

NOVEMBER 5, 2023
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
11:00AM — SANCTUARY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET



WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us today! We hope you'll return for Sunday, November 12, 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.)

-Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner, and Rev. Ann Pitman

†*Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

PRELUDE Reflection
Solemn Procession

Calvin Hampton
Thomas Pavlechko

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

“Let there be light!”

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

“I am the Light of the world.”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

The ones in whom God’s light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

And let us worship God.

†HYMN NO. 326 For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

†CALL TO CONFESSION

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the one true God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done and pray for God’s forgiveness and grace.

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don’t share with anyone but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A time of silence

†ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! **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 NO. 37 Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE



Let all things now liv - ing a song of_ thanks - giv - ing to God our Cre - a - tor tri -
um - phant - ly raise; who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed_ and stayed us, by guid - ing us
on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us, a
pil - lar of_ fire shin - ing forth in the night: till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness
ban - ished, as for - ward we__ trav - el from light in - to light.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM The Souls of the Righteous

Thomas Pavlechko

Chancel Choir

The souls of the Righteous are in the hand of God, there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, but they are in peace. Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi. (Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.) Dona eis requiem. Requiescant in pacem. (Grant them your eternal rest. Your everlasting rest in peace.)

GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-45

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "An All Saints Day Sermon"

Rev. Dr. Anne Bain Epling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†**HYMN NO. 321** The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Souls of the Righteous

T. Tertius Noble

Chancel Choir

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh, O holy hope of immortality, souls of the righteous in the hand of God.

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, to eyes of men unwise they seem to die, they are at peace, O fairest liberty, souls of the righteous in the hand of God.

On earth as children chastened by Love's rod, as gold in furnace tried, so now on high they shine like stars, a golden galaxy, souls of the righteous in the hand of God.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT 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.

REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES

Jerry Winters

Gary Bock

Rem Johnston

Lois McInnis

Don Bomser

Hilda Seybert

Patty Griest

Peter Fettig

Marilyn Snyder

Ed McGiffin

Bill Wareham

Margaret Thena

Margaret Schmidt

Rev. Richard Hutchison

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC *Requiem aeternam*

Calvin Hampton

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

†HYMN NO. 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE *Chorale Prelude on For All the Saints*

Robert A. Hobby

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Niles and Sandra Niles
by Mr. and Mrs. Todd Richard Burris

MEMORIAL CHAPEL COLUMBARIUM FLOWERS

The flowers in the columbarium are given by Gil Perry
in memory of all the Saints at rest there

SPECIAL NOTE

The Memorial Chapel Columbarium is open for all those who would like to visit and remember loved ones there after our worship service.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Ron Kohart and Steve Weissner

Ushers: Eric Evans, Dave Beer, Anita Wolfe, Linda Yount

Communion Preparers: Anne Barnett, Maggie Kinder, Matt Morley, Anita Wolfe

Communion Servers: Vernell Fettig, Maggie Kinder, Terri Lindvall, Scott McMeen, Tom Mettler, Matt Morley

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir: **Soprano:** Irene Ator, Susan Dorion, Slate Egolf, Liz Graham, Antoinette Lee, Gretchen Lee, Ellis Pedersen, Sandy Shearer; **Alto:** Angela Green, Joan Kern, Jane McGeehan, Mary Jane Ormerod, Cassandra Petrie, Carol Rhudy, Jill Therrien, Mary Winters; **Tenor:** Jude Balthazar, Quinton Davis, Marj Sapp; **Bass:** David Beer, Scott McMeen, Jim Mergenthal, and Kip Ormerod

Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

Sound Board Operator: Jeff Slater

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2023

STEWARDSHIP

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 art
- * 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:

- * 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, and we are grateful!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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.

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!

Please note: Because today's worship includes the sacrament of Communion, children are encouraged to remain for the entire service. There is no Sunday School today.

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Music Series Concert, Nov. 12, 4:00pm: On November 12th, Clara Gerdes Bartz will play an organ recital as a part of the Music Series. Clara was the First Prize winner in the 2022 National Organ Playing Competition and is considered to be one of the foremost young organists of our time. She will be playing works by Bach, Dupré, Duruflé, Karg-Elert and Julius Reubke. Her compelling playing will have you spell-bound and a screen will be at the front of the church so that you can see what is happening upstairs. Come for a fabulous afternoon of music!

Ocean of Influences Gallery Exhibit Opens November 17: Join us for the opening reception of "Ocean of Influences," featuring the work of Sayaka Ganz and Gbenga Adeku at the FPC Art Gallery on Friday, November 17, from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Sayaka Ganz of Fort Wayne, IN, is a Japanese sculptor. She was born in Yokohama, Japan and grew up living in Japan, Brazil, and Hong Kong. Sayaka identifies a strong Japanese influence in her work. Using reclaimed metal and plastic objects, Sayaka's recent sculptures depict animals in motion with rich colors and energy. She describes her style as "3D impressionism", creating an illusion of form using plastic objects as brush strokes that become visible upon observation from close proximity.

Gbenga Adeku of Osun State, Nigeria, grew up an apprentice at his father's Olokun art gallery and studio, mastering traditional printmaking and painting, and eventually training in sculpture and graphic art. He is an award winning upcycle artist and is currently on apprenticeship with Sayaka Ganz in Fort Wayne.

FELLOWSHIP

30 Days of Grace and Gratitude Group: Are you ready to embark on a transformative journey of gratitude and grace? Join Pastor Annie 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. Each day, a prompt will be posted, giving us all a chance to share (either written out or held silently in our hearts,) what we are grateful for. The only "rule" for the group is the Golden Rule: do unto others as you would have them do unto you. You can comment on the prompts as often or as little you'd like.

The group began on November 1, but it's not too late to join in! Please reach out to any of the pastors or scan the QR code to join.



Monthly Dinner Groups, Monday, Nov. 13: Jesus forged connections every time he broke bread with his disciples, his friends, and strangers he met along the way. We invite you to find your own connections, through the sharing of a meal, at any of our three monthly dinner groups.

While we label them by location, all groups are open to members, visitors, and friends, regardless of your side of town.

- **North Dinner Group:** Call me, but don't call me late for dinner! Be sure to join the North Dinner Group 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) at 5:30pm. No RSVP necessary; just come hungry. We look forward to fellowship with you!
- **Downtown Dinner Group:** It's that time again! Dinner Time! The Downtown Dinner Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Shigs N Pit (536 W. Main 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!

Touchy Topics Book Club, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6:30pm: Our monthly book club continues conversation, study, reading and learning about all those issues that we know we need to talk about, but can be hard to discuss.

Join us this month as we join together to discuss "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. While we highly recommend this book in its entirety, completing it is not required for our discussion.

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.

Join Us for a Bountiful Thanksgiving Meal! Sunday, Nov. 19, after Worship: As we approach the season of gratitude and reflection, we invite you to come together in the spirit of Thanksgiving. We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to our annual KLM/English Thanksgiving Meal, which will take place on November 19, immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service in McKay Hall.

This is a special occasion for our church family to gather, share blessings, and create cherished memories. We encourage you to be part of this wonderful tradition as we express our thanks for the abundance of love, faith, and togetherness that enrich our lives.

Trans Day of Remembrance 2023 – Monday, Nov. 20, 6:30pm: Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. TDOR was started in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998.

In honor of those in our church, our community, and the world who suffer or love someone who does, a special prayer and candle-lighting service will be held on the evening of the 20th at 6:30 PM in McMillan Chapel. Prayers, scripture, and stories from and for the trans community will be shared. All are welcome. Please contact Pastor Carrie with any questions.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

Faith, Fibers & Fellowship — Mondays, 3:00pm: FFF meets every Monday from 3:00pm-5:00pm, on the third floor, in Room 302. All fiber crafters are welcome to bring their own projects. There are just two "rules"...no ink and all beverages must have lids. If you have questions, please contact Marj Sapp (260-413-2639) or Marcie Weissner (260-312-5733)

Wired Word — Sundays, 10:00am: Wired Word, a discussion class based on current news articles, meets most Sundays at 10:00am in the 2nd floor parlor. Each week, a new topic is discussed through the lens of our faith. How should we react? What can we do? What should we do? This fascinating program is easy to jump in when you can, without feeling like you've missed too many times to follow along. Come join us!

SPECIAL THANKS

Trick-Or-Treating was truly fa*BOO*lous: The Faith Formation Committee would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who attended, volunteered, and shared our event with friends and family. We had over 300 folks, mostly from the greater Fort Wayne community, join us for a wonderful afternoon of fun and festivities!

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Hearing Loop: To use the "Hearing Loop" during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the "T," T-Coil or telephone position. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling
Clergy: Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner, Rev. Ann Pitman
Treasurer: Steve Weissner
Clerk of Session: Luci Foltz Assistant Clerk: Denise Davis

<u>CLASS OF 2024</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2025</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2026</u>
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HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK!

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am — 5:00pm and Fridays, 9:00am — 12:00pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 — ALL SAINTS DAY!

- 9:30am HeBrews, 209/212
- 10:00am The Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 10:30am Childcare, NR
- 11:00am English Worship Service, Communion, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, Communion, CH
- 12:15pm Hospitality Time, MH/E
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 5:00pm “Almost Maine” Open Auditions, TH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH/W
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers & Fellowship, Rm 302
- 7:30pm Faith Fellowship Committee Mtg, ZM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, SR
- 11:00am Counter Team, FO
- 11:05am Staff Worship Planning, SR
- 5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting, SR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

- 9:10am Concordia Lutheran HS Tour, SC, CH
- 10:00am Table Talk, ZM
- 10:30am Day School Chapel Time, CH
- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH/W

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, Rm 201
- 6:30pm Choir Social Time, PR
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

- 10:00am Men’s Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00pm Women’s Bible Study, ZM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023—VETERANS DAY

No events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

- 9:30am HeBrews, 209/212
- 10:00am The Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 10:30am Childcare, NR
- 11:00am English Worship Service, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
- 11:15am Sunday School, Rm 208
- 12:15pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 12:30pm Green Team Meeting, SR
- 4:00pm Music Series Concert, SC
- 5:00pm Music Series Reception, NX

ROOM ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chapel	MH/E	McKay Hall East	SDR	Small Dining Room
CL	Chapel Lounge	MH/W	McKay Hall West	SM/O	Stephen Ministry Office
CN	Chapel Narthex	MR	Music Room	SR	Session Room
CY	Courtyard	NP	North Parking Lot	TH	Theater
FH	Fellowship Hall	NX	Narthex	YL	Youth Lounge
FO	Front Office	NR	Nursery	ZM	Zoom
GL	Gallery	OS	Offsite		
KT	Kitchen	PR	Parlor		
MF	McKay Foyer	SB	Sanctuary Balcony		
MH	McKay Hall	SC	Sanctuary		