

**October 20, 2024**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00am — Sanctuary**



*The European Southern Observatory's Visible and Infrared Survey Telescope for Astronomy (VISTA) has captured this unusual view of the Helix Nebula (NGC 7293), nicknamed the "Eye of God" nebula, located 700 light-years away.*



**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**

## GATHERING

### Prelude

Voluntary in D  
Solemn Procession

John Alcock  
Thomas Pavlechko

### Tolling of the Hour

### Greeting

### Call to Worship

Gather in this sacred space  
**and hear God inviting us to imagine and create!**  
Gather in this sacred space  
**and know that the peace of Christ surrounds us!**  
Gather in this sacred space  
**and let the Spirit of God inspire us once again!**  
Gather in this sacred space  
**and let's worship God together!**

**\*Hymn No. 645** Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**\*Call to Confession**

Confessing our sins is more than just listing our faults and wrongs. It's an opportunity to remember that this world belongs to God, and that we receive God's mercy and share in abundant grace. Trusting in God's love for us and all of creation, let us join together in our prayer of confession.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, you are our guiding light. But when your world grows dim, when tragedy strikes, we confess that we tend to retreat from faith. We may lose our way, our vision clouded by anger or gloom. We fall back to our former ways, not knowing any other way to respond. Help us in our confusion.**

**By your Holy Spirit, gird us with your holy strength, holding fast to what you have always taught us. Remind us that as the world may seem to fall apart around us while darkness swirls like a whirlwind, you stand with all of your children in wisdom and hope. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

The grace of God is always doing a new thing—whether we are prepared, or worthy, or not. Let yourself live and believe this Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*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.*

*Children are also invited to the chancel for the Time with Children.*

**\*Responsive Hymn No. 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

1. Glo - ry to God, \_\_\_\_\_ whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, \_\_\_\_\_ whose grace has  
2. World with-out end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end. A - men. World with-out end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out  
par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ whose love has set me free. As it  
end. A - men. World with-out end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end. A - men.  
was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## HEARING THE WORD

### Time with Children

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

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Old Testament Reading

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35C

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### Anthem O Worship the Lord

J. Stanley Sheppard

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name! Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness, high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*

#### Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4-7, 34-41

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### Sermon "O Let Me N'er Forget"

Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**\*Hymn No. 471** O Lord, Hear My Prayer

HEAR MY PRAYER

*Taizé music is prayerful music that is simple, meditative, and repetitive. As we sing through this hymn several times, may it serve as our Affirmation of Faith, allowing the words to help us focus the prayers on our hearts.*

\*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the  
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life. The

### Announcements and Moment for Mission

#### Prayers of the People 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.

## Invitation to the Offering

Offertory I Love Thee, My Lord

George Shearing

\*Responsive Hymn God, You Fill Your Earth with Beauty

NETTLETON



God, you fill your earth with beau - ty; there is so much we can see: ban - ners,  
art, and stained glass win - dows, sculp - ture, quilt, and tap - e - stry. You give art to lift our spir - its; You help  
ar - tists do their best. In their work, we see your good - ness. Through their art, our lives are blest.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, you are our God, and we are your people. As you have filled our hearts with generosity, we now ask for your blessing as we share it with others. May the gifts we offer be used in your world to bring hope to the hopeless, light in times of darkness, and peace in the midst of chaos. Amen.

## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 370 This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

## \*Benediction

\*Postlude Everyone Dance

Calvin Hampton

Tom Trenney, Organist

**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**

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## Assisting with Worship this Morning

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

**Liturgist:** Virginia Kreamer-Lutz

**Elders of the Month/Greeters:** Vernell Fettig, Betsy Perry-Patton

**Ushers:** Esther Coplin, Marcia McKibben, Judy Mettler, Tom Mettler, Linda Yount

**Director of Music Ministries & Organist:** Brent Neuenschwander

**Assistant Organist:** Kathryn Miller

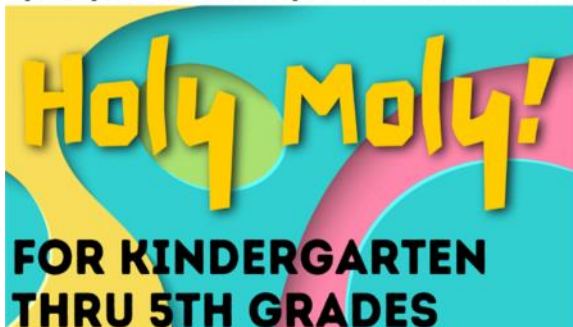
**Chancel Choir**

**Live Stream Operator:** Dick Florea

**Sound Board Operator:** Jeff Slater



**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.**



## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

**\*Today at 2:00pm**, the Music Series will host a **Hymn Festival** entitled *Will You Come and Follow Me*. It will be led by prominent church musician, Tom Trenney from Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska as well as the First Pres Chancel Choir and other musicians.

**\*Have you ever wondered how ringing handbells works? Come to a handbell demonstration** in the Sanctuary Balcony next **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.

**\*Ready to transform into a spooky, glamorous, or creative character this Halloween? Join us for a Halloween Makeup Class on October 29 from 6:30-7:30 PM!** Our instructor, Hannah Dorion, will guide us 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 preferred. Spaces are limited, so register by emailing [cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org) or scanning the QR code.



### **All Saints Worship Service - Submit Names for Remembrance**

As we prepare for our All Saints worship service on Sunday, November 3, we invite you to submit the names of friends and loved ones you wish to have remembered during the service. Please submit names by Monday, October 28. You can do so by emailing Sarah Kelley at [skelley@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:skelley@firstpresfortwayne.org) or turning in your name(s) to the office on Sunday morning. Let us honor their memory together in this special time of reflection and gratitude.

**\*Pumpkin Crochet Workshop on October 21 has been cancelled**

### **Stay Up To Date with Our Weekly Newsletter!**

Keep up with all our upcoming events and announcements!  
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