

Friday, November 15, 2024



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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### Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

When I turned on the radio on November 10th and heard *Frosty the Snowman*, I was stunned! My first reaction was, “Oh, heck no!” and I quickly changed to something more fitting for the day. But somehow, Frosty stayed on my mind, popping up

here and there throughout the day.

Finally, I decided—why not join in? So, I’ve embraced the Christmas music (and Hallmark movie marathons!) because, really, why wait to welcome joy? Now is the perfect time to spread cheer with others!

If you're looking to kick off the season with joy and gratitude, we warmly invite you to our annual Thanksgiving lunch, sponsored by our Korean Language Ministry! We'll be enjoying a classic holiday feast, with a delightful selection of Korean dishes too. The English congregation has been asked to bring a favorite dessert to share—so feel free to find joy in baking those early Christmas cookies or grabbing something sweet from Santa's bakery aisle at your local store.

Sometimes, one of the deepest joys we can experience is bringing hope to others. This Wednesday at 6:30 PM, we invite you to join us in the foyer for our annual Trans Day of Remembrance vigil and story-sharing service. Together, we will light candles in memory of those lost to transgender violence this past year, offering comfort, support, and solidarity to our LGBTQIA+ community. Let's gather in compassion, offering peace and strength as we walk together through this challenging time.

Whatever it is, find your joy. And we'll see you on Sunday!

With hope and joy,

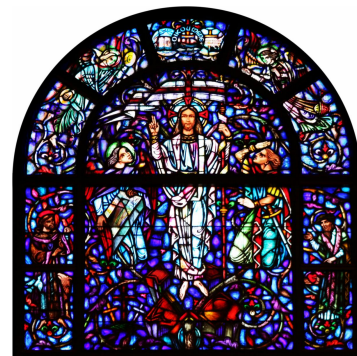
Pastor Carrie

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## Sunday Worship

### English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner 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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# News & Events

Weekly Announcements

Event Calendar

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## Stewardship 2025

The Session and the Finance Committee have begun planning and budgeting for 2025. The Stewardship 2025 campaign has to date raised \$480,600.00. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please prayerfully consider making a pledge, helping to ensure that we can maintain our worship services, support our outreach programs, and provide a welcoming and nurturing environment for all. Every contribution, no matter the size, is invaluable!



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!

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## KLM Annual Thanksgiving Meal



**Join Us for a Bountiful Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, Nov. 24:** As we approach the season of gratitude and reflection, we invite you to come together in the spirit of Thanksgiving. We are delighted to extend a warm invitation to our annual KLM/English Thanksgiving

Meal, which will take place on November 19, immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service in McKay Hall. The meal will be catered, and we are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.

This is a special occasion for our church family to gather, share blessings, and create cherished memories. We encourage you to

be part of this wonderful tradition as we express our thanks for the abundance of love, faith, and togetherness that enrich our lives.

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## Transgender Day of Remembrance

Each year on November 20, we come together to honor the memory of transgender individuals who lost their lives to acts of anti-transgender violence.



TDOR was initiated in 1999 by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to remember Rita Hester, a transgender woman killed in 1998. This event has since grown into an international day of remembrance and solidarity. In honor of those in our community and around the world who have suffered violence or loss, we invite you to a special evening of spoken word and a candlelight vigil in McKay Foyer. Join us as we remember, support, and celebrate our transgender siblings in the LGBTQIA+ community. Everyone is welcome.

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## Fine and Performing Arts

**Art of Hope Exhibit:** Join us in the Gallery at the opening reception for *Art of Hope*, on Friday, November 15, from 6:00-7:30 PM! Art of Hope is an art exhibit highlighting local artists and shares inspiring stories about recovery, healing, and hope. Enjoy light refreshments while viewing the art and meet the artists behind the work.





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



## Missions

**St. Joseph's Mission:** It's getting colder outside which is all the more reason we enjoy a warm meal at home. Which is the very reason we should sign up this Sunday, November 17, to provide that meal for the ladies at the St. Joseph's shelter for homeless women. Our serving date for this month is Monday, November 25 which also lends itself to a Thanksgiving theme! See you Sunday in the small dining room to sign up.



**Schools Team:** The Schools Team are also looking for people to lead the set-up of organizing the backpack food collection on Sunday mornings and/or delivery of the food to Washington Elementary on Thursdays. You can sign-up for any day that suits your schedule. Training is provided. Click the link to sign-up: [Blessings in a Backpack Sign-Up](#)

**HHH:** Can you believe it, the holidays are just around the corner. Many families in our community depend on the food banks that we support to get through the holiday season - Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, East Wayne Street Center, and United Faith Presbyterian Church. Hunger Relief is an important part of First Presbyterian's mission and your contributions are gratefully appreciated.

The date for the November Food Bank Collection will be November 17th. Please bring your contributions to the church on

Sunday. Food item can also be left at the church office during the week. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Please specify your donation is for Hunger Relief. The following items are needed for this month:

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy Mix Packets
- Stuffing Mix (Boxed)
- Cranberry Sauce- Canned
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Pie Filling - Apple or Cherry
- Jiffy Cornbread Mix

Thank you!

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## Table Talk Advent Study

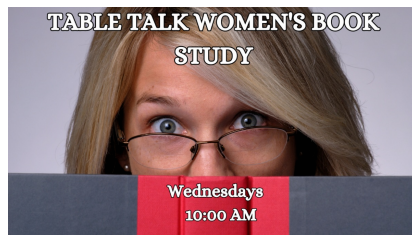


Table Talk 1 (Women's Book Study) meets online on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. We take turns "reading around the table", so no homework is assigned.

We will be reading the birth narratives in Luke and Matthew on Nov. 20. After Thanksgiving, starting on Dec. 4, we will read *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan (2009). Participants obtain their own copies of the book.

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 870 6712 2177**

**ZOOM Passcode: 260 426 7421**

If you have any questions, please contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733

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## FPC Green Team

**Animal Supply Collection:** Our collection for Fort Wayne Animal Care and Control is this Sunday, November 17! The Green Team 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. Please help support these animal friends in





need.

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## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



*Come Celebrate*  
*A Harvest of Compassion*

2024

**Interfaith  
Thanksgiving  
Service**

**Hosted by Congregation Achduth Vesholom**

**Tuesday, Nov 26 @7:00 PM**  
**5200 Old Mill Road Fort Wayne**  
**Reception Immediately Follows**

**Freewill Offering for  
St. Joseph's Women's Mission**

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## Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Coba Burton
- Ron Gumbert
- Joyce McGiffin
- John Ruble

- **Jim Mergenthal**
- **Art & Lou Brickman**
- **Bill Fish**
- **Jane Gastineau**
- **Connie and DuWayne Hintz**
- **Jeff Linville**

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

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