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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

Sunday is Reformation Sunday, and for some of you that may raise the questions “What is Reformation Sunday?” and “Why should I care?” Reformation Sunday is the day we remember Martin Luther posting his 95 theses to the church door. More importantly, we return to the core of our faith: God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy. And it matters because through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better. We’ll hear more about all of this on Sunday.

The following Sunday is All Saints Sunday. In addition to reading

the names of church members who have died since last All Saints Sunday, you're invited to submit names of your saints to be printed in the bulletin, too. Please send those names by Monday to [Sarah Kelley](#).

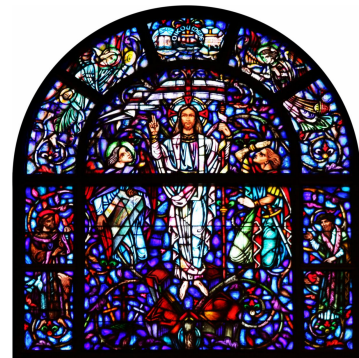
And finally, thank you to everyone who helps pack the backpacks of food for Washington Elementary on Sundays following worship. If you would like to help with setting up the food, please let [Taff Silliman](#) know. They could use some help with this; Taff can provide answers to your questions.

See you Sunday!
Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM 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](#).
E-News submissions should be sent to [Jenny Conrad](#).
Bulletin submissions should be sent to [Sarah Kelley](#).

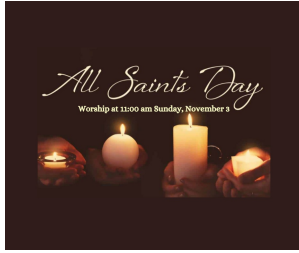
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All Saints Worship Service - Submit

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 Kelly](#) 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.

Stewardship 2025

If you haven't had a chance to submit your pledge yet, there's still time! Every contribution helps us continue to grow, serve, and make a difference in our community. Be a part of the great things God is doing through us—your pledge, no matter the size, is a vital part of our mission. If you would rather make your pledge online, you may do so here: [Five For Our Future](#)



Together, let's keep building for the future!

Join the Peace Family at South Side HS!



South Side HS Initiative: The Missions Committee would like to invite members of First Pres to learn more about opportunities to support our neighbors--both students and staff--at South Side HS through volunteer opportunities with the Peacemakers.

Learn more about how students in the Peace Club and the summer Peacemaker Academy are promoting an atmosphere of non-violence, respect and love for one another, and how you can help.

Dates in November for upcoming informational and training sessions for new volunteers will be available soon, and there is also an ongoing adult discussion group that meets every 2 weeks to discuss principles of Kingian non-violence adapted from the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the meantime, the next South Side lunch with "Grammies & Grampies" is scheduled for Wednesday October 30th, and there are still a couple openings if anyone is ready to jump in. We'll be visiting

the cafeteria at lunch to hand out candy and take a moment to say hi and chat. Just this simple act can have a lasting positive impact on students—especially those who may not always get that from other adults in their lives. This is a great way for our members to work toward our goal of supporting South Side by starting to build relationships. It's not a huge initial commitment, but it's a meaningful one. And you don't have to be a "grammy" or "grampy" to volunteer! Here is a link from a WANE TV feature so you can learn more about this important work:

<https://www.wane.com/news/peace-grannies-grampies-making-a-difference/>

If you're interested in getting more information, please contact [Tony Borton](#) to get on our list for sharing upcoming opportunities.

FPC Green Team

Animal Supply Collection: As colder months approach, the Green Team is planning to collect, from the congregation, supplies needed by Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control. On November 17 we will be collecting canned dog food, canned cat food - pate, used towels, used flat sheets, small blankets, cardboard toilet paper rolls, cardboard paper towel rolls, egg cartons, tissue boxes-empty, and plastic grocery bags.



Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control is the largest open-access shelter in northeast Indiana and serves all of Allen County, seeing 10,000 animals annually. Open-access means no animal is turned away which means community support is needed. The Center also has many programs which serves communities and families in need with pet support and help. Please save and gather some of these supplies so our church community can help support these animal friends in need.

Artober 2025



Artober, our month long celebration of *Enriching our Faith Through the Arts*, is back! Save the date for the events listed below:

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 and Performing Arts

Yellow Frames Project: A Yellow Frames Project Workshop will be held on Saturday, November 2, 11-12p.m. in the FPC Gallery (artists may stay longer to finish their project if needed).

Participants receive yellow frames with canvas or board to make whatever art they would like to create during the workshop. Frames and art materials are provided!

Participants can take their art home or allow us to hang it in the Art of Hope show that opens in the Gallery on November 15. Please register in advance at this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/e6JSmWWtVA>

Contact [Beth Iserman](#) with any questions! Learn more about the Yellow Frame Project [here](#).





First Pres Art Gallery, Fort Wayne
Showing November 15, 2024 - January 3, 2025



Join us for an opening reception
Friday, Nov. 15 @6:00 PM



Advent and Christmas Choir: The FPC Chancel Choir would like to invite you to come sing the Advent and Christmas Carols we all love so much! If you would like to try the choir, but don't have the time to commit to the entire year, now is a great way to sing with a short time commitment. The choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00pm and on Sundays at 9:45am. If you

would like to join for this short season, please contact Director of Music Brent Neuenschwander at 260-426-7421, extension 137. All are welcome!



PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL

Tuesday, November 5

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Election Day Prayer Service

12:15 pm - 12:45 pm

Memorial Service

A Celebration of Life for Joan Ruble will be held on Friday, November 1, at 2:00 PM, at First Presbyterian Church. A reception will immediately follow the service in McKay Hall, and the FPC Gallery, of which Joan was a dedicated volunteer, will be open to view the current exhibit. You may find Joan's obituary [here](#). Please continue to pray for John and the family.

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Coba Burton
- Ron and Diane Gumbert
- Joyce McGiffin
- John Ruble
- Susan Kester
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Bill Fish
- Jane Gastineau
- Heather McGiffin
- Marianne Platt

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

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