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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Note



Dear First Pres Friends,

Some of you have reached out to me this week expressing your thoughts about the presidential election results, asking if I'll have something to offer on Sunday. The answer is yes because, as I said in my sermon on September 29, "politics doesn't stand apart from our deeply held values. And our religion has something to say about what we should value." In many ways, my sermon on Sunday is the unplanned final sermon in my "Who Is My Neighbor?" sermon series.

The decision to install the new Sanctuary sound system this week and hold worship in McKay Hall the Sunday after the

election was an intentional one. I think it is important for us to come together as a *community*, worshipping around tables where we have an opportunity to talk and sit side by side. Our worship will also be structured slightly differently, with less singing but more reflection, and it will be more informal than we're used to. So, when you come into McKay Hall for worship, feel free to grab a cup of coffee and a cookie. A harpist is providing music, so I encourage you to come earlier, too.

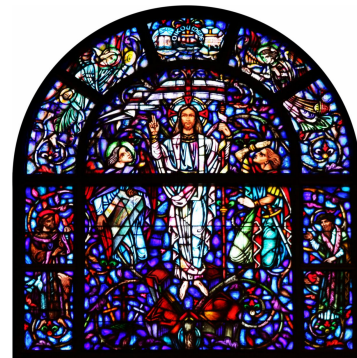
I hope to see you Sunday *in person*.

Blessings,
Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM McKay Hall, 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](#).

News & Events

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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!

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.

Grace & Gratitude



There is still time to join our "30 Days of Grace and Gratitude" Facebook group, where we are exploring the incredible power of thankfulness and the beauty of grace in our lives. How to Join:

- Click this link: [Grace and Gratitude | Facebook](#)
- Click "Join Group."

This group is open to everyone who is eager to explore gratitude and grace in their lives. We believe that the practice of gratitude can bring about profound positive changes, and we're excited to have you on board.

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

Art of Hope

The poster features a vibrant background with a gradient from orange to green. It includes three small images: a colorful abstract painting, a blue-toned portrait of a woman's face, and a blue-toned photograph of trees. The 'Art of Hope' logo is in the bottom right corner.

Missions

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

HHH: Can you believe it, the holidays

MISSIONS
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HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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 items 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!

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.



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PLAYERS
SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS
2:30-3:30PM IN MCKAY HALL

Fellowship

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, November 11, 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, November 11, 2024, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for FPC Jubilee member Stanley Volz will be held on Friday, November 22 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel. His obituary can be found [here](#). Please continue to keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- Coba Burton
- Ron Gumbert
- Joyce McGiffin
- John Ruble
- Susan Kester
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Bill Fish

- **Jane Gastineau**
- **Connie and DuWayne Hintz**

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

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