CH
- 12:15 pm Artober Tour with Lunch, MH
- 12:15 pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15 pm KLM Fellowship, MH
- 12:30 pm Green Team Meeting, SR
- 2:00 pm "Head Over Heels" Performance, TH

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

Chapel -	CH	Parlor -	PR
Fellowship Hall -	FH	Sanctuary -	SC
Finance Office -	FO	Sanctuary Balcony -	SB
McKay Hall -	MH	Session Room -	SR
Music Room -	MR	Theater -	TH
Narthex -	NX	Zoom -	ZM