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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Family,

Six years ago this weekend I moved to Fort Wayne to begin my call with you as your Pastor/Head of Staff. It's hard to believe I'll begin my 7th year of ministry with you on June 1 and celebrate my 28th ordination anniversary. I am not that old! I could wax philosophic about both, but instead I'll

simply say this: I remain as hopeful about the church today as I did back then. I've been blessed to serve two terrific churches in my ministry (you and Faith Des Peres in St. Louis), both of which have long, rich histories (1833 and 1831 respectively) and will continue to long after we're all gone as long as we remain faithful to our calling and follow the Lord's lead. So let us continue to do

just that!

Speaking of . . . the Session has spent a great deal of time over the past year defining who the church is now, who they hope to be in two years, and has set goals to get there. Over the next few weeks, I'll meet with each committee to discuss the goals, and I'll share more about them with you in future letters. I am excited about where we are headed.

But in the meantime, it is summer, which means a bit of a slower pace and some time to reflect and rest. We have a terrific staff here and I hope you'll agree that they deserve some time off. So, if you get a reply email that says they're out of the office, please respect their time away. They've earned it!

In just over a week, we'll welcome nearly 100 campers to our 4th annual MAD2 Camp! Take note later in the e-news where we could use your help. June 9 we'll host all the Fort Wayne churches for worship, and I'll offer a summer sermon series on your 4 favorite hymns. On July 2 we'll welcome our missionary from Syria who will also update us on what our mission partners are doing in Gaza and Israel, and later that month we'll be back at Pridefest. So, while it is slower, we still have things happening. If you're in town, I encourage you to come, listen, learn, and engage your faith.

As we strive to be a church that is seeking the heart of God in the heart of the city, I remain grateful to be in ministry with all of you. And as we celebrate Memorial Day, let us remember that it's not about BBQs and mattress sales, it's about remembering our military who have died in service to this great country.

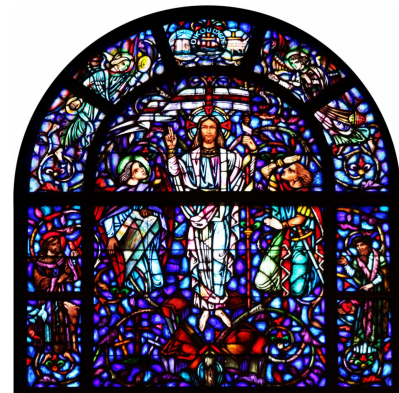
Gratefully,

Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 9:30 AM in the Chapel Rev. Dr. Annie Epling preaching



- 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 Pastor Lim preaching
- Livestream via [Website](#), and [YouTube](#)

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](#).

News & Events

Weekly Announcements

Event Calender

Memorial Day Weekend Schedule



Please note that worship this 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.

2024 New Elders and Deacons

FPC's newly elected Elders and Deacons were ordained and installed Sunday, May 19, during the Pentecost worship service. Please pray for them as they begin serving the church in these important roles:

Ruling Elders

Class of 2027: Denise Davis, Chip Davis, Betsy Perry-Patton, and Carol Rhudy

Board of Deacons

Class of 2025: Clara Satter

Class of 2026: Jenni Stone

**Class of 2027: Anne Barnett, Vicki Davis, Judy Hayhurst,
Meredith Palmison, Heidi Schulenberg, Jill Therrien, and Diana
Wyss**



MAD2 Camp Goodies- Donations Needed



Want to support MAD2 Camp but are unable to volunteer during the day? Donations of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and cut fruit would be so appreciated! We anticipate having over 300 people in the theater for our MAD2

Camp Showcase Friday evening, and this is a special way for all of us to welcome them into our beautiful space. If you are able to help with donations for our reception, please bring them to the church between Sunday, June 2, and Friday, June 7, at 3 pm. Thank you for supporting our arts ministry and the aspiring artists in our community!

PCUSA Joint Worship

Join us Sunday, June 9, at 11:00am, when all the Fort Wayne Presbyterian churches will come together for a joint worship service at First Presbyterian Church! Erin McGee, Lead Transitional Presbyter, Whitewater Valley Presbytery, will be preaching and we'll have a joint choir singing. Fellowship time will immediately follow in McKay Hall.



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.

Summer Wired Word

Wired Word will not be held this Sunday, May 26. Wired Word will continue to meet, however, most Sundays in June through August at 10:00 AM in the parlor on the second floor. Come participate in our lively discussions!



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 2nd, June 9th, June 16th, July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, and August 25th. The anthems will be favorite hymns submitted

during the March Music Madness so come lift your voice and sing!

Graduation Party for Hayden Patterson



Bill and Harmony Patterson invite the congregation to celebrate the graduation of Hayden Patterson on Saturday, June 1, 2024, from 12:00-4:00 PM in McKay Hall. The event will be an open house, so you may come and go as your schedule permits! No RSVP is needed! Food will be served. Please contact Bill Patterson if you have any questions!

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Joan Jackson
- Ron Gumbert
- Wendell Cree
- Jacob Martin, grandson of Bob & Kathy Beatty
- Joyce McGiffin

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