

Friday, April 11, 2025



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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## Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

It's Palm Sunday this week. We'll begin outside in the Courtyard for the 11:00 service, where we'll read the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem and hear the crowd's hopeful response. With waving palms and singing, we'll re-create that leafy parade into the city from so long ago as we process into the sanctuary.

But as we continue through the story, the mood begins to shift. The shadow of the cross looms larger, and we remember that the same voices crying "Hosanna" will soon cry "Crucify him." Palm Sunday marks the turning point in our journey, and invites us to walk—together—through the depth and drama of Holy Week. So let us mark these most sacred days of our faith with intention and care. Please take a moment to review the schedule for our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services below.

And then—after the shadows—we will gather again in joy to proclaim the astonishing news of Easter morning: that love is stronger than death, and that Christ is risen, indeed.

See you in church—multiple times in the coming week!

Blessings,  
Annie Epling

PS: It's not too late to sign-up for Hands On Fort Wayne. A link is below. Invite your friends to join you!

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## 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 [August Burger](#).*

## 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 | 7:00pm – A solemn reflection on Jesus' Last Supper with Communion and a soup and salad supper 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.

## Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our five newest members, who joined FPC on March 30! Pictured in order below: Kelly Leach, Jason Leach, DeWayne Reed, and Peg Reed. Kathryn DuPuis is not pictured. We're so glad you've joined us a First Pres!



**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.

Learn more about about the Meister Society's *A Legacy for Our Future* campaign by clicking the button below!

[Meister Society Brochure](#)

## Fine and Performing Arts



**South Side High School Partnership:** FPC will host the 2025 South Side High School Arts Fest on Saturday, April 26, from 2:00-4:00 pm! South Side students will showcase their talents in 2D and 3D art, vocal and instrumental music, dance, and

theater! Please come out to support these young artists and FPC's South Side initiative as we welcome students, faculty, staff and the public to this free event! Doors open at 1:30 pm, and light refreshments will be available.

## 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 MAD<sup>2</sup> 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

**Green Team:** Have you got old electronics and small



electrical items that you can't use any more? The Green Team can help you dispose of them properly during their Hands on Fort Wayne e-Recycling event on Sunday, April 27! If you can plug it into a wall socket, they'll take it--hair dryers, toasters, coffee makers, desktop computers, stereos, curling irons and even TVs will all be accepted. *PLEASE NOTE that devices with rechargeable batteries, used light bulbs, or alkaline batteries will NOT be accepted-* some rechargeable batteries and fluorescent bulbs may be taken to Lowes; alkaline batteries may be taken to Batteries Plus.

For this special event, it's FREE to drop items off! So come help us do our part to keep e-waste from harming the environment.

**Sign up now for Hands On Fort Wayne:** 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. We still need volunteers for the following projects:



#### Off-site:

- East Wayne Street Center – Repair/replace ceiling tiles, outdoor clean up
- St. Joseph's Women's Shelter – Indoor/Outdoor Clean Up

#### At First Pres:

- Help with South Side HS Arts Fest at FPC (Saturday)
- Help with intake of contributions to the Green Team's E-recycling bins
- 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

Family and friends are welcome to participate with us, too!

**Click the button below to sign-up online, or use the sign-up sheets in the small dining room.** We're looking forward to going out to share the Good News with our hands and feet, by serving our neighbors!

[Online Sign-Up](#)

**HHH:** Spring is here and the best news yet; Easter is around the corner! The date for the April Food Bank Collection is Sunday, April 20th. Please bring your contributions to the church on Sunday. Food items can also be dropped off at the church office throughout the week. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Please specify your donation for "Hunger Relief."

The following items are requested:

- Rice - white or brown (1-2 lb. bags or boxes preferred)
- Cereal - Corn Flakes or Toasted Oats
- Peanut Butter
- Applesauce Cups
- Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes
- Canned Green Beans or Corn
- Canned Chicken

Thank you for your contributions and help with this ministry. Hunger Relief is important to First Presbyterian's mission to our surrounding community. We support three community food banks: Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, United Faith Presbyterian Church, and East Wayne Street Center.

## Adult Fellowship

**North Dinner Group:** Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, April 14, 2025, 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](mailto: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, April 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

## Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- John Ruble
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Jane Gastineau
- Jeff Linville
- Barbara McCants
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Scott Pattison
- Dana & Les Gurney
- Marcie Weissner

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

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