

September 8, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00am — Sanctuary



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Thank you for joining us today! We're grateful for your presence and invite you to take part in our worship, mission, and programs. Please join us after worship for coffee, cookies, and punch in our fellowship hall, called McKay Hall. Just follow the crowd, and you cannot miss it! Livestreaming is available to watch via the website or YouTube, but we know this is no substitute for the community built through in-person connections. We're glad you're here!

Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her)

Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An (he/him), Rev. Ann Pitman (she/her)

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Please silence and put away your cellphone as you enter this worship space.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

COMING TOGETHER

Prelude

Trumpet Tune in F
Elegy

James D. Kimball
George Thalben-Ball

Tolling of the Hour

***Call to Worship**

***Hymn No. 301** Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

***Confessing Our Sins Against God and One Another**

Gracious God, we confess that we prefer walls to bridges because we let fear, pride, and prejudice keep us from seeing others as our neighbors. Forgive us for the times we have chosen division over unity and separation over love. Break down the barriers in our hearts and teach us to reach out with compassion, seeing your image in every person we meet. Help us to be bridge-builders in your world, reflecting your grace and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.

***Responsive Hymn No. 205 Live in Charity**

UBI CARITAS (Taizé)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ubi Caritas' in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line lyrics are: 'Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love. U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords. The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line lyrics are: 'Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you. u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.' The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support. There are triplets marked with a '3' in both systems.

PROCLAIMING REALLY GOOD NEWS

The Jesus Tour Children's Time

Children and youth in kindergarten thru 9th grade are encouraged to head to Sunday School after the Time with Children.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

A word of God for our times.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Who Is My Neighbor?"

Rev. Dr. Anne Bain Epling

RESPONDING WITH ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES

*Hymn No. 346 For the Healing of the Nations

ST. THOMAS (Wade)

Announcements

Stewardship Moment: Reverends Ed and Susan Kester

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Dream On, Dream On

Hae Jong Kim/Sunkyung Lee

Dream on, dream on, children of peace, till on earth God's kingdom come. Wolf and lamb will feed together; lions like oxen will eat straw. Dust shall be the serpent's food; no one shall destroy or hurt. Children of earth in all colors, live in peace and harmony. Hope on, hope on, Easter people: beyond the cross, a dawning sun. Christ, our peace, broke down all barriers: nation, culture, tribe, and clan. Reconciling us to God, Christ made us one human race, joined in peace and liberation, led by justice, hope, and love. Mount up, mount up, like an eagle, to the heights, beyond the clouds. Strife and sorrow shall not stop you; pain and tears shall lose their power. Even though the young may stumble, God the Lord renews their strength. They shall run and not grow weary; they shall walk and shall not faint.

*Responsive Hymn Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Help us to work to - geth - er well, off'
ring our kind - ness to the world. Fol - low Je - sus, praise the Spir - it, Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

First Presbyterian Church believes the table is not ours, but God's. All who put their trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of church affiliation, are encouraged to come and be fed.

Communion Music Improvisation on *Dream On, Dream On*

Prayer after Communion

RIPPLING FORTH

***Hymn No. 383** Dream On, Dream On

DREAM ON

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

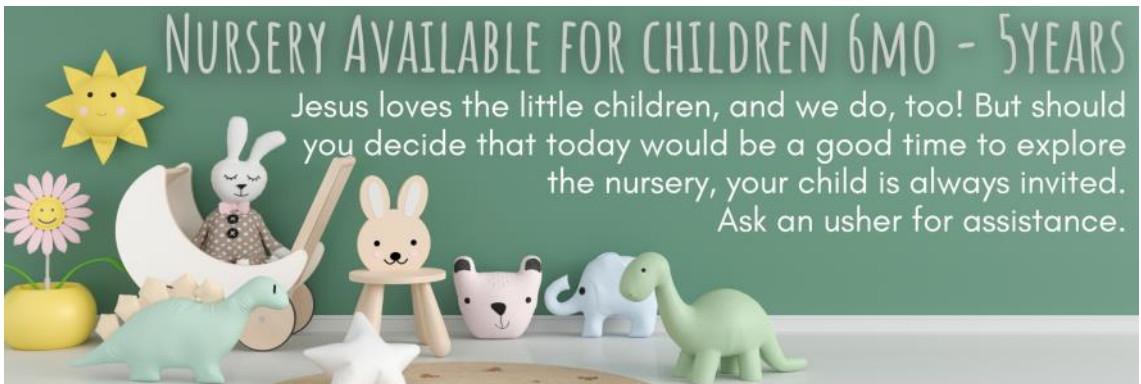
SPECIAL NOTE

Today is "Be A Tourist In Your Own Hometown" in downtown Fort Wayne. First Pres is open to the neighborhood during this event, which makes it a great day to be a neighbor! Following the opening gallery reception, take time to explore downtown and learn about the wonderful community where we work, play, live and worship.

And as you see people in the church, give them a smile and say
"Welcome to First Pres! We're glad you're here."

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Elaine Lohrey Herold from her daughter, Jane Gastineau, and family.



Sunday School for Children and Youth meets during church. We'll all start in worship together, and then head to our SS rooms as a group. Grown-ups, please pick your children up in the education wing after worship.



Assisting with Worship this Morning

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Tony Borton, Vernell Fettig

Ushers: Anne Barnett, David Beer, Jack Patton, Dan Serban

Communion Preparers: Anne Barnett, Judy Hayhurst, Judy Mettler, Tom Mettler, Anita Wolfe

Communion Servers: Tony Borton, Judy Hayhurst, Judy Mettler, Scott McMeen, Carole Slater

Director of Music Ministries & Organist: Brent Neuenschwander

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

Light Bearers: Mathilda Borton, Vernell Fettig

Readers: Jane McGeehan, Mary Winters

Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

Sound Board Operator: Bill Patterson

Looking for the announcements? Pick-up a copy of the Friday E-news before or

Hearing Loop: To use the “Hearing Loop” during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the “T,” T-Coil or telephone position.

Large Print Hymns are Available from the Ushers

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 8, 2024

- 10:00am Chancel Choir, MR
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
- 11:00am KLM Worship, CH
- 12:00pm English Fellowship, MH
- 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH
- 12:00pm Welcome Day, Entire Building

Monday, September 9, 2024

- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH
- 3:00pm Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship, 302

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

- 5:30pm Missions Committee, ZM
- 10:00am Table Talk, ZM

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

- 1:30pm 3B Exercise Class, MH

Thursday, September 12, 2024

- 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal, 201
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Social Time, PR
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR

Friday, September 13, 2024

- 10:00am Men's Bible Study, TEAMS
- 1:00pm Women's Bible Study, ZM

Sunday, September 15, 2024

- 10:00am Chancel Choir, MR
- 10:00am Wired Word, PR
- 11:00am English Worship, SC
- 11:00am KLM Worship, CH
- 12:00pm English Fellowship, MH
- 12:00pm KLM Fellowship, FH

Campus Room Abbreviations

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| CH | Chapel | MF | McKay Foyer | SB | Sanctuary Balcony |
| CL | Chapel Lounge | MH | McKay Hall | SC | Sanctuary |
| CN | Chapel Narthex | MR | Music Room | SDR | Small Dining Room |
| CY | Courtyard | NP | North Parking Lot | SM/O | Stephen Ministry Office |
| FH | Fellowship Hall | NX | Narthex | SR | Session Room |
| FO | Finance Office | NR | Nursery | TH | Theater |
| GL | Gallery | OS | Offsite | YL | Youth Lounge |
| KT | Main Kitchen | PR | Parlor | ZM | Zoom |