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## This Week @FirstPresFW

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### Associate Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

**Pentecost is known as the church's birthday. It marks the 50th day after Jesus' resurrection when, according to Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended, empowering the birth of the first church.**

**The Bible vividly describes this event. There were diverse languages spoken, and after Peter's sermon, about three thousand people joined in believing in Jesus. Yet, there were still those who mocked, accusing them of being drunk. Towards the end of chapter 2, the Bible paints a detailed picture of their communal life. They lived together, shared everything, worshiped diligently in the temple, ate together in homes, and**

praised God.

What the Bible wants to convey is the "change" that occurred there. Those who once asked, "What shall we do?" after hearing Peter's sermon eventually underwent transformation, as described in the Scriptures.

In summary, the church's birthday signifies the beginning of change. Our church will celebrate this Sunday, marking the beginning of new changes, particularly with the ordination and installation of new elders and deacons. We anticipate your interest and participation in the worship service, where we will commit to these new changes. Let us all gather on Sunday for a time of worship, contemplating together, "What shall we do," with our newly ordained and installed elders and deacons. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday,

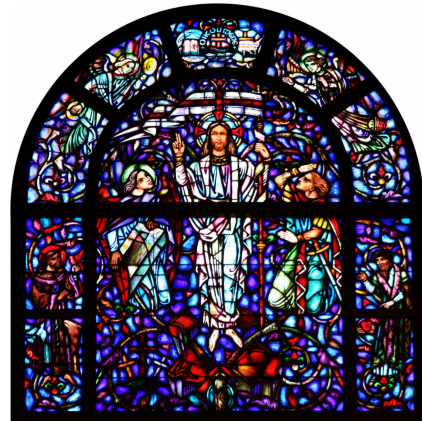
The returning "Happy Pastor",  
Rev. An

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## Sunday Worship

### English & Korean

- 11:00 AM Joint Worship in the Sanctuary, Pentecost
- 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](#)



### Bulletin

- The complete weekly bulletin may be found [here](#).

*E-News submissions should be sent to [Jenny Conrad](#).*

*Bulletin submissions should be sent to [Sara Kelley](#).*

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## News & Events

[Weekly Announcements](#)

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# Memorial Day Weekend Schedule



Please note that worship on Sunday, May 26, will be held in the Chapel at 9:30 AM. The church campus will be closed in observation of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27.

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## Eco Fest 2024

**Eco Fest 2024:** Join us for Eco Fest Fort Wayne at Headwaters Park on Sunday, May 19! The Green Team will have a booth to share information and bags. Eco Fest is a sustainability focused and family friendly event with workshops, music, food, and vendors.



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## Lunch & Learn



**Navigating Retirement: Planning for Your Future:** Join us on Wednesday, June 12, from 12:00-1:00 PM in McKay Hall for lunch and an informative session hosted by The Towne House Retirement Community, where we explore the key considerations for transitioning to a retirement community.

Discover when the right time might be to make the move and what that process entails. Learn about the practical aspects of downsizing and the benefits of making the transition to an active, supportive environment. Whether you are just starting to explore your options or are ready to make a decision, this will provide you with the tools and information you need to move forward with confidence.

Lunch will be provided from Casa. Please RSVP by **June 7** to Sarah Kelley in the church office calling 260-426-7421, or email [skelley@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:skelley@firstpresfortwayne.org)

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## Summer Choir

**An Invitation to Sing in the Summer Choir:** If you have ever wanted to sing in the choir but



not wanted to make the yearlong commitment, this choir is for you! No experience necessary, and you can come and go as your schedule allows. The summer choir will rehearse at 10:15am and sing in church on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 25<sup>th</sup>. The

anthems will be favorite hymns submitted during the March Music Madness so come lift your voice and sing!

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## Fine Arts

**Theater:** *The Father* returns to the stage this weekend! Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 PM, and at on Sunday at 2:00 PM! "Dementia as seen from the inside out. Harrowing, disorienting, and mesmerizing. Unexpectedly, refreshingly funny." - Stage Scene LA.



Considered "the most acclaimed new play of the last decade", *The Father* has won numerous awards and nominations. Critics call the play "...hugely rewarding...a play that constantly confounds expectations and works almost like a thriller, with a sinister Pinteresque edge...full of guile, particularly in the way it toys with time, yet is also simplicity itself, and is never tricky." —The Guardian (UK).

Showtimes and tickets are available in advance by clicking the button below or by calling the Artstix box office at 260-422-4226. You may also purchase tickets at the door. See you at the theater!

[Theater Tickets](#)



## Missions



**HHH:** 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 AM service on Sunday, May 19th. 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
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Canned fruit in juice (peaches, pears, or mandarin oranges)

- Chili with beans
- Spaghetti sauce—any variety (cans only)
- Manwich
- Peanut butter

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

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## Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Joan Jackson
- Ron Gumbert
- Wendell Cree

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