

October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday
11:00am — Sanctuary



Lord, that I might see, sculpture in Matyas Church, Budapest, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN



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)

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 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Robert A. Hobby

Tolling of the Hour

Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.

Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

***Hymn No. 275** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways:

Christ have mercy on us!

When we want to honor your voice that still speaks but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

Christ have mercy on us!

When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference:

Christ have mercy on us!

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Take heart; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

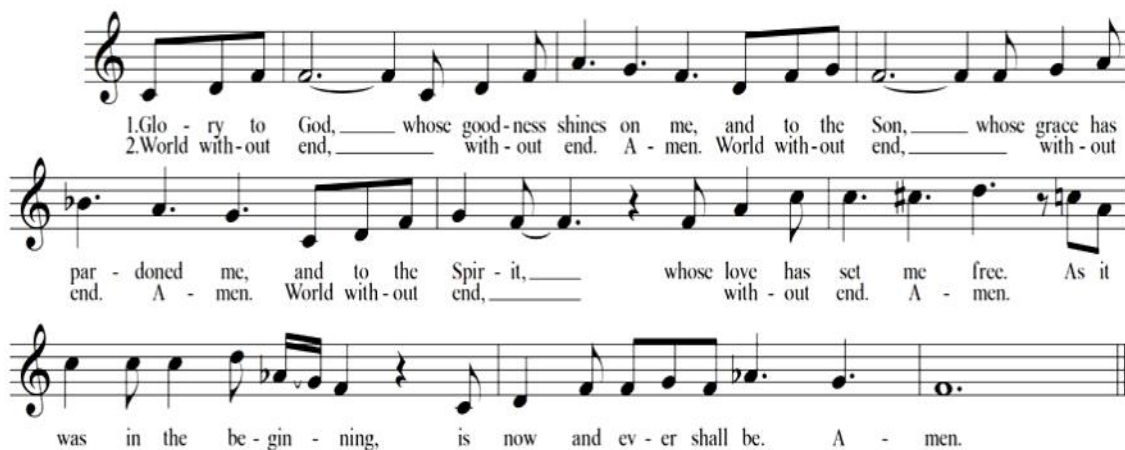
*Passing the Peace of Christ

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.

*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 126

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem Adoration

Tom Fettke

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! Fear not to enter his presence in poverty, bearing no gifts to present as your own. Truth in its beauty and love in its purity – these are the offerings to lay at his throne. 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! We worship you, Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Living as Reformed Christians”

Rev. Dr. Annie Bain Epling

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 22** God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

Announcements

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 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Brent Neuenschwander

*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

Holy one, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*Benediction

*Postlude A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Wilbur Held

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of William Kern
by Joan, Edward and Jennifer

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

Assisting with Worship this Morning

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

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

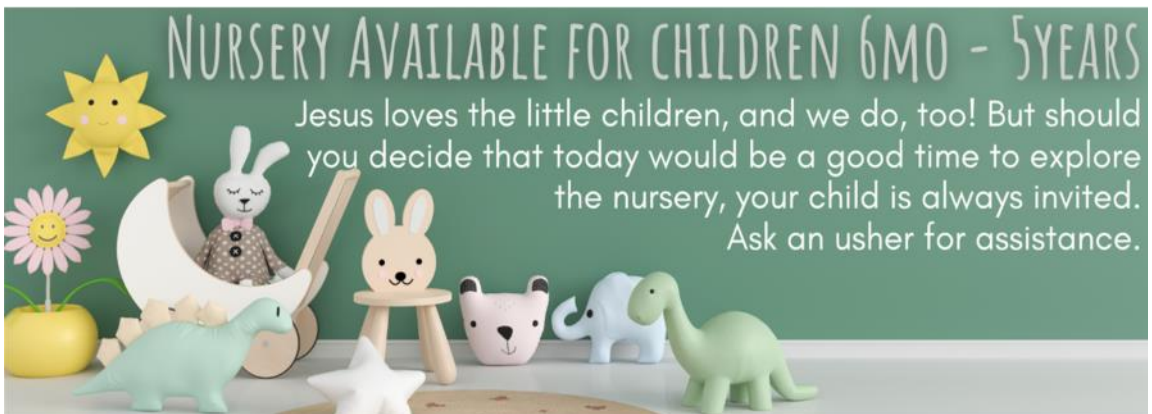
Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Chancel Choir

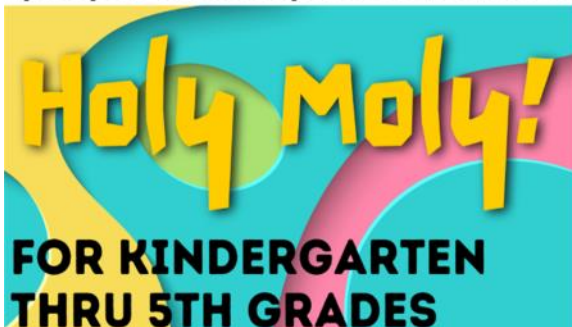
Handbell Choir

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

*Have you ever wondered how ringing handbells works? Come to a **handbell demonstration** in the Sanctuary Balcony today, **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 6:30-7:30pm! 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 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 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.



Please join us in remembering Joan Ruble this Friday November 1 @ 2:00pm here at the church. Reception to follow.



*Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour for Daylight Savings on November 3

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