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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

Thank you to all of you who have reached out to me with your thoughts, questions, and suggestions about my sermon series. I've loved hearing about how the series has affected you, challenged your thinking, and gotten your creative juices flowing for how we can continue the conversation. Keep those thoughts coming! This week, we will reflect on the powerful words from Luke 6:27-38, where Jesus calls us to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, and live in radical grace. I look forward to diving deeper into what it truly means to live out this command in our lives today.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for ****World Communion Sunday**** on October 6! It will be a wonderful celebration of our unity in Christ, featuring special music and a time of fellowship over food lovingly prepared by the church staff. I encourage you to invite friends and family as we come together in this joyful occasion. If you were here last year, you know how special it was. If you weren't, you won't want to miss it again!

On that day, we will also have a special moment in worship to dedicate our stewardship pledges for 2025. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and bring it with you to church as we offer our commitments to God's work in the coming year.

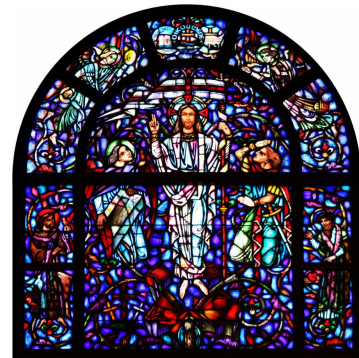
Blessings to each of you, and I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Annie Epling, Pastor

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Anne 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](#).

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

News & Events

Weekly Announcements



Stewardship 2025



Five For Our Future: Investing in Our Mission

As we look ahead to 2025, First Pres is launching our stewardship campaign, **"Five For Our Future: Investing in Our Mission."**

This initiative encourages every member to increase their annual giving by 5% to help support our church's expanding ministries and outreach efforts.

First Pres continues to be a community where people find deep pastoral care, meaningful worship, and a vibrant sense of fellowship. Many, like those who have joined in recent years, are searching for a faith community that is welcoming, sincere, and committed to making a difference.

By increasing your pledge, you are helping First Pres grow its impact—both in Fort Wayne and beyond—ensuring that we can continue to serve Christ and the community in new and inspiring ways. Together, we can invest in our future and faithfully carry out our mission in 2025 and beyond.

Please consider making a 5% increase in your pledge as we move forward into God's future together! Pledge commitments will be received during worship on Sunday, October 6.

World Communion Sunday



Join Us for World Communion Sunday, October 6, at 11:00 AM!

On October 6 we celebrate *World Communion Sunday* with a joyful and inclusive service. Gather around a table filled with goodies, lovingly prepared by our church staff, and enjoy the rhythms of a live drummer! Like last year, it will be a festival to remember—a celebration of unity, diversity, and God's abundant grace. Don't miss this special event as we come together with Christians around the world. And don't forget, we'll also dedicate our 2025 stewardship pledges. Please bring your card with you! See you there!

Artober 2025

Artober, our month long celebration of *Enriching our Faith Through the Arts*, is back! It kicks off Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30pm with a hands-on cooking class via Teams led by Annie Epling, and continues through October 29! Save the date for the events listed below:

October 8: From the comfort of your own kitchen, you'll learn how to make cinnamon rolls and by the end of class (approx. 2 hours) you'll have fresh, hot cinnamon rolls to eat. Anyone can make these! Register via email to [Annie](#) and she'll send you the recipe so you have your ingredients ready.

Teams Link: [Online Cooking Class with Annie Epling- Cinnamon Rolls](#)

October 13: Join us in the Gallery from 12:15-1:00 PM for a reception and to support and enjoy newly submitted works from our congregation in the *Parish Art Exhibit!*

October 11: The *Fort Wayne Pride Band* will perform at 7:30 PM in the Courtyard for a free Halloween-Themed concert! Get ready for a spooktacular night of music as the Fort Wayne Pride Band brings a festive, Halloween-themed concert to the stage! Expect a thrilling mix of haunting melodies and upbeat tunes, all while celebrating faith, diversity, community, and the joy of music. Come in costume if you'd like and join us for a night of family-

friendly fun. This event is free and open to all ages—perfect for music lovers and Halloween enthusiasts alike. No tickets required, just show up ready for a frightfully good time! In case of rain, we will move the event indoors! For more information, please contact [Rev. Carrie Winebrenner](#).

October 20: The second concert in the 2024/25 Music Series, *Hymn Festival with Tom Trenney*, will be held at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Tom serves as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Congregational Church of Lincoln, NE and is the Assistant Professor of Music and Conductor of Choirs at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Tom is one of the country's finest hymn festival leaders!

October 27: Have you ever wondered how ringing handbells works? Why do we use handbells in Worship? Join Director of Music Brent Neuenschwander for a *Handbell Demonstration* in the Sanctuary Balcony on Sunday, October 27th right after church! You will get an up close look at handbells and handchimes, and even get to ring them a bit too. See you there!

October 29: Ready to transform into a spooky, glamorous, or creative character this Halloween? Join us for a *Halloween Makeup Class* from 6:30-7:30 PM where you'll learn the tips and tricks to create stunning looks for the season! Whether you're going for eerie and scary, fun and whimsical, or anything in between, this class will help you bring your costume to life. This class is perfect for all skill levels—whether you're a makeup beginner or a seasoned pro. Our instructor, Hannah Dorion, will guide you step by step so you leave ready to wow at any Halloween event. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring any of your own makeup or tools if you'd like to work with your personal kit. Admission: \$5 suggested donation to help cover supply costs. Spaces are limited, so register today! For more details or to sign up, contact [Rev. Carrie Winebrenner](#).

Fine Arts at First Pres

2024/25 Music Series: Join us this Sunday, September 29, 2024, at 2:00 PM for *Broadway, Spirituals, & More*, the opening concert of the 2024/25 Music Series! John Tibbetts, Baritone, Victoria Isernia, Mezzo-Soprano, Raymond Chenault, Accompanist, and Elizabeth Chenault, Assisting Accompanist, will perform. The concert will feature a wide variety of music, from Broadway to opera, to spirituals and pop tunes.



The concert is free and open to the public!



FPC Gallery: The Gallery is now accepting work for inclusion in our Sunday, October 13 showing of the Parish Art Show! Please drop off your work with an attached submission form (available in the church office) by Friday, October 4.

We would like to issue a special invitation to storytellers, poets, writers, spoken word performers, and anyone who wants to read a work that is beautiful, soothing, or meaningful, focusing on the theme of Pastor Annie's current sermon series, *Who is Your Neighbor?* Please submit what you would like to read to [Beth Iserman](#) by Sunday October 6!

Fellowship

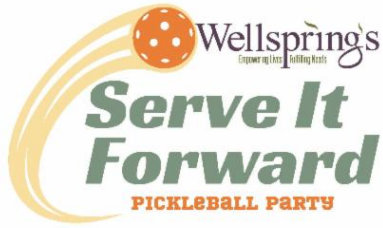
New Church Group: Looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend a Monday afternoon? We're excited to announce a new church group for older adults to gather, play board games, and enjoy fellowship! Whether you love dominos, mahjong, bridge, or simply want to meet new friends, this is the perfect opportunity!



When: 2nd and 4th Mondays immediately following 3B (around 2:30 PM) *we're meeting this Monday, September 30!*

Where: McKay Hall

Come join us for some lighthearted fun and great company! We'll have many games and decks of cards on hand, but feel free to bring your favorite board game, mahjong set, or just come ready to play. All skill levels are welcome, so we hope to see you there! Contact [Pastor Carrie Winebrenner](#) with any questions!



Register Your Team Now!

Register Online:
www.wellspringinterfaith.org

Event Info:
10/27/2024 | 1pm-5pm
Ace Pickleball Club



Do you play pickleball?
Do you want to learn?

Join Wellspring as they host their first pickleball fundraiser! Don't miss out on registering for this pickleball party. Come enjoy lessons, open play time, food, drinks, player gifts, sports on TV, and a fun time. This event is perfect for beginners and experts alike.

All proceeds support the mission of Wellspring bringing hope to those in need.



Wellspring Mission: People of faith serving the social, physical, and educational needs of the community in Allen County.

Prayer List

- **Mark Chasse**
- **Coba Burton**
- **Ron and Diane Gumbert**
- **Joyce McGiffin**
- **John Ruble**
- **Susan Kester**
- **Jackson Martin**
- **Art & Lou Brinkman**

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

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