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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres,

Like many of you I've been watching the news with a mixture of devastation, anguish and grief. As the Acting Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) said, "No words can describe the anguish and suffering of the people directly impacted by and caught up in the violence of these attacks. As we watch the recently declared war unfold, our hearts break for all whose loved ones have died, are wounded, missing, displaced, or taken hostage." During this time, may we lift our prayers for peace while remembering some of what we've heard during my current sermon series: that prayers need hands and feet, and acts of compassion, too.

If you're looking for an escape from the news, there are all sorts of things happening at the church this weekend. Head Over Heels is playing in the theater, the Ambassadors are passing out candy to Fright Night revelers on Saturday, our families will be together for a fun s'mores event, and Artober continues with a tour of the permanent art collection.

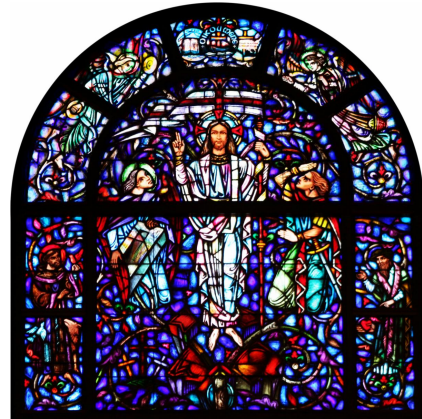
I hope to see you Sunday.

Shalom and salaam,
Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary, Rev. Annie Epling, Pastor 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 Rev. Youngsoo An preaching
- Live Stream via [Website](#), and [YouTube](#)

Bulletin

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

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

News & Events

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Stewardship 2024

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their pledge cards! Your pledges are vital for the continued growth and flourishing of our church and its ministries. They allow us to plan and budget for the year ahead, ensuring that we can maintain our worship services, support our outreach programs, and provide a welcoming and nurturing environment for all. Every contribution, no matter the size, is invaluable.

Pledges are still being accepted! Here's how to submit your pledge:

Online: [2024 Stewardship Online Giving Link](#)

Follow the simple steps to pledge securely.

In Person: Drop off your pledge card at the church office during office hours or worship.

By Mail: Mail your completed pledge card to the church.

Let's come together in unity and dedication, supporting our church's mission. Your pledge matters. Let's make a difference!

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

TRICK-OR-TREAT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
4-6PM IN MCKAY HALL



Fine & Performing Arts

FP Theater: It's the final weekend for HEAD OVER HEELS! 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 click the button below to purchase online. See you at the theater!

Online Tickets





Artober: During the month of October, the Fine Arts Ministry will be celebrating Arttober. There will be events showcasing the music of the church, the permanent art collection, the inner workings of the theatre, and “art” in general. The schedule is as follows with Sunday events held immediately after church:



- **October 22nd: Art Tour of permanent art collection** Join Michael and Terri Lindvall for a lively narrated tour of our permanent art collection immediately following worship this Sunday, October 22. The tour is part of our Arttober celebration of the Fine Arts at First Pres.
- **October 25: The Art of Improv 6:30 PM 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!

- **October 28th – Halloween Arts 4:00-6:00 PM 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!
- **October 29 Music Series Concert 3:00 PM:** The Clarice & Sergio Assad Duo is a Brazilian family jazz duo featuring voice and guitar in a variety of styles. This father and daughter combo have multiple recordings and Clarice is a Grammy-nominated composer. Together, they will present the highest level of music making with broad appeal to all tastes. The concert is free and open to the public. Listen to a past performance of the Assad Duo at the link below:

[Clarice & Sergio Assad Performance](#)

Clarice & Sérgio Assad Duo

*Brazilian Jazz Vocals, Samba,
Jazz Piano and Guitar*

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Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship: Fiber crafters meet on Mondays 3-5 pm (except holidays), in Room 302. Bring your own project to knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, weave, needlepoint, quilt, hem, etc. If you enjoy a beverage, be sure it has a secure lid!

Questions? Call Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639, or email her at marj.sapp@gmail.com, or contact Marcie Weissner at marcie5073@aol.com or by phone at 260-312-5733.

Fright Night 2023

Visit the First Pres Creepy Courtyard on Saturday, October 21, from 1:00-5:00 PM, part of Fright Night 2023! The biggest zombie of them all, a 12-foot-tall Grim Reaper, will be in his creepy courtyard for frightening photo opportunities! Candy will be shared with our creepy visitors!



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.

Memorial Service

The memorial service for William Wareham will be held on Sunday, October 22, at 2:30 PM at the church. A reception will immediately follow in McKay Hall.

In Memoriam

Sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Thena, who died on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Prayer List

- Cheryl Kirchner
- Mark Chasse
- Bob Jesse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Nancy Adams
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal

- Lou Brickman
- Joyce McGiffin
- Kasey Arvold
- Shannon Timmons

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