

Friday, March 29, 2024



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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

It's Easter, and this year more than ever I need to hear the message that hope overcomes despair, love conquers hate, and justice will prevail. So let us proclaim from the top of our lungs that *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!* Because this is the hope-filled message our

world needs to hear.

Our worship on Sunday will be glorious whether you come at 8:00 or 11:00. At 8:00 worship will be in the Chapel. At 11:00, we'll be in the sanctuary (and via livestream) and the music will include the Chancel Choir and full brass ensemble. I'll be preaching at both services. There will be an egg hunt for children

and teens at 10:00, and coffee and pastries will be in McKay Hall starting at 9:00.

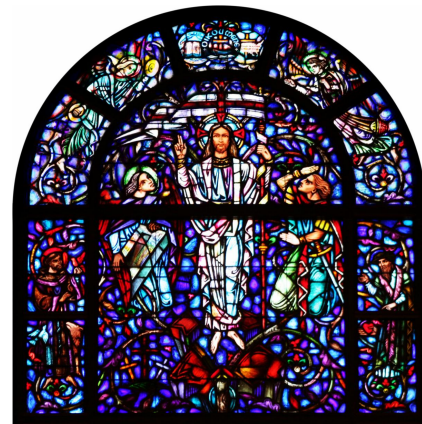
Friends, whether you come to church every week or only occasionally, or maybe you rarely come, Easter is for you. And it is for all of us who need to hear that every change, every sorrow, every hope, and every farewell we experience is held in the arms of the risen Christ. Like the first disciples we might doubt, stumble, flee, and fall. But like the Christ of the empty tomb, we will also rise. This is the promise of resurrection.

I hope you'll join us Sunday.
Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 8:00 AM in the Chapel & 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](#)

Easter 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.



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 only ONE week away from our first ever *Hands on Fort Wayne!* It's not too late to sign up! There is something for everyone! *A t-shirt will be provided! Please dress to work! Worship will be short and casual!*

On-site help is particularly needed:

- 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 available in the small dining room for all volunteer activities! You may also sign up online at this link:

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!

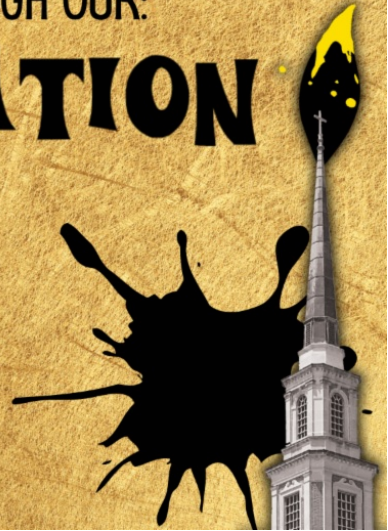
Email: cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org Office: 260-426-7421 x112.

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.

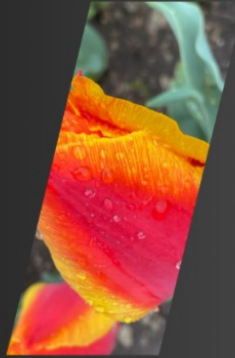
Legacy + Simplicity

April 5 - May 22

First Pres Art Gallery, Fort Wayne



Cara Wade



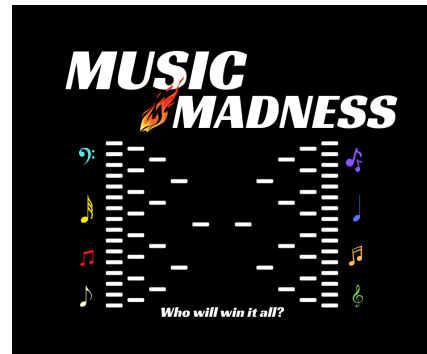
Angela Green



Jim Gabbard

Music Madness: We're down to the final four! The March Music Madness Bracket in the Narthex has been updated, and you may vote for 2 of them. Our four finalists are:

- How Great Thou Art
- Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
- Be Thou My Vision
- Great is Thy Faithfulness



Cast your votes for this round by Easter Sunday, March 31! Two winners will be announced on April 14th. Thank you to everyone who entered hymns and now may the best hymns win!

Fellowship

North Dinner Group: Call me, but don't call me late for dinner! Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30 pm, location is Don Hall's Factory. 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) on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30pm. 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 pm on Monday, April 8,

2024, at the Gas House. 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!

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!](#)