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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday, one of my favorite Sundays of the year. We'll celebrate like we did last year, with a drummer who will get our spirits soaring and communion around a big table in McKay Hall with food prepared by your staff. I'm so glad you enjoyed the celebration last year, because we're looking forward to hosting you again and having some fun! And, this Sunday I conclude my series "Who Is My Neighbor?" by celebrating all of you and the great things you're doing on behalf of First Pres for all of our neighbors here. And just so you know, this is a service you need to be in-person for to truly experience it. So if you can be here in person I hope you will

be.

See you in church!

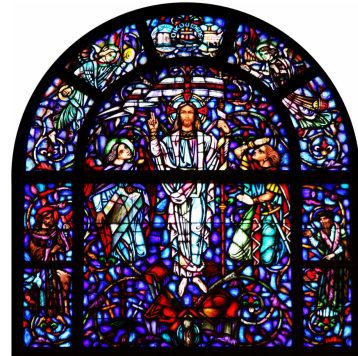
Annie

PS: Don't forget "Artober". It kicks off October 7 with my cinnamon rolls class. I'm making these for Sunday so you can taste test before "class". 😊

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM World Communion Day Joint 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](#)



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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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.

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. If you cannot be here October 6 or would rather make your pledge online, you may do so here: [Five For Our Future](#)

Project 216

On Wednesday, October 16, we will once again be packing meals for Project 216! Sign up as an individual or a team this Sunday after Worship in the small dining room. Contact [Bill Patterson](#) with any questions. Learn more about the mission of



Hunger Service Project



“Make a difference by packaging meals that fill tummies and give hope!”

Date: Wednesday, October 16

Event time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Pizza at 5:30 PM)

Place: McKay Hall

Packed meals will go to Mission of Hope again or to Feed the Hungry to feed children throughout the world

Sign-up for this fun event is in the small dining room

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.

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 21: Sandy Garcia will lead a crocheted pumpkins workshop from 5:30-6:30 PM in room 302! All supplies will be provided, unless you want to bring your favorite 5mm crochet hook. Basic crochet knowledge is helpful, but Sandy will teach necessary stitches to beginners. Instructions and materials will be sent home with participants to finish the project if needed. Please RSVP to [Beth Iserman](#) to reserve your spot!

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](#).

Missions

Rescue Mission Meal: The October sign-up for Cookies & Cornbread is now available in the church office. Please drop of your cookies (3 dozen) or cornbread (36 pieces) on October 20. Contact [Bill Patterson](#) with any questions!

Fellowship

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm, location is Don Hall's Factory. Please RSVP to Sondra Mergenthal at (260)437-9892 or by email at lisoninc@aol.com. We look forward to seeing you!

South Dinner Group: Please join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship: Fiber crafters meet on Mondays 3-5 pm, in Room 302, as long as the church is open (closed holidays and sometimes in severe weather). Bring your own project to knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, weave, needlepoint, quilt, hem, etc. If you enjoy a beverage, be sure it has a secure lid!

Questions? Contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or marj.sapp@gmail.com, or Marcie Weissner at 260.312.5733 or marcie5073@aol.com.

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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