

Friday, April 19, 2024



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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### Director's Note



Dear Friends,

**This Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> round of the National Organ Playing Competition. Three contestants have flown in from around the country to compete for a panel of distinguished organists and have been practicing faithfully. Please come support the next generation of musicians at 1pm on Saturday! The competition was started during the 1959-1960 Music Series Season by none other than the late Jack Ruhl. Begun as a means to encourage organ students and to highlight new organ music, this competition is nationally known as the oldest continuously running competition in the country. That is definitely something to be proud of! Many**

competitors and winners alike have gone on to have illustrious careers teaching and playing. I do hope that you will come to support these individuals and to hear amazing music making. In addition, I extend a huge thank you to Scott and Joan Pattison, Anne Barnett, and Antoinette and Gretchen Lee for hosting the contestants and to Michael Lindvall and Irene Ator for providing transportation. Thank you for being a part of such history!

And on Sunday, there are two services with the 11am Worship Service where two of the contestants will play, and then the “Wild Church” service at 2:30pm in the Courtyard. The latter service contains a pet blessing, so please bring your pets to this service. It will be a great day!

Serving our Great God together with you,

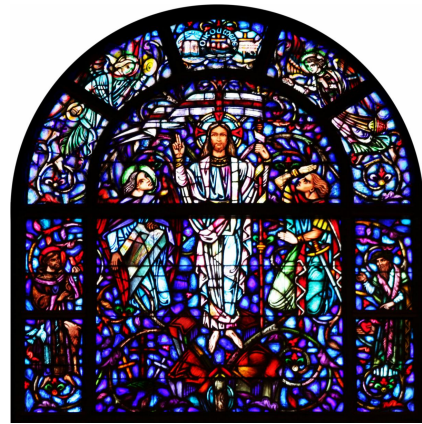
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## Sunday Worship

### English

- 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary & 2:30 PM in the Courtyard, 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](#).*

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## News & Events

Event Calendar



## Earth Day 2024



**Plant a Tree for the Planet:** The Green Team and Trees Indiana are providing saplings to members after the 11:00 service in the Narthex on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. These will be easy to handle, bare-root Butternut and Black Walnut so no big holes are required for planting! Please plan to get them in the ground soon

after receiving so their roots don't dry out. Here are some details:

Butternut trees are found across Indiana. Lately, they have been stricken with a fungal disease reducing their numbers, so they are in need of our help to reestablish. Butternuts grow 40 to 60 feet with compound leaves that are green in the summer and yellow in the fall. The nuts are edible and similar to Walnuts making them nice habitat and shade trees. They do well in moist/well drained, loamy soils but can tolerate drier, rocky soils. Black Walnuts are some of the tallest trees in Indiana's forests. They are desired for their delicious nuts and for wood products such as high-quality furniture, architectural millwork, flooring, and other specialty products. Black walnuts grow 50 to 75 feet tall, prefer sunshine and well-drained soil. They tolerate poor soils, but growth will be slow and wood quality poor. Be mindful of your planting site for Black Walnut roots send a chemical to neighboring plants that can prohibit their neighbors' growth.

For more information about Presbyterian Church's earth care

## Tough Talk- Fossil Fuels

Join us for our next Tough Talk on fossil fuels where we'll be discussing the history of the fossil free movement in the Presbyterian Church (USA), the movement around divesting PC(USA) investments in fossil fuels, and what actions the General Assembly could take at this year's biennial meeting. In 2022, the General Assembly voted to divest from five companies whose environmental and social harms are particularly egregious. Rev. Colleen Earp is co-moderator of Fossil Free PC(USA), a working group of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, and will lead our talk. The Tough Talk is open to anyone and will be held on Zoom. Join the conversation using the information below:



**Topic: Tough Talk -- Fossil Fuels**

**Time: Apr 24, 2024, 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86922553131?pwd=UeNY7hTvyGokqgPDgnkBPb59hmqT8t.1>

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## Yein Park Ordination

**Congratulations to Yein Park, who was ordained a Minister of the Word and Sacrament on Sunday, April 14! Yein has been a member of FPC since August 2012, as part of the Korean Language Ministry. He has served as a KLM choir member and choir director, and as the KLM young adult group leader.**

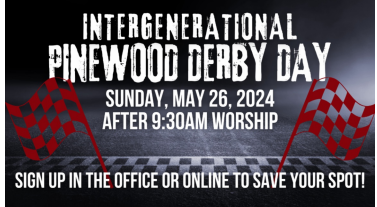
**Yein graduated from Louisville Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree after obtaining his bachelor's degree at Huntington University. He will begin his ministry as a designated Pastor of Indianapolis Korean Presbyterian Church. Please join us in praying for Yein as he begins his new ministry!**

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## Intergenerational Pinewood Derby Day

Calling all woodworkers, engineers, scouts, artists, fun-havers! (that means



you!) Do you have what it takes to help build the fastest derby car in the Midwest? Here is your chance to prove it! Sign up for the First Pres Pinewood Derby Day race! Pastors Annie and Carrie will assign teams, provide a basic pinewood derby car kit, and give your team time to conspire after worship on May 5 and 19. Race Day will commence after the 9:30 AM worship on Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 26.

Building regulations and race-day logistics will be shared after registration. Prizes will be given for the fastest car and most creatively decorated cars!

Register online at <https://bit.ly/FPCDerbyDay> or in person at the church office to save your spot on a team. Registration ends on May 1, and teams will be announced by May 4.

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## Fine Arts



*The 62nd Round of the*  
**National  
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**APRIL 20, 2024**

**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](mailto:cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org) Office: 260-426-7421 x112.

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## Missions



**HHH Team:** Hunger Relief is an important part of First Presbyterian's mission in our community. Each month your generosity makes a real difference to hundreds of people who depend on the food banks the church supports at Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, East Wayne Street Center, and United Faith Presbyterian

Church.

This month we will be collecting food at the 11:00 service on Sunday, April 21st. Food items may also be left at the church office during the week. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Please specify your donation is for Hunger Relief.

The following items are especially needed:

- Spaghetti noodles
- Corn flakes or crispy rice cereal
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Canned fruit in juice (peaches, pears, or fruit cocktail)
- Canned green beans
- Spaghetti sauce—any variety (cans only)
- Manwich

Thank you so much for your participation in this important church ministry.

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## Staff Member Goodbye

Shannon Timmons, longtime facility and events coordinator, has resigned from First Pres after faithfully serving for 26 years. On April 21, Shannon will be here for fellowship after church to say goodbye. You are welcome to bring a card and note of appreciation for Shannon, have a cupcake, and say thank you to her.

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## In Memoriam

Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Betty Dew, who died on April 11, 2024. Funeral information and Betty's obituary can be found [here](#).

We also offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Linda Simon, who died on April 14, 2024. Funeral information and Linda's obituary can be found [here](#).

Please keep Betty's and Linda's family and friends in your prayers.

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## Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Jim Mergenthal
- Bob & Kathy Beatty
- Mary Winters

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