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Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the 5th Sunday of Lent, with Palm Sunday just a week away. Time truly does fly!

This Sunday, our Scripture reading comes from John 12:1-8, where Mary anoints Jesus' feet with costly perfume—a powerful act of extravagant love and devotion, foreshadowing His death and burial. Yet, Judas objects, arguing that the money should have been given to the poor. This passage invites us to reflect on what it means to worship Jesus wholeheartedly and to consider how we express our own devotion to him.

You'll find a Holy Week schedule in this e-newsletter, and I encourage you to invite friends and family to any of our Holy Week service. You may also invite them to take part in Hands On Fort Wayne. There are

plenty of ways to serve!

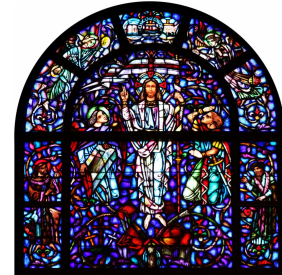
I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Blessings,
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](#).
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.

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

Last Chance! 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](#).

FPC Day School Week of the Young Child

Week of the Young Child 2025 April 5-11:

Help our Day School celebrate the Week of the Young Child, with a focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) activities, by donating your useful materials so we can recycle them to help build a fun Engineering Lab for the kids! We need:



- Boxes (all sizes)
- Old phones & Computers
- Walkie Talkies & Baby Monitors
- "Old" Tech (pagers, calculators, flashlights, etc.)
- Cardboard Tubes
- PVC Pipes and Plastic bottles
- Old Baking Sheets/Cooking Utensils
- Flower & Vegetable Seeds
- Combs, Brushes, Bottle Brushes
- Styrofoam

Please drop off your items at the church office! Thank you for helping us create a fun and educational week for our students!

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 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!

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!

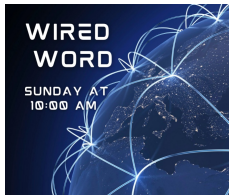
Click the button below to sign-up for your preferred job! Sign-up sheets for each project will also be posted in the small dining room. Some projects may have a limited number of spaces available, so

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

Adult Fellowship



Wired Word — Sunday Mornings, 10am: Join us each week as we delve into a topic inspired by recent news and explore how the Bible speaks to the events shaping our world today. Each Sunday brings a fresh topic, making this group perfect for those with busy schedules who may not be able to attend every week. Topics are emailed each Friday. Contact [Luci Gilpin](#) if you would like to receive the email. All are welcome — come as you are and join the conversation.

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, March 10, 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. 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, March 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!



TUESDAY

April 8 11 a.m.–2 p.m. & 5–7 p.m.

Purdue Fort Wayne · International Ballroom, Walb Union 150

Free parking in parking garage 2 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd.

Empty Bowls is once again working to help feed the hungry in our community. This project, sponsored by the PFW Department of Art and Design, works to raise money for The Pantry at Purdue Fort Wayne and the PFW Student Ceramics Club. When individuals donate \$30, they receive a *one-of-a-kind handcrafted bowl* along with a grab n' go lunch (including a vegetarian option), and a drink and dessert. Food for this event is provided by **Miller's Market**.

SATURDAY

April 26 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Artlink · 300 E. Main St. · Artlink event to support PFW Ceramics Club, The Pantry and Artlink

CASH, CHECK, AND CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

For more information about this event contact Seth Green at greens@pfw.edu

Prayer List

- Mark Chasse
- John Ruble
- Art & Lou Brickman
- Bill Fish
- Jane Gastineau
- Jeff Linville
- Barbara McCants
- Jacob Martin & Family
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Scott Pattison
- Dana & Les Gurney

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

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