

March 10 , 2024
4th Sunday of Lent
11:00am — Sanctuary



“Created to Create” doodle by Shanna Noel of Illustrated Faith

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEST WAYNE STREET



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Thank you for joining us today! We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Please join us in the art gallery after worship for coffee, cookies, and punch as we celebrate our current gallery show, "Of Light and Liberty" by Lee Rainboth. Just follow the crowd, and you cannot miss it! Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through in-person connections. We're glad you're here!

-Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her)
Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (he/him), and Rev. Ann Pitman (she/her)

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The Anthem Hymn text was written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.*

Please put away and silence your cellphone as you enter this worship space.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

Prelude

It Is a Thing Most Wonderful
Drop, Drop Slow Tears
Jesu Grant Me This I Pray

Bob Chilcott

Tolling of the Hour

Call to Worship

Your life has creative purpose. You were created to create by the Almighty Lord above.
God chose us for a special task, calling us into service with creation.

You have each been given special gifts: voices, hands, hearts, minds.
Whatever happens in life, know this – we are created for a purpose!

So, we say it once again with joy:
God chose us for a special task, calling us into service with creation.
Our life has creative purpose. We were created to create!
Let us worship God!

***Call to Confession**

Perhaps we have spoken words which harm another. It may be we have failed to honor another of God's children. Maybe we have let our fears, our worries, our desires come between us and God. Whatever we might have done, God waits to listen to us and offers us grace and healing. Join me as we pray together.

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord of the Way, you said that where you are, your servants will be. We confess that we would prefer you to come with us, rather than for us to go with you. Too often you are found in places we would rather avoid, with people we are afraid of, doing things we wish you wouldn't. Forgive our inward vision, and call us to your side once again. Give us courage to follow where you lead, to bring others along on the journey, and to live as people filled with your grace, your hope, your truth, your life. We pray in the name of the One who was obedient even to the cross, and beyond to the empty tomb, Jesus the Christ.

(Time for silent prayer)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

In every wilderness, on every road; in every moment, in every life; in every journey, in every heart, we receive the daily bread we need – God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

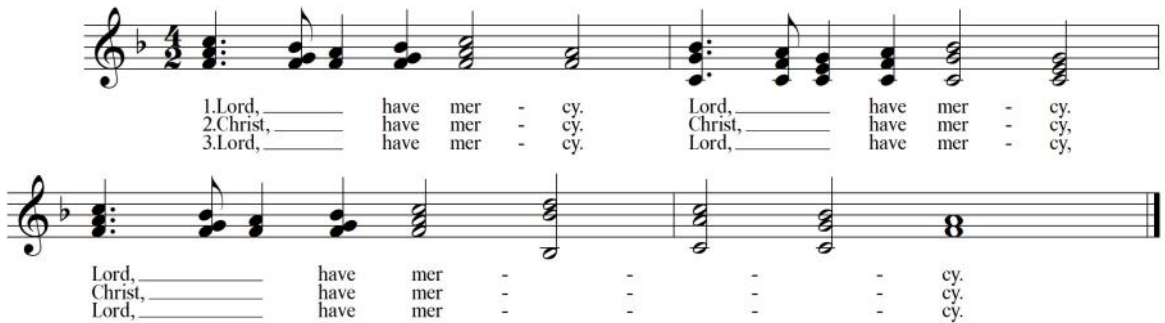
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.

***Responsive Hymn No. 579 Lord, Have Mercy**

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)



1. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
2. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
3. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

HEARING THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 35:4-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem An Artist Had a Vision

Samuel S. Wesley/Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

An artist had a vision, both beautiful and good. He'd make a lovely mural to grace his neighborhood. He'd make it out of pieces of broken glass and tile. He'd put them all together and see his neighbors smile. He gently chose the pieces; he loved each little one. Their textures and their corners caught sparkles in the sun. The reds and blues and yellows, pastels and many more, together, brought such beauty where none had been before. O God, you are the artist, creator of the earth. You place in every person our beauty and our worth. You bring us all together, as one community, a beautiful mosaic for all your world to see.

Old Testament Reading, Continued

Exodus 35:22-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Enriching our Faith Through the Arts"

Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Introduction and Unveiling of the Little Art Gallery

Dedication of the Little Art Gallery

During the prayer of dedication, you will hear the leader say “We are created in God’s image. Please reply with **“We are created to create.”**”

***Affirmation of Faith** *From the “Fine Arts Ministry Program Statement,” adopted in 2021*
First Presbyterian Church Fort Wayne has been blessed by God and its members to support, sustain, and inspire all, whether churched or unchurched, believer or skeptic, through the spiritual gifts of music, visual, and performing arts.

We are committed to growing a Fine Arts Ministry that is collaborative, inclusive, and interactive. Through this ministry, First Presbyterian Church seeks to honor and glorify God the Creator. Made in the image of God, we affirm and commit to being co-creators, celebrating creativity and inspiration as we work towards Shalom.

For we believe: “Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” and do them all for the Glory of God. Amen.

***Hymn No. 410** God Is Calling Through the Whisper

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Announcements

Prayers of the People 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

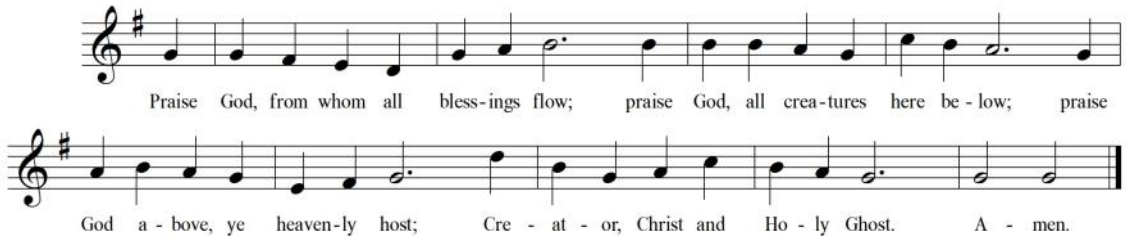
Offertory Unruly Heart

Chad Beguelin, Matthew Sklar

Members of the cast from “The Prom”

During the offering, you are invited to come forward and place your butterflies on the Little Art Gallery as a contribution to this new fine arts program.

***Responsive Hymn No. 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn No. 611** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

***Benediction** From “A Prayer for the Artists” by Rev. David Wade

***Postlude** Tuba Tune in D Major

Craig Seller Lang

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of William Linville by Jean Linville

ENRICHING YOUR CREATIVE FAITH THIS LENT

If you would like to continue developing your co-creative spiritual gifts, or know someone who would like to participate in this congregation-wide art project, please pick up any leftover butterflies from the Narthex table.

Before beginning your work, take a moment to pray for your hands, the paper, markers, and the finished work of art, asking for hope, joy, and creativity.

Please return your completed butterflies to Carrie on or before Palm Sunday.

Assisting with Worship this Morning

Pastors: Rev. Carrie Winebrenner, Rev. Dr. Anne Epling

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Steve Weissner, Heidi Schulenberg

Ushers: Dan Serban, Anne Barnett, Jack Patton, David Beer

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

Sound Board Operator: Jeff Slater

MINISTRIES FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES



Join us for Sunday School with Miss Rachel and Friends! We'll all start in worship together, and then head to our SS room as a group. We hope you'll join us for a lesson, craft, and, of course...Bible Bucks! YAY! Grown-ups, please pick your children up after worship.



NURSERY AVAILABLE

FOR CHILDREN 6MO - 5YRS

Jesus loves the little children, and we do, too! But should you decide that today would be a good time to explore the nursery, your child is always invited to drop in. Ask an usher for assistance.



Please return after church,
so it's there next week!

Worship isn't always easy for little hands and minds to focus, so you are invited to "check out" a fidget toy-filled Busy Bag or a book from our Littles' Library, located in the narthex!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 10, 2024

- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
- 11:00am KLM Worship, CH
- 11:00am Sunday School, 210
- 12:00pm Congregational Art Opening, GL
- 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 2:00pm "The Prom" Performance, TH

Monday, March 11, 2024

- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302
- Various Monthly Dinner Groups, OS

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

- 10:00am Staff Team Meeting, SR

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

- 10:00am Table Talk, ZM
- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 6:00pm LENT Series, MH

Thursday, March 14, 2024

- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, SB
- 6:30pm Choir Social Gathering, PR
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

Friday, March 15, 2024

- 10:00pm Men's Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM
- 7:30pm "The Prom" Performance, TH

Saturday, March 16, 2024

- 7:30pm "The Prom" Performance, TH

Sunday, March 17, 2024

- 9:15am Small Group Bible Study, MF
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, SB
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
- 11:00am KLM Worship, CH
- 11:00am Sunday School, 210
- 12:00pm English Fellowship, MH
- 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 12:30pm Green Team Meeting, SR
- 2:00pm "The Prom" Performance, TH
- 4:15pm Serving Meal at Mission, Offsite

Campus Room Abbreviations

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