

Friday, March 22, 2024



This Week @FirstPresFW

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Music Director's Note



Dear Friends,

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey with everyone throwing down their robes and shouting “Hosanna”, the chant, “Crucify” was soon on their lips. On Sunday, you will have the opportunity to gather in the courtyard (or McKay Hall depending on the weather) to hear the account of the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. And there will be palm branches to wave as we enter the Sanctuary singing *All Glory Laud and Honor*. As we celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday with liturgy, the waving of palms, and majestic hymns, we will hear the importance of this day as it begins this holiest of weeks.

Then on Thursday, we celebrate the last supper in the Chapel with communion, readings, handwashing, and hymns to help us understand the anguish and suffering of the cross. And on Good Friday, we will gather for a moving service of readings, a little music, and austere silence as we contemplate the death of our Lord Jesus Christ and what it means for our lives both now and forever.

While God loved us so much to go through the agonies of the cross, the even bigger miracle is the resurrection three days later. A miracle that only God can do! After contemplating the entirety of Holy Week both together at the services and at home by ourselves, we will gather on Easter Sunday to celebrate our Risen Lord. This festival service will have glorious music provided by brass, choirs, organ, readings, and messages of our hope in the resurrection.

As we anticipate the arrival of Holy Week, please do read the accounts of the Triumphal Entry, the Last Supper, Jesus' Death, and Resurrection as your heart's preparation. And please come to the services to celebrate the most meaningful of weeks together. While I dearly love celebrating Christmas, Holy Week is my favorite because it commemorates how we can know God and, as the hymn *There Is a Green Hill Far Away* says, "He died to make us good." The hope, the joy, and the comfort this gives makes life worth living as we serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

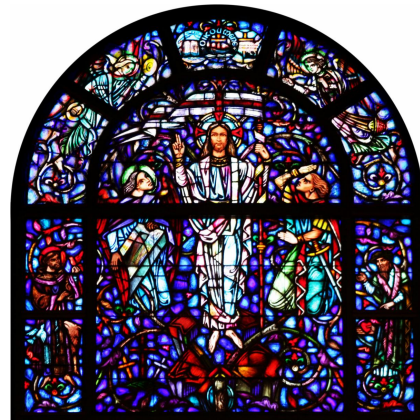
May we have a meaningful Holy Week together propelling us to serve God and to show true love to all we meet.

Brent Neuenschwander
Director of Music Ministries & Organist

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Annie Epling 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. Dr. 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

Lent 2024




Join us as we celebrate Easter! Two very special Easter services will be held at 8:00 AM in the Chapel and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. The second service will have a Festival prelude beginning at 10:45 AM and include choir, brass and organ. Please note the livestream will be available during the 11:00 AM service

only.

Holy Week Services:

- **Palm Sunday, March 24, 11:00 AM:** Join us for this festive service that will include the palm procession beginning outside in the Courtyard, weather permitting.
- **Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM in the Chapel:** Includes communion.
- **Good Friday, March 29, 12:00 PM in the Chapel.**
- **Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00 AM Chapel Service and 11:00 AM worship in the Sanctuary with choir, brass and organ.**

Seeking the heart of GOD

in the  of the City

Easter Worship

8:00 & 11:00 am

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Seeking the Heart of God in the Heart of the City Week Five: The Lent series “Seeking the Heart of God in the Heart of the City 2.0” concluded on Wednesday, March 20, when we finished our series with our **Brainstorming Session, “What Do We Do with What We’ve Heard?”**.



Lively discussions in several small groups yielded many wonderful ideas and suggestions on how to take what we have learned about Wellspring, the downtown Fort Wayne community, South Side High School, and the local arts scene and apply it to the mission of First Pres. Thank you to the many who attended and lent their voice to the discussion!

Easter Music — Deadline is Sunday, March 24, 2024: On Easter Sunday, the 11:00am Festival Service with choir and organ will be enhanced by five brass players and timpani as we celebrate the Resurrection. The cost for the brass and percussion players is funded solely by donations; we depend on your generosity to make this happen each year. Please consider giving any amount not only in memory of friends and loved ones but also in honor of those who mean the most to you. This is a wonderful tribute to those who continuously carry out the work of our great God and gives appreciation for their efforts, time, and talents during this important church season. Thank you for your generosity to make

the Easter music beautiful, grand, and festive.

Easter Flowers — Deadline is Sunday, March 24, 2024: The flowers for Easter are made possible through monetary gifts given in loving memory of family and friends. Memorialized names, with the names of the donors, will appear in the Easter worship bulletin.

To donate to either the music, flowers or both, please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church (memo line: Chancel Guild – Easter Music or Easter Flowers) and mail to First Presbyterian Church, 300 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 or online at: www.firstpresfortwayne.org. Please have your contribution in by March 24, 2024, to be listed in the Easter bulletin. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Children, Youth & Families: Calling all kids! Grab your basket and join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM on Easter morning! We will kick everything off in McKay Hall, with designated search areas for similar age groups. NEW for 2024! For our hunters in the 4th – 12th grades, we will go on an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt throughout the entire building! Pastor Carrie will break us all into teams (so bring friends to help!) and you'll receive your first clue in McKay Hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT

10am on Easter Sunday
Bring Your Easter Basket



Missions

Hands On Fort Wayne: We are two weeks away from Hands On Fort Wayne! Bill Patterson will be in the



Narthex this Sunday with sign-up sheets, and ready to answer questions about the projects! Here's the details:

On April 7, the Sunday after Easter, we as a congregation will go out into the community together and share the good news of Christ through our actions—serving hands-on in a variety of settings with many of our community

partners. The Missions Committee has prepared several activities for this special project!

Here is a list of the who, what, and where we will be serving:

Off-site:

- **Little Free Libraries – Refilling the 20 or so libraries within a few miles of First Pres**
- **Wellspring on Broadway – Outdoor Spring clean-up and landscaping**
- **East Wayne Street Center – Spring clean-up and painting**
- **Moody Park in West Central – Outdoor Spring clean-up and landscaping**
- **St. Joseph's Women's Shelter on Lake Ave. – Spring Cleaning and landscaping**
- **Fire Station #1 Downtown – Showing appreciation (dinner, etc.) for our first responders**
- **The Towne House Retirement Community (St. Joe Center Rd) – Visiting members of our congregation and possibly other residents to share fellowship and maybe music**

At First Pres:

- **Preparing sack lunches for all our volunteers to take with them to off-site projects**
- **Helping with intake of contributions to the Green Team's E-recycling bins**
- **Assembling "Gift of the Heart" bags for the Schools Team to distribute to the schools we serve**
- **Writing Letters to support our Missions Co-Workers in Latin America, Taiwan & the Middle East**
- **Writing Letters of appreciation to staff at Washington and South Wayne Elementary Schools**
- **Writing Letters with KLM to residents of a refugee orphanage in South Korea**

Sign-up sheets are now available in the Narthex for all volunteer activities! You may also sign up online at this link:

[Hands On Fort Wayne Project Sign Up](#)

Thank you to all who have signed up so far!

Social Justice Team- Join your fellow parishioners for donuts and care packages: First Presbyterian and Plymouth Congregational Church are co-hosting a care package assembly event to assist women recovering from abortions. Please drop in any time to make a few packages, enjoy conversation, coffee, and refreshments.

When: March 23rd 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where: Plymouth Congregational Church Folsom Room

If you have questions or are not able to attend but would still like to help, please contact Beth Iserman at bdiserman@gmail.com.

Fine Arts

MAD2 Camp Registration Now Open: That's right! Our registration is now OPEN for this summer's MAD2 Camp, and we are so, so excited to welcome you all back to First Pres! Pastor Carrie has been wearing her top hat, eating all the chocolate, and dreaming, scheming, and meeting to make our FOURTH camp the absolute sweetest yet!

We hope you'll be joining us for First Pres MAD2 Camp, June 3-7, 2024!

Camp Schedule:

Monday - Friday 8:15AM-12:30PM

Friday Camper Call for Showcase 6:30PM

Friday Showcase and Reception at 7PM

\$60 for one child

\$80 for two siblings

\$100 for three siblings

All campers must live in the same household.

Scholarships are available! Please email Pastor Carrie for details. Spaces are limited to the first 100 campers to register, so register soon!

Questions? Pastor Carrie is always eager to help!

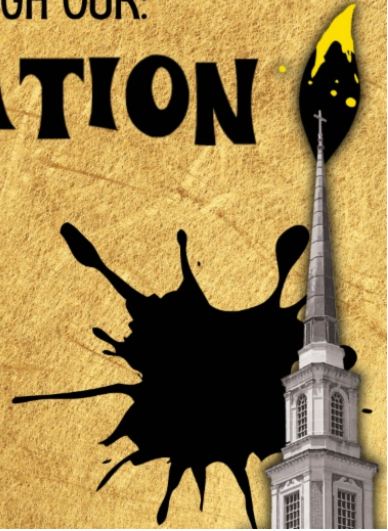
Email: cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org Office: 260-426-7421 x112.

MAD2 CAMP

EXPERIENCE THE ARTS THROUGH OUR:
PURE IMAGINATION

JUNE 3---7, 2024

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
SPACES ARE LIMITED!



New Gallery Exhibit Opens April 5: Cara Wade, Professor of Photography and Digital Imaging at the University of Saint Francis, will exhibit her photo series, *Legacy*, inspired by the struggle she saw both of her grandmothers go through while struggling to retain their dignity and memory as they battled Alzheimer's Disease. *Simplicity* consists of photographs and original haiku by co-authors, Jim Gabbard, Museum Director, of the Garrett Museum of Art, and Angela Green, Gallery Coordinator, also of the Garrett Museum of Art.

Everyone is invited to an opening reception to be held on Friday, April 5, from 5:30-7:00 PM.

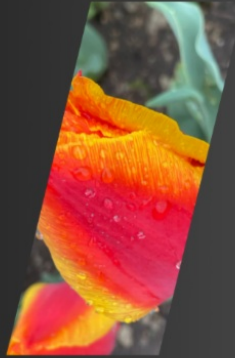
Legacy + Simplicity

April 5 - May 22

First Pres Art Gallery, Fort Wayne



Cara Wade



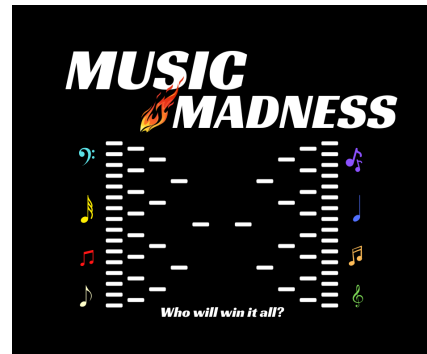
Angela Green



Jim Gabbard

Music Madness: We're down to the elite eight hymns! The March Music Madness Bracket in the Narthex has been updated, and you may vote for 4 of them. Our eight finalists are:

- How Great Thou Art
- Be Still, My Soul
- All Things Bright and Beautiful
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Be Thou My Vision
- For the Beauty of the Earth
- Great is Thy Faithfulness
- Holy, Holy, Holy



Voting continues to be close!! Cast your votes for this round by Sunday, March 24! We will continue through Easter with the winner announced on April 14th. Thank you to everyone who entered hymns and now may the best hymns move forward!

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Betty Dew
- Jim Mergenthal

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