

OCTOBER 15, 2023
11:00AM — SANCTUARY
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Artist: Mathilda Borton, 2nd Grade



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us today! We hope you'll return for worship on Sunday, October 22, 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 Improvisation on *When the Morning Stars Together*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in reverent awe before the Lord our God—
for great is the Lord!

We come to join with all creation in singing new songs to the Lord our God.

We come in worship and praise—
for the Lord God is worthy of our praise!

We come, to share together the news of our glorious Lord's saving deeds.

We come with songs and prayers—
to give well-deserved glory to the Lord!

**We come, to bring our offerings of worship and praise to the Lord our God—
whose holy splendor, honor, and majesty shines forth from God's presence. Amen.**

†**HYMN No. 689** When the Morning Stars Together

WEISSE FLAGGEN

†**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

This is a moment given by God to confess our sins against each other, all that God has created, and God. Let us take this moment to account for the ways in which we have not embodied what it means to be created in the image of God.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

Help us to pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands, and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings. Amen.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that God would have us sing. God is eager to show us the path home. Accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus Christ.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

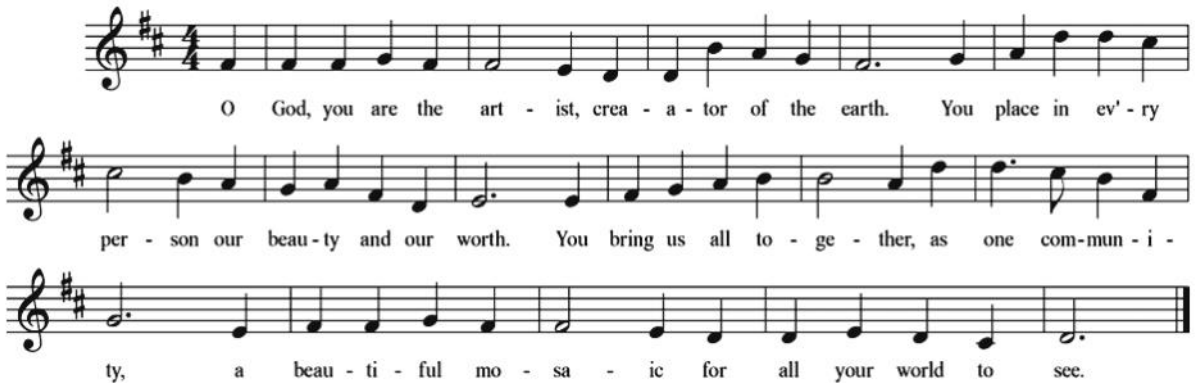
And also with you.

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 96

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Come with Gladness

Franz Joseph Haydn/Zollene Reissner

Chancel Choir

Praise the Lord with sound of trumpet, fill the air with joyful sound. Let the mighty organ thunder praising God with hymns profound. Harp and lyre and flute and dancing, all shall join creation's song; singing strings and crashing cymbals, all these sounds to him belong! With the strength that comes from God, and with our whole heart, seeking his way; we will be his servants ever serving his people each new day. In the morning, at our rising, he shall be our music then, and in darkness of the night time, he will be our song again.

Come before the Lord with gladness, lift your voice and sing his praise, and his love will take our sadness, giving us new songs to raise! With sincerity, live and serve him, that our faith would be made known, and the God who searches all hearts shall receive us as his own. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 16:16-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

“Thoughts and Prayers: Prayer as Music, Art, and Dance”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are God's work of art—

each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

We are God's handiwork – woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

We are the church of Jesus Christ—

diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We are the Body of Christ—

living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, and embodying his love throughout the world he loved so much.

We are here to be reminded once more of who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about.

We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us.

We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.

†HYMN No. 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

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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 Heavenly Light

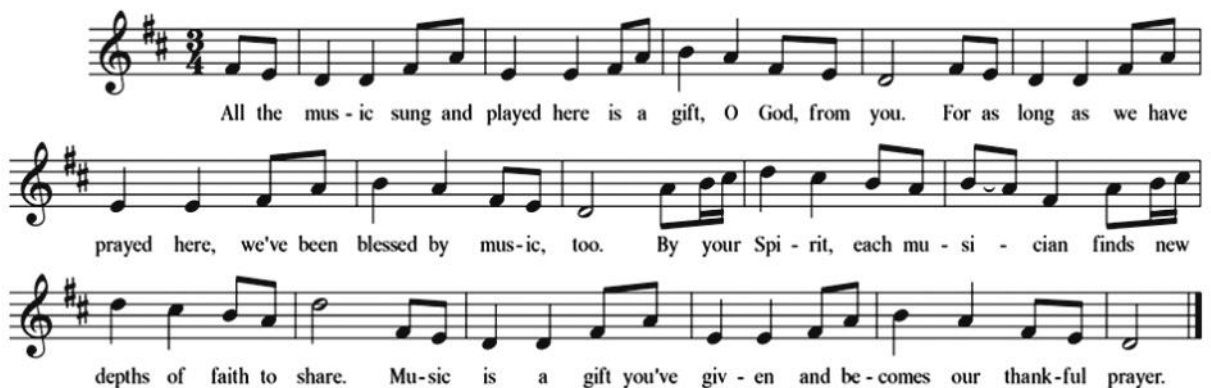
A. Kopylow/Peter J. Wilhousky

Chancel Choir

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise thee!

†**DOXOLOGY HYMN** All the Music Sung and Played Here

NETTLETON



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.

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Healing One, generous in love and forever faithful, we bring an offering: our time, talent, and treasure. With Your help may these gifts be used with wisdom and justice in the church and its mission in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

SENDING

†HYMN No. 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

†BENEDICTION

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN 539 We Will Go Out with Joy WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

†POSTLUDE Improvisation on *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of
Marion & Vrina Grimes, Edward Grimes, Donna McConaha and Frank & Fay Stebbins
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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: Jeff Paddock

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 15, 2023

Introducing... **Art**tober

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

THEATER CRAWL

TODAY, OCTOBER 15 - 12:15PM

Join Todd for a behind-the-scenes tour of the theater and the set for our current musical, *Head Over Heels!* An elevator is available, and we'll meet at 12:15 in McKay Hall!

"HEAD OVER HEELS"

TODAY AT 2 PM AND THE 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.

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. Please e-mail Annie to register for the Zoom link and ingredients list.

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.

THE ARTS

***Artober and Culinary Arts!**

To register for “Pretzels with Our Pastor”, email Annie. You’ll receive the zoom link and recipe so you can prepare ahead of time. We’ll make soft, hot pretzels that will make your family and friends swoon! The class will last about 2 hours, and you’ll “leave” with pretzels you can eat. The only prep you need to do is have your ingredients ready, and the list is staple pantry stuff that you probably have on hand. No special equipment needed.

Head Over Heels! This iconic show opened 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!

QR code

HEAD OVER HEELS

FORT WAYNE PREMIERE!

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

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15 & 20, 21, 22
THU & SAT 8:00PM
SUN 6:30PM

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

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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.

Intergenerational Trick-Or-Treat – October 28, McKay Hall: Calling Boos and Ghouls of all ages! We need your help to make this year's Trick or Treat event the best yet! This fellowship event, organized by the Faith Formation Committee, is designed to build connections between God's beloved children of all ages and generations!

Instead of trick-or-treating out of our car trunks, we'll be inside, using the tables in McKay Hall, which means we need YOU! You have been challenged to decorate a table, pass out candy, and have a ton of fun! We will have a table decoration contest, a costume parade, a bounce house for the younger kids, and a cakewalk during the event! Please reserve your spot or let Carrie (cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org) know if you can volunteer to help! Children, grandchildren, nibblings, next-door neighbors, and friends are always invited!

Intergenerational Event
**TRICK
-OR-
TREAT**
Saturday, October 28
4-6PM in McKay Hall
**Your participation
would be fa-BOO-lous!**

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." Even if you haven't finished the book you can take part in the discussion. **THERE WILL BE NO DINNER.** Discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. in McKay Hall.

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.

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.

MISSIONS

St. Joseph's Mission: Fall is upon us and with it come thoughts of warm sweaters and comfort food. Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with the residents of St. Joseph's Mission Home on Monday, October 23rd? The sign up will be in the small dining room after worship today, and I am sure the ladies would like a treat for Halloween.

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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 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
- 11:15 am Sunday School, 210
- 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

MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 2023

- 11:50 am (OA), 304
- 1:30 pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00 pm Faith, Fibers, Fellowship, 302
- 6:30 pm Pretzels with Annie, ZM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2023

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, SR
- 11:00 am Count Team, FO
- 11:00 am Staff Worship Planning, SR

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2023

- 10:00 am Table Talk , ZM
- 10:30 am (Alzheimer’s Support Group), 304
- 10:35 am Day School Chapel
- 1:30 pm 3B Exercise Class
- 6:00 pm “Touchy Topics” Meal, MH
- 6:30 pm “Touchy Topics” Book Discussion, MH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19, 2023

- 9:30 am (Music Together), 208
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 5:30 pm Performing Arts Committee Meeting, 207
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2023

- 9:30 am Day School Music Class, MR
- 10:00 am Men’s Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00 pm Women’s Bible Study, ZM
- 7:00 pm “Head Over Heels” Performance, TH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2023

- 11:00 am Fright Night, CY
- 7:30 pm “Head Over Heels” Performance, TH

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2023

- 9:30 am Handbell Rehearsal, SB
- 9:30 am HeBrews, 300
- 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 11:00 am Worship Service, SC
- 11:00 am KLM Worship, CH
- 11:15 am Sunday School, 210
- 12:15 pm Artober Tour with Lunch, MH
- 12:15 pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15 pm KLM Fellowship
“45th Anniversary Celebration”, FH
- 12:30 pm KLM Steering Committee YR
- 2:00 pm “Head Over Heels” Performance, TH
- 2:00 pm William Wareham Memorial Service, CH
- 3:30 pm William Wareham Memorial Reception, MH

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

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