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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

This Sunday in our sermon series “The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World”, we’re looking at the parables. In some ways, Jesus’s parables functioned like riddles, requiring hearers to ponder the parable with open hearts and minds before the meaning was clear. Depending on what you count as a parable, there are between 30-50 parables found in the gospels. Some are short, and some are more detailed. We’ll hear one of the longer ones this Sunday with the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Also this Sunday, we’re hosting Luke Fitzpatrick, flutist with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, for our last concert in the Music Series. We want to support our local artists, so please come and enjoy beautiful music in the sanctuary at 2:00pm. (Friends, no one wants to play to an empty sanctuary!)

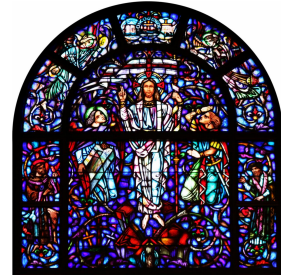
And finally, thank you to everyone who attended the listening forum last Sunday. Your input is vital as the search committees begin their work. If you would like more one-on-one time with a search committee member, you can let me know and I will connect you.

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](#).
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News & Events

Click the buttons below to read past editions of the e-news and to see a calendar listing of upcoming events!

[Weekly Announcements](#)

[Event Calendar](#)

Holy Week 2025

Join Us for Holy Week: Walk with us through the sacred journey of Holy Week as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter!

- Palm Sunday | April 13 | 11 AM – Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry with palms and praise. Weather permitting, we'll begin in the Courtyard.
- Maundy Thursday | Evening Service | 7pm – A solemn reflection on Jesus' Last Supper with Communion and a light dinner in McKay Hall.
- Good Friday Taizé | April 18 | 12 PM – A meditative service of prayer, song, and silence at the foot of the cross.
- Easter Egg Hunt | April 20 | 10 AM – A joyful celebration for children, youth, and families.
- Easter Sunday Worship | April 20 | 11 AM – Rejoice in the resurrection with a traditional service featuring brass orchestration.

Lenten Food Collection

Fish and Loaves: The Hunger Relief Committee will again sponsor our annual *FISH and LOAVES* food collection during Lent.

Leave your donations on the Fish and Loaves table located next to the Church office. You can leave your donations *anytime* the church is open. We are requesting the following items:

- Canned tuna
- Tuna in pre-packaged cups or packets
- Canned salmon
- Snack crackers
- Saltine or oyster crackers
- Tuna Helper

This collection is in addition to our monthly food collection. We prayerfully hope that you will support both of these efforts during this special church season.

Easter Music & Flowers

Reminder! Easter Music & Flowers – Deadline Sunday, April 6: Contributions for Easter music and flowers must be submitted by Sunday, April 6, to be included in the Easter bulletin! Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church (memo: Music or Chancel Guild – Easter) and send them to: First Presbyterian Church, 300 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802 or donate online [here](#).

Fine and Performing Arts

Music Series: Join us for the final concert of the 2024/25 FPC Music Series! Lauded by the South Florida Classical Review for his “vivacious and buoyant” playing, flutist Luke Fitzpatrick is the principal flute of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. During the summer, Luke also plays principal flute with the Des Moines Metropolitan Opera, and played principal flute with the Sarasota opera this past winter season.



Mr. Fitzpatrick will be accompanied on piano by Jonathan Young, lecturer in music at the Purdue University Fort Wayne School of Music. The concert is free and open to the public!

A Legacy for Our Future

The Meister Society: FPC's rich history is an exemplar of commitment, perseverance, and an abiding faith in Christ. Mindful of that heritage and the need to continue the vital role of supporting its ministry, the Foundation of First Presbyterian Church has created the Meister Society to ensure the future of First Presbyterian Church, its mission, and its ministry. The Meister Society is composed of faithful members who have made a provision for First Presbyterian Church in their will or estate plan as a legacy to future generations and to support the life of this church.

Members of the Foundation Board will share a moment for mission during worship on Sunday, March 30, and will be available in the Narthex after worship to share additional information. We look forward to sharing more about this important work.

MAD2 Camp 2025



Calling all young artists in Kindergarten through 5th grade!

Step into the magical worlds of *The Wizard of Oz*, *Wicked*, and *The Wiz* at our fourth annual MAD² Camp—where Music, Art, Drama, and Dance come to life! Under the creative direction of our incredible

partners—Fort Wayne Youtheatre, Fort Wayne Dance Collective, and Happy Keys—campers will explore the performing arts, unleash their creativity, and embark on an unforgettable journey down the Yellow Brick Road. Click to button below to secure your child's spot! Spaces

are limited, so register soon!

MAD2 Camp Registration

Missions

On Sunday, April 27, we as a congregation will again go out into the community together and share the good news of Christ through our actions—serving hands-on in a variety of settings with many of our community partners. The Missions Committee has prepared several activities for this special project.



Here is a list of the who, what, and where we will be serving:

Off-site:

- Little Free Libraries – Refilling the 20 or so libraries within a few miles of First Pres
- Wellspring on Broadway – Outdoor Spring clean-up and landscaping
- East Wayne Street Center – Repair/replace ceiling tiles, outdoor clean up
- St. Joseph's Women's Shelter – Indoor/Outdoor Clean Up
- Fire Station #1 Downtown – Showing appreciation (dinner, etc.) for our first responders
- The Towne House Retirement Community (St. Joe Center Rd) – Visiting members of our congregation and possibly other residents to share fellowship and maybe music

At First Pres:

1. Preparing sack lunches for all our volunteers to take with them to off-site projects (Saturday)
 - Help with South Side HS Arts Fest at FPC (Saturday)
 - Help with intake of contributions to the Green Team's E-recycling bins
 - Assembling "Gift of the Heart" bags for the Schools Team to distribute to the schools we serve
 - Write letters of appreciation to South Side HS staff
 - Write letters of appreciation to staff at Washington and South Wayne Elementary Schools
 - Write letters with KLM to residents of a refugee orphanage in South Korea

We have service opportunities for people of all ages and abilities! Family and friends are welcome to participate with us, too!

Click the button below to sign-up for your preferred job! Sign-up sheets for each project will also be posted in the small dining room. Some projects may have a limited number of spaces available, so sign up early if you've got a particular activity you'd like to work on!

We're looking forward to going out to share the Good News with our hands and feet, by serving our neighbors!

Online Sign-Up

Korean Language Ministry



An Evening with K-Pop: A Dance Showcase Fundraiser

Save the date to our fundraiser showcasing K-Pop performances from talented individuals & groups across

Indiana! Donations are heavily encouraged and all proceeds will help Korea Festival Fort Wayne grow.

Saturday, March 29 - Doors open 6:30pm, show begins 7pm
First Presbyterian Theater
\$20 Adults / \$10 Under 18

Ticket Reservation can be made online at the by clicking the button below!

Ticket Reservations

In Memoriam

Sincerest condolences to the family and friends of FPC member Alice "Sally" Gray who died on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Her obituary may be found [here](#). Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- John Ruble
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Bill Fish
- Jane Gastineau

- Jeff Linville
- Barbara McCants
- Jacob Martin & Family
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Scott & Joan Pattison
- Dana & Les Gurney

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

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