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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

It is Reformation Sunday as well as my last Sunday here with y'all in Fort Wayne! The two Bible stories we'll hear come from Leviticus and a reading from the Gospel of Matthew 22:34-46. These two readings coincide with one another. The reading from Matthew will be the main focus as it is Jesus answering a challenging question in Jerusalem. These passages are classics, and I will be discussing the continuation of the sermon series Pastor Annie started, with this week's focus being on *Prayer as Labor*. We will also be discussing the two greatest commandments, some early Reformation scholars, and a challenge I will give y'all at the end. This Residency has been a

wonderful experience to be able to come here, learn under this wonderful staff, grow in faith alongside you all, and become equipped to take on the same challenge I will give you in the sermon.

If you are ever missing me or wondering how I am doing, then please feel free to reach out. Remember that I am never too far away. My new email is maxwell@cherawfpc.org, so feel free to reach out and check in from time to time if you want to know what I am up to.

I look forward to delivering my last message to y'all this upcoming Sunday!
See you in Church!

Max

Reception for Pastor Max

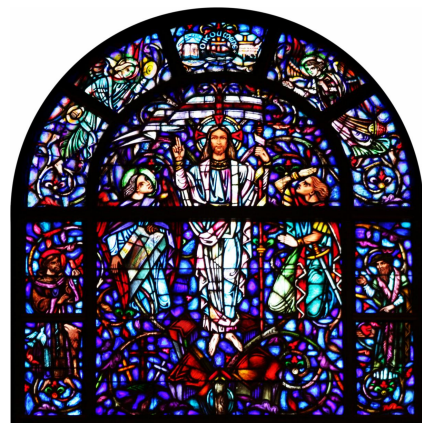


Please join us for a special farewell reception for Pastor Max immediately following worship on Sunday in McKay Hall. Cake and punch will be served, and a basket will be available for those who would like to share cards and notes. Let's send Pastor Max off with love and appreciation for his time and effort at First Pres!

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary, Rev. Max Michaels, Resident 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

Event Calendar

Weekly Announcements

Stewardship 2024

Stewardship 2024 supports the work and mission of First Presbyterian Church, including:

- Welcome and engage the Fort Wayne Community and beyond
- Seek to glorify God through worship and all ministries
- Provide meaningful Christian faith formation, education and fellowship opportunities
- Enrich our faith through the arts
- Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for those in need as commanded by Jesus Christ
- Sustain the integrity of the building and grounds so that we can fulfill our mission

The Session and the Finance Committee have begun planning and budgeting for 2024. The Stewardship 2024 campaign has to date raised \$463,983.00. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please prayerfully consider making a pledge, helping to ensure 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! Stewardship 2024 informational brochures, pledge cards, and return envelopes are available in the Narthex.

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.

First Presbyterian Church exists for the purpose of transforming lives through the love of Jesus Christ. Together, we are fulfilling a future of hope for current generations and beyond. Your pledge matters!



Grace & Gratitude

Join the 30 Days of Grace and Gratitude Facebook Group:

Are you ready to embark on a transformative journey of gratitude and grace? Join us in the "30 Days of Grace and Gratitude" Facebook group,

where we will explore the incredible power of thankfulness and the beauty of grace in our lives. What to Expect:



- **When:** Starting November 1st for 30 days
- **Why:** To cultivate gratitude and experience the grace that surrounds us.

In Our Group, You Will:

- **Receive Daily Gratitude Prompts:** Each day, we'll share prompts to help you discover moments of grace in your life and express gratitude.

- **Connect and Share:** Engage with a community of like-minded individuals who are on this journey with you. Share your insights, reflections, and stories.
- **Support and Encouragement:** Find support and encouragement from fellow group members as we all navigate the challenges and joys of practicing gratitude.

How to Join:

- Click this link: [Grace and Gratitude | Facebook](#)
- Click "Join Group."
- Get ready to begin your 30-day journey with us!

This group is open to everyone who is eager to explore gratitude and grace in their lives. We believe that the practice of gratitude can bring about profound positive changes, and we're excited to have you on board.

Touchy Topics Book Club

New Book: 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.



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

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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OCTOBER 29, 2023

Auditions November 5: Open auditions for FPT's production of **ALMOST MAINE** will be held on Sunday, November 5, from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM! The show will be directed by our own Todd Sandman Cruz! Only a few time slots remain, so click the button below to read character breakdowns, sides, and sign up for an audition time!

Audition Sign Up

Opens January 26, 2024

ALMOST

MAINE

A REAL ROMANTIC COMEDY

BY JOHN CARIANI

Directed by Todd Sandman Cruz



First Pres
THEATER

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.

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.

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Nancy Adams
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Kasey Arvold
- Shannon Timmons
- Scott Pattison

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