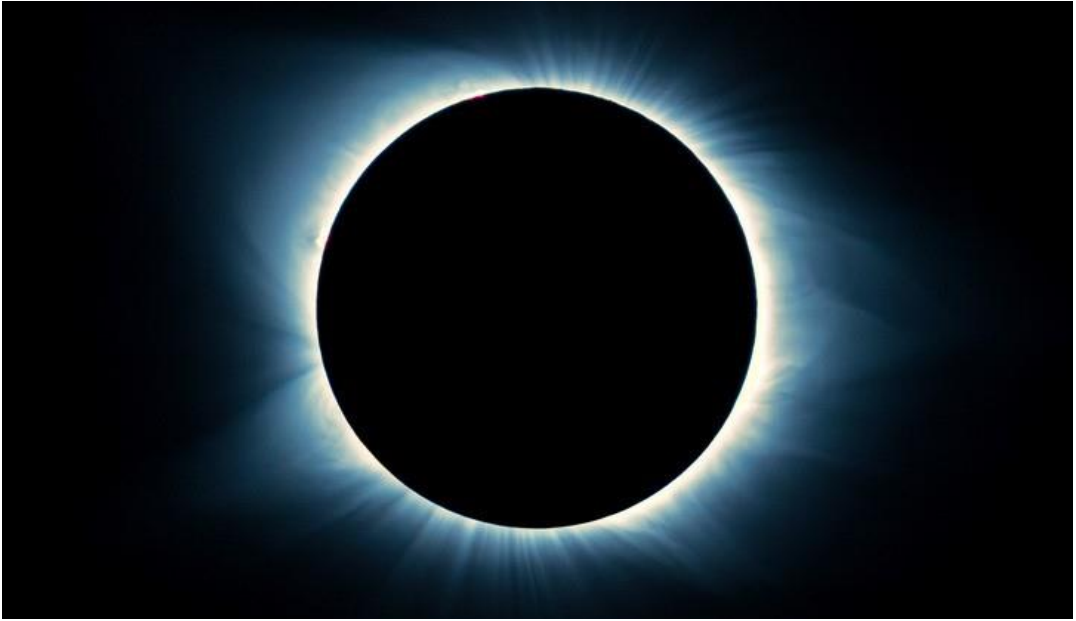


April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
11:00am — Sanctuary



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 after worship for coffee, cookies, and punch in our fellowship hall, called McKay Hall. 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)

Please silence and put away your cellphone upon entering the worship space.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

GATHERING

Prelude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
Paraphrase on *Thine Is the Glory*, Op. 90, No. 16

Timothy Albrecht
Alexandre Guilmant

Tolling of the Hour

Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Now what?

The disciples clung to each other. They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

Would the authorities come to take them, too?

Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

What next?

Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions, and a last word:

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Christ is risen! Now what?

Now we come together to wait for him.

May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.

***Hymn No. 245** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

*Call to Confession

God our Creator knows us each by name and knows our hearts. Let us confess our sins before God, who desires to save us and set us free.

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have named us, claimed us, and made us children of light. Yet we reside in darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, yet remain paralyzed. You call us to live in faith, investing in the world you made, but we live in fear. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Help us understand your will for us. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter your joy. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ 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. 238 Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS



Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, conquering Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry
thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
kept the fold-ed grave-clothes where thy bod - y lay. Thine is the glo - ry,
ris - en, con-quering Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

HEARING THE WORD

Anthem Sing All Ye Christian People

George Blake

Sing all ye Christian people! Swing, bells, in every steeple! For Christ to life is risen, set free from death's dark prison. With joyfulnes, with joyfulnes your alleluias sing, for Christ has come, has come again to greet the spring. Green now is on the larches; springtime in triumph marches, and every day uncloses a host of new primroses: then daffodils and marybuds let us in garlands bring, for Christ has come, has come again to greet the spring. Skylarks, the earth forsaking, soar to their music-making, and in the roof-trees hollow now builds the trusting swallow: so cries to him, so flies to him my soul on fearless wing, for Christ has come, has come again to greet the spring. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Annie Bain Epling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

Avalynn Renee Carlson, daughter of Jonah and Katelynn Carlson

***Hymn No. 488** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

WATERLIFE

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Ave verum corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death!

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

First Presbyterian Church believes the table is not ours, but God's. All who put their trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of church affiliation, are encouraged to come and be fed.

Communion Music I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

Wilbur Held

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 239** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

***Benediction**

***Postlude** The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Michael Helman

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Charles H. & Lillian S. Fish,
Dr. Ida B.S. Scudder and Charles S. Fish by William Fish

Worship At First Pres

- April 21, worship with us at 11:00 or 2:30. We'll have 2 very different worship services this day. At 11:00 we'll celebrate Earth Sunday and the Green Team is giving away trees. At 2:30 in the Courtyard we'll have "Wild Church" with Plymouth UCC. We'll honor creation and celebrate our connection to nature, and as a part of Wild Church we'll bless our pets. This means you can bring your pet to church!
- April 28 we'll recognize our Jubilee members and commission our Stephen Ministers.
- May 12 will be our annual hymn festival worship service.
- May 19, Pentecost, is a joint service and we'll ordain and install Deacons and Elders.

May 26 get ready to rumble! There is one service only at 9:30 in the Chapel followed by a First Pres Pinewood Derby. More details to follow, but here's your chance to design your own pinewood derby car and possibly win. Boy Scouts and wanna-be scouts, I'm looking at you. Yes, there will be a pinewood derby track.

Funeral arrangements for longtime member Paul Sheets will be held on Saturday, April 20. A graveside service will be on April 20, 2023, at 11:00 AM, at Oaklawn Cemetery, 701 South Jefferson Street, Ossian, IN 46777. A celebration of Life will be following the graveside service at Lighted Gardens, 10794 N IN-1, Ossian, IN 46777. You can read the full obituary here.

*<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/fort-wayne-in/paul-sheets-11563089>
Cards and notes can be mailed to Ben and Nancy Sheets, Paul's son and daughter in law, at the following address:*

*Ben and Nancy Sheets
50635 Blackhawk Ct.
Granger, IN 46530*

We continue to offer our prayers and deepest sympathy to Paul's family and friends.

Assisting with Worship this Morning

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Annie Bain Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Carolyn Krebs, Marj Sapp

Ushers: Ron Gumbert, Tom Mettler, Judy Mettler, David Beer

Communion Preparers: Diana Spindler, Linda Yount, Anne Barnett, Anita Wolfe

Communion Servers: Steve Weissner, Heidi Schulenberg, Jake Hoffman, Gretchen Lee, Bill Fish, Tom Mettler

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

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

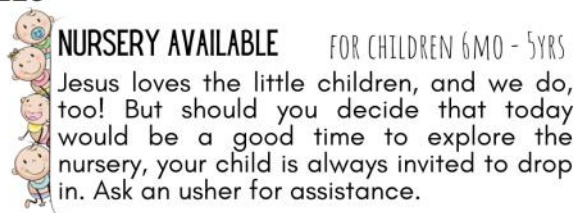
Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

Sound Board Operator: Marj Sapp

MINISTRIES FOR OUR YOUNGER DISCIPLES



Because Communion is so important in the life of the church, we feel it's important that we all celebrate it together. But, be not afraid! Sunday School for our Kinders thru 5th grade will be back next Sunday! Miss Rachel and friends will be excited to be back in action!



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, April 14, 2024

- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
- 11:00am KLM Worship, CH
- 12:00pm English Fellowship, MH
- 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH

Monday, April 15, 2024

- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

- 6:30pm Session Meeting, SR

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

Thursday, April 18, 2024

- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 6:30pm Choir Social Gathering, PR
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

Friday, April 19, 2024

- 10:00am Men's Bible Study, ZM
- 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM
- 6:00pm "RUBY BRIDGES", TH

Sunday, April 21, 2024

- 9:15am Small Group Bible Study, MF
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 11:00am English Worship Service, SC
- 11:00am Korean Worship Service, CH
- 11:00am Sunday School, 210
- 12:00pm English Fellowship, MH
- 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 12:30pm Green Team Meeting, SR
- 1:00pm "Ruby Bridges, TH
- 2:30pm Animal Blessing, CY

Campus Room Abbreviations

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	Financial Office	NR	Nursery	TH	Theater
GL	Gallery	OS	Offsite	YL	Youth Lounge
KT	Main Kitchen	PR	Parlor	ZM	Zoom