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Music Director's Note



Dear Friends,

I send you my very best as this Fourth of July weekend continues, and I hope that you all have had a wonderful time with friends and family. On Sunday, the worship service will be held at 9:30am in the Chapel. Don't forget to wear some red, white, and blue and we will sing a couple of patriotic hymns too.

The Music Series celebrates its Sixty-Fifth anniversary season this year, and The Music Series Advisory Team and I are very excited to unveil

the 2024-2025 series below:

- September 29, 2024 (2pm)– John Tibbetts, Baritone/Victoria Isernia, Mezzo-Soprano
- October 20, 2024 (2pm) – Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney
- February 23, 2025 (4pm) – Indiana University Singing Hoosiers
- March 30, 2025 (2pm) – Luke Fitzpatrick, Flute

The entire Fine Arts Program strives to bring programming helping us to live out our motto, *Enriching Our Faith Through the Arts*. If you are wondering what that means, beauty, whether found in Music, Visual Art, or Theatre, was created by God. Sitting in the Sanctuary, the Art Gallery, and the Theatre alone can bring us closer to God by what we see. At the same time, each art form works hard to focus on specific issues in our world and supporting artists within those fields. And as one of my favorite verses from I Timothy says, “God richly gives us everything to enjoy.” So, I hope that you will come and support the many offerings of the Music Series Concerts, Art Gallery Exhibits, and the Theatre Shows and join together as our faith grows as a congregation.

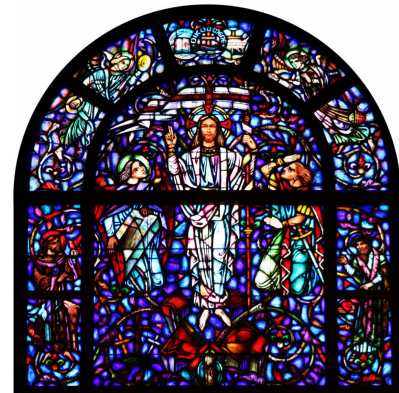
In the meantime, I wish us all a wonderful remainder to the summer including time with family and friends as well as time to rest, time to reflect on our lives and our faith, and a rejuvenation to serve God and his people.

Serving God together,
Brent Neuenschwander
Director of Music Ministries & Organist

Sunday Worship

English

- 9:30 AM Service in the Chapel, Rev. Dr. Annie Epling preaching
- Watch livestream via [Website](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Public Access Channel 1 and Channel 25, Sun 4:30 PM & Mon 10:30 AM
- Public Access via [Digital Archive](#)



Korean

- 11:00 AM Chapel. Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An preaching

- Watch 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

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Worship Schedule Change



Please note that Worship on Sunday, July 7, will be held at 9:30 AM in the Chapel.

Wired Word Schedule Update

Wired Word will not meet on Sunday, July 7, as that morning's worship service will be at 9:30 in the chapel. We'll resume 10:00 AM classes on Sunday, July 14.



Enjoy 4th of July festivities!

Donated Newspapers Wanted!



We're collecting newspapers for a children's art project! Please drop off your newspapers in the marked boxes on the long table located in the small dining room! We'll be collecting throughout the summer.

Pride Fest 2024



Join First Pres as the 2024 Pride Fest! In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us the second most important commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us share the Good News that God loves all with no exceptions as we join with our neighbors and siblings in the LGBTQIA+ community at the 2024 Fort Wayne Pride Fest! Please sign up at the church office or click the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4BA5A62FA6FA7-50110618-2024>.

Free admission to the festival and bottled water will be provided. Reach out to Carrie with questions or concerns.

Fine Arts

2024/25 Music Series: Director of Music Ministries and Organist Brent Neuenschwander is pleased to announce the artists performing for the 2024/25 First Presbyterian Church Music Series. The Music Series opens Sunday, September 29, 2024, and concludes Sunday, March 30, 2025. As is the longstanding tradition, we will provide these concerts free and open to the public. Please mark your calendars, bring your friends, and come hear each unique artist as we lead the Fort Wayne Community at the forefront of Classical Music.



September 29, 2024 – John Tibbetts, Baritone and Victoria Isernia, Mezzo-Soprano; Raymond Chenault, Accompanist and Elizabeth Chenault, Assisting Accompanist. This concert will feature Broadway to opera, spirituals, pop tunes and a wide variety of entertaining pieces appealing to everyone.

October 20, 2024 – Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney. Tom Trenney serves as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Congregational Church of Lincoln, NE. He is also Assistant Professor of Music and Conductor of Choirs at Nebraska Wesleyan University. One of the

country's finest hymn festival leaders, Tom will conduct our choir and at least one other church choir invited to sing for this event.



February 23, 2025 - Indiana University Singing Hoosiers. Known as Indiana University's Ambassadors of Song, the Singing Hoosiers combine singing and choreography throughout their programs. They will perform numerous pieces from the jazz and Broadway traditions as well as current pop tunes and The Great American Songbook.

March 30, 2025 – Luke Fitzpatrick, Flute. Lauded by the South Florida Classical Review for his "vivacious and buoyant" playing, flutist Luke Fitzpatrick is the principal flute of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. During the summer, Luke also plays principal flute with the Des Moines Metropolitan Opera and played principal flute with the Sarasota opera this past winter season.



He will play a fascinating program for flute and piano.



Biennial Parish Art Exhibition: Calling all First Presbyterian artists —painters and potters, poets and short story writers, sculptors and fiber artists—all you creative people! The First Presbyterian Biennial Parish Art Exhibition will

be coming this fall, opening September 8!

Start thinking about what you'd like to exhibit now! Our theme will center around finding joy in and building bridges to our neighbors in our city. Get out the paints! Fire up the kiln! Stitch, write, or photograph away! You may exhibit anything that has not been in a previous parish show!

We'll start collecting artwork on or about August 15. Please consider participating in this year's exhibition, as we seek to

build bridges with our neighbors in the community.

Missions



Rescue Mission Meal: The July sign-up for Cookies & Cornbread is now available in the church office. Please drop off your cookies (3 dozen) or cornbread (36 pieces) on June 16. Contact [Bill Patterson](#) with any questions!

Food Bank Collection: It's summer vacation, and kids are home for meals they usually eat at school. That means more families needing help from the food banks we support—Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, East Wayne Street Center, and United Faith Presbyterian Church. Hunger Relief is an important part of First Presbyterian's mission in our community, and your summertime generosity makes a real difference to hundreds of families.

This month we will be collecting food at the 11:00 service on Sunday, July 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:

- Oatmeal packets
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned soup
- Canned peaches or pineapple chunks in juice
- Canned green beans
- Cereal
- Peanut butter

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

Fellowship

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, July 8, 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. 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, July 8, 2024, at 5:30pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!



MAGGIE KOLE HUNTER in
THE PINK UNICORN
A ONE-WOMAN PLAY
Directed by JOHN TOLLEY

July 19 & 20 – 7:30pm
First Presbyterian Theatre

This is the story of a woman standing up and becoming an advocate for her genderqueer granddaughter against the Church, the School, her own family, and all kinds of hate speech.

PURCHASE TICKETS



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Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Bob and Coba Burton
- Jim Mergenthal
- Ron Gumbert

- **Joyce McGiffin**
- **Lynne (daughter of Gail and Marty Fair)**

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

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