

OCTOBER 22, 2023  
11:00AM — SANCTUARY  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ and the Canaanite Woman, Annabale Carracci



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 29, 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** Tranquillo  
Andantino

C. Hubert H. Parry  
Harold E. Darke

**TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Seeking God's way, unsure of what lies ahead;

**Let the wisdom of God's word help us learn to love.**

Confronted by difficulty, stretched by possibility;

**Let the strength of God's faith help us grow in love.**

Challenged by setbacks, disconcerted or confused;

**Let the promise of God's grace help us persist in love.**

†**HYMN No. 343** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

†**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

The Apostle Paul writes, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think of yourself with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." In sober judgment and humility, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

## †PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are always present and active among your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## †ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: Our God makes a way where there is no way, infusing our world with grace and hope when such goodness feels long gone. We are a people redeemed and restored.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## †SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

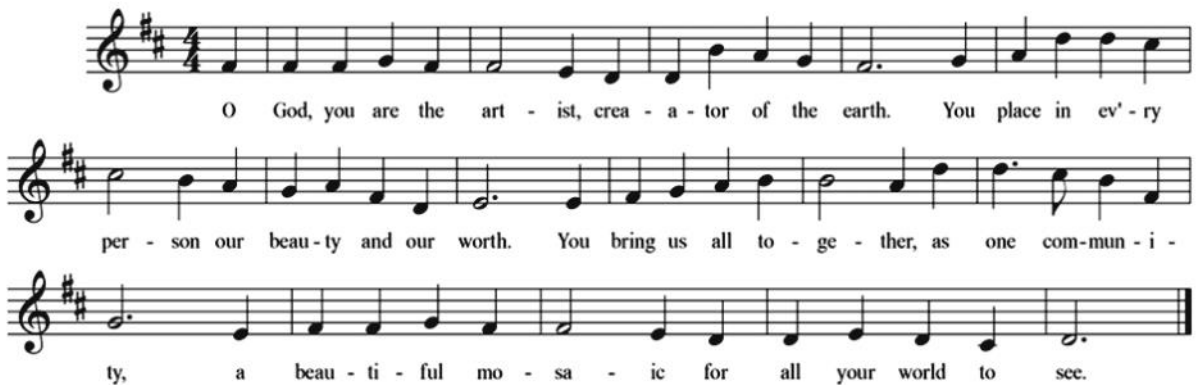
**And also with you.**

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 67

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Joachim Neander/Phil Mattson

*Chancel Choir*

*Open now thy gates of beauty, come thou also down to thine, here our souls find joyful duty, here on earth is heaven's kind. To our hearts, O enter thou, let them be thy temple now. Speak, O Lord, and we will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed. Draw near to us, may we undisturbed draw near to thee, while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows, here is balm for all our woes. Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is gladly sown. Let our souls where they are planted bring forth precious fruit alone. Grant that all our lives may be purest service, Lord, for thee.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 15:21-28

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

“Thoughts and Prayers: Prayers as Deeds of Compassion”

## 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, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.**

We are here to be reminded once more 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. 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

*Sung three times*

## 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 Celebration for a Festival

Bob Burroughs

*Handbell Choir*

†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

Generous God, whose love knows no boundaries, work in us to remove the limits of our love. Bless this offering, to feed those we reject as undeserving, and to comfort those we dismiss. Expand our love and our offering to see you in the world and to serve you in our lives. Amen.

## SENDING

†HYMN No. 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE Trumpet Allemande

Anthony Holborne

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Miles J. Davis  
by Philip R. Davis.

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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 Linnall

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

**Director of Music and Organist:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Assistant Organist:** Kathryn Miller

**Handbell Choir:** Kathy Beatty, Brooke Branyan, Quinton Davis, Annie Epling, Antoinette Lee, Gretchen Lee, Kathryn Miller, Joan Pattison, Scott Pattison, and Marcie Weissner

**Chancel Choir**

**Live Stream:** Dick Florea

**Sound:** Jeffrey Slater

## 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 22, 2023

# Introducing... **Art**tober

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

### FINE ART TOUR

TODAY - OCTOBER 22- 12:15PM

Our church has a magnificent fine art collection, and we would love to give you a docent-quality tour of the treasured collection in Preacher's Row, led by Terri and Michael Lindvall! Grab a cup of coffee and a cookie, and then meet us by the church office.

### "HEAD OVER HEELS"

TODAY - OCTOBER 22- 12:15PM

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 the door, and the last show is at 2PM today. Rated PG-13

### IMPROV SHENANIGANS

OCTOBER 25 - 6:30PM CHAPEL

Made famous by the likes of Gilda Radner and Bill Murray, come learn the art of "Yes, and!" with Carrie! This class for absolute beginners will stretch your brain muscles as we discover the art of creating in the moment. This class will not be physical, so players of all ages and abilities are encouraged to give yourself a chance. Come ready to giggle!

### HALLOWEEN ARTS

OCTOBER 28 - 4-6PM MCKAY HALL

In between laps around the trick-or-treating tables, join us for special arts projects with a Halloween theme! There will be a chance to decorate creepy cupcakes, design your own zany zombie, and other monstrously creative choices!

### 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

**Improv Shenanigans with Carrie – October 25, 6:30-8 PM:** Made famous by the hilarious folks of Second City in Chicago, “Whose Line Is It Anyways,” and “Reno-911,” improv comedy has the power to forget our worries amidst our giggles. Whether you want to improve your public speaking skills, meet new people, or have a great time, we’d love for you to say “yes, and…” to trying something new! Learning the foundations of improv with Pastor Carrie will equip you with valuable skills to help you live your best life. Or, at least, have some fun in the moment. No experience, skills, tools, or expectations are necessary. Just come, ready to giggle!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

Intergenerational Event

# TRICK -OR- TREAT



**Saturday, October 28  
4-6PM in McKay Hall**



**Your participation  
would be fa-BOO-lous!**

Please reserve your spot or let Carrie ([cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org)) know if you can volunteer to help! Children, grandchildren, nibblings, next-door neighbors, and friends are always invited!

## 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:** The Touchy Topics Book Club is continuing conversation, study, reading and learning about all those issues that we know we need to talk about, but that can be hard to discuss.

Join us in November when we read "This Is How It Always Is," a story about five year old Claude who wants to be a girl when he grows up and his family, who move across the country to keep Claude's secret until one day it explodes.

Touchy Topics meets Wednesday, November 15, 6:30-7:30. Cookies and coffee will be set out at 6:00 if you want to come early for a time of fellowship. You can find the book locally at Barnes and Noble, on Amazon, or the library. No need to RSVP.

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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 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, MH
- 12:15 pm Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15 pm KLM Fellowship  
"45th Anniversary Celebration", FH
- 2:00 pm "Head Over Heels" Performance, TH
- 2:30 pm William Wareham Memorial Service, CH
- 3:30 pm William Wareham Memorial Reception,  
MH

## MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 2023

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

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2023

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting, SR
- 11:00 am Count Team, FO
- 11:00 am Staff Worship Planning, SR
- 4:00 pm Building and Grounds  
Committee Meeting, SR
- 4:00 pm SCOC, 302
- 6:00 pm (PEO), PR

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2023

- 10:00 am Table Talk , ZM
- 10:35 am Day School Chapel, CH
- 1:30 pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 6:00 pm (Music Together), 208
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Class of 2023/24, SR
- 6:30 pm Improv Class with Carrie, CH

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 2023

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

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 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

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 28, 2023

- 4:00 pm Faith Formation Committee Trick or Treat, MH

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 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 Hospitality Time, MH
- 12:15 pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 1:00 pm Duo Rehearsal, SC
- 3:00 pm Music Series: Clarice and Sergio Assad Duo, SC
- 4:00 pm Music Series Reception, NX

### 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