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## This Week @FirstPresFW

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### Associate Pastor's Note



I am a huge fan of the Golden Girls. Over the 180 episodes that aired, we were treated to a range of emotions, giggles, and quick wit from Rose, Dorothy, Blanche, and my personal favorite, Sophia. But not only did the show speak to my style of humor, at least the parts I was mature enough to understand, but I also deeply appreciate the diversity in the friendship between these golden friends. Imagine if those same 180 episodes were full of only Blanches or only Sophias. (Episodes of only Roses could have been a hoot!) That just doesn't sound as enticing. So, I'm grateful that these ladies showed us a whole spectrum of how to be good friends.

Looking at your closest group of friends, who is your Rose; who

is your Dorothy? Who do you think was the Sophia or Blanche of the disciples? Now, that could be a whole 'nother show. We'll talk more about Jesus's friends on Sunday when we hear in the Gospel of John Jesus upgrading the disciples to official friend status. We'll also celebrate with our own friends at the Table set by God, and with our friend who will be lifted up as the 2024 Bill and Elaine Wareham Award winner for Christian Service.

So, grab the cheesecake from the fridge, because it's going to be another amazing Sunday!

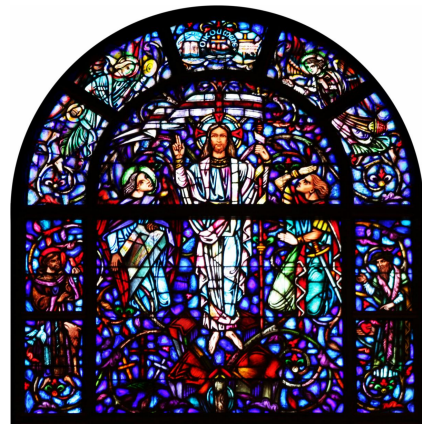
Blessings for you and your friends,  
Pastor Carrie

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## Sunday Worship

### English

- 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner 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

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## Jubilee Celebration Sunday

**Last Sunday, FPC celebrated Jubilee Sunday during worship and afterward with a reception. We honored our members who joined the church in 1972 through 1974, celebrating 50 years at First Pres!**



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## **Stephen Ministry**

**FPC is a Stephen Ministries congregation and has a dedicated group of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Four new congregants were commissioned Sunday to join this ministry. We are grateful for their willingness to serve in this important role. Our current Stephen Ministers and Leaders are:**

- **Anne Barnett**
- **Anita Wolfe**
- **Fran Page**
- **Dan Serban**
- **Marj Sapp**

- Scott McMeen
- Diane Haffner
- Sondra Mergenthal
- Randy Bolinger
- Deborah Garrison
- Tom Garrison
- Beth Hague
- Carolyn Krebs (Leader)
- Marcie Weissner (Leader)
- Rev. Ann Pitman (Leader)

The Stephen Ministry is completely confidential, and open to all FPC members. Please email [Rev. Ann Pitman](mailto:Rev. Ann Pitman), or call her at 260-426-7421, extension 150, for more information.



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## Hymn Festival 2024

**Hymn Festival on May 12:** This year's hymn festival, *Praise with Us the God of Grace*, is made up entirely of hymn submitted by the



congregation during our March Music Madness. While the final four, including the two winners, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* and *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, do not appear, the hymns were selected with the idea of singing through the many aspects of life. Whether that is a high moment or a low moment such as Paul and Silas singing inside their jail cell, God's gift of music is how we express our emotions, praise, and love for God. Music was also the tool by which David served to calm Saul during his rather tormented moments. When we have so much joy that we do not know how to express it in words, we sing. When life is so difficult that we have no idea how to even pray, God calls us to sing. So come sing with all your might as we praise the creator of music and the author of our songs.

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## Fine Arts

**Theater:** Fort Wayne Premier! Now 80 years old, André was once a tap dancer. He lives with his daughter, Anne, and her husband, Antoine. Or was André an engineer, whose daughter Anne lives in London with her new lover, Pierre? The thing is, he is still wearing his pajamas, and he can't find his watch. He is starting to wonder if he's losing control. Indeed, there is "something funny going on".

The Father is considered "the most acclaimed new play of the last decade" and has won numerous awards and nominations. Critics called 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).

Tickets are on sale now for FPT's production of *The Father*, opening Friday, May 10, at 7:30 PM! Showtimes and tickets available now by clicking the button below or call the Artstix box office at 260-422-4226. See you at the theater!

[Theater Tickets](#)

The Highly Acclaimed  
Farce + Tragedy + Thriller

Directed by Todd Espeland

# The Father

BY FLORIAN ZELLER TRANSLATED BY CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON



Opens May 10, 2024

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## Missions

**Rescue Mission Meal:** The May sign-up for Cookies & Cornbread is now available in the church office. Please drop of your cookies (3 dozen) or cornbread (36 pieces) on May 19. Contact [Bill Patterson](#) with any questions!



**Green Team:** First Presbyterian church members will be able to help with the Fort Wayne Great American Cleanup Saturday May 4. A Green Team member will be stationed by the door near the church playground from 10 am to

1pm. Members, families, all ages welcome, may pick up shirts, gloves and trash bags. People may wish to wear their Hands on Fort Wayne shirts. We have signed up to cover the area a radius of eight blocks around the church. The Green Team member will help suggest an area. Filled bags are to be placed on the NE corner of Wayne and Ewing, near the First Presbyterian media sign. The city crews will then pick up the bags. We hope to see many join in this city wide activity.

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## Fellowship

**North Dinner Group:** Call me, but don't call me late for dinner! Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, May 13, 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](mailto:lisoninc@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you!

**South Dinner Group:** Please join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 5:30pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

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## Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Joan Jackson
- Mary Winters
- Steve Weissner
- Ron Gumbert

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