

June 8, 2025
Day of Pentecost
Día de Pentecostés
11:00am — Sanctuary



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

**Those who are able, please stand*

**Los que puedan, por favor, pónganse de pie*

Congregation responds in bold

La congregación responde en negrita

GATHERING

Prelude What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Oh qué amigo nos es Cristo! Brian An

Preludio Great is Thy Faithfulness Grande Es Tu Fidelidad

Call to Worship

LLamado a la Adoración

In those days, says the Lord –

In those days after Jesus rose from the dead, in those days when no one really knew what was going on or what was going to happen –

In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

And when the disciples pushed out their fear,

And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new,

And as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood.

In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

With joy and awe.

The church was born.

Our church.

God's church.

Let us worship God.

En esos días, dice el Señor –

En esos días después de que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, en esos días cuando nadie realmente sabía qué estaba pasando o qué iba a suceder –

En esos días Dios exhaló el Espíritu Santo.

Y cuando los discípulos dejaron atrás su miedo,

Y mientras las llamas danzantes anunciaban la llegada de algo nuevo,

Y mientras el llanto del nacimiento era el llanto de muchas lenguas, todas entendidas.

En esos días nació la iglesia, de miedo y fuego,

Con gozo y asombro.

La iglesia nació.

Nuestra iglesia.

La iglesia de Dios.

Adoremos a Dios.

***Hymn No. 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

***Himno**

Ven, Oh Espíritu, Habita Entre Nosotros

***Call to Confession**

***LLamado a la confesión**

When we come together to confess our sin, we find that the closed room of our minds and the locked door of our spirits burst open, making room for the Spirit of God to run wild. When we think we can contain God, we deceive only ourselves—the Spirit is here, and calls us to join the dance. Before God, with the people of God, let us lay down our burdens of brokenness and join what God is doing. Let us pray.

Cuando nos reunimos para confesar nuestro pecado, descubrimos que la habitación cerrada de nuestras mentes y la puerta cerrada de nuestros espíritus se abren de par en par, haciendo espacio para que el Espíritu de Dios se desate. Cuando pensamos que podemos contener a Dios, solo nos engañamos a nosotros mismos—el Espíritu está aquí y nos llama a unirnos a la danza. Delante de Dios, con el pueblo de Dios, dejemos nuestros pesares de quebranto y unámonos a lo que Dios está haciendo. Oremos.

***Prayer of Confession**

***Oración de Confesión**

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**Huddled in fear of what others will think,
Of what others will do,
Of what God will do.**

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**Making fun of what we do not understand,
Tearing down what is sacred to another,
Waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Always God is with us:

**Nudging us like a gentle breeze,
Stirring us with flames of hope,
Speaking to us with words engraved in our hearts. Amen.**

A veces somos como aquellos discípulos de antaño:

**Aterrados por lo que otros pensarán,
Por lo que otros harán,
Por lo que Dios hará.**

A veces somos como observadores pasivos:

**Burlándonos de lo que no entendemos,
Destruyendo lo que es sagrado para otro,
Esperando hasta estar seguros de que está bien.**

Siempre Dios está con nosotros:

**Empujándonos como una suave brisa,
Sacudiéndonos con llamas de esperanza,
Hablándonos con palabras grabadas en nuestros corazones. Amén.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Aseguramiento del Perdón**

This is the promise: "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh—young and old, men and women, rich and poor—and all people will see." This promise is for you, and for us. No matter who we are or where we have been, the Spirit of the Living God falls fresh, with mercies new every morning. Know that you are forgiven, and let the Spirit speak through you!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Esta es la promesa: "Derramaré mi Espíritu sobre toda carne—jóvenes y viejos, hombres y mujeres, ricos y pobres—y todos los pueblos lo verán." Esta promesa es para ti, y para nosotros. No importa quiénes seamos o dónde hayamos estado, el Espíritu del Dios Viviente descende fresco, con misericordias nuevas cada mañana. Sabe que eres perdonado, ¡y deja que el Espíritu hable a través de ti!
Gracias a Dios. Amén.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Paso de la Paz de Cristo**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

As you are comfortable, we invite you to take a moment to share the Peace of Christ with those around you with a smile, wave, or other signs of connection.

***Responsive Hymn No. 581**

Glory Be to The Father

GLORIA PATRI

***Himno Responsorial**

Gloria al Padre



*Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo, y al Espíritu Santo;
como era en el principio, es ahora, y será por siempre, por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén, amén.*

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Oración de Iluminación

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Praise His Holy Name

by Keith Hampton

Coro

Alabemos Su Santo Nombre

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Erin McGee

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

*** Afirmación de Fe**

We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untamable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

Cantamos a Dios el Espíritu, que desde el principio ha recorrido la faz de la creación, animando toda energía y materia y moviéndose en el corazón humano.

Cantamos a Dios el Espíritu, fiel e indomable, que está creativamente y redentoramente activo en el mundo.

El Espíritu nos desafía a celebrar lo santo no solo en lo familiar, sino también en aquello que parece extraño.

Cantamos al Espíritu, que pronuncia nuestras oraciones de más profundo anhelo y envuelve nuestras preocupaciones y confesiones, transformándonos a nosotros y al mundo.

We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

Amen.

Ofrecemos adoración como un derrame de gratitud y asombro, y una práctica de abrirnos a la suave y pequeña voz de consuelo de Dios, al torbellino de desafío de Dios.

A través de la palabra, la música, el arte y el sacramento, en comunidad y en soledad, Dios cambia nuestras vidas, nuestras relaciones y nuestro mundo.

Amén.

***Hymn No. 291**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

***Himno**

Espíritu, Espíritu de Suavidad

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

El Padrenuestro

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy el pan nuestro de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, así como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos de mal. Amén.

Invitation to the Offering

Invitación a la Ofrenda

Offertory

You're My All in All

Ofertorio

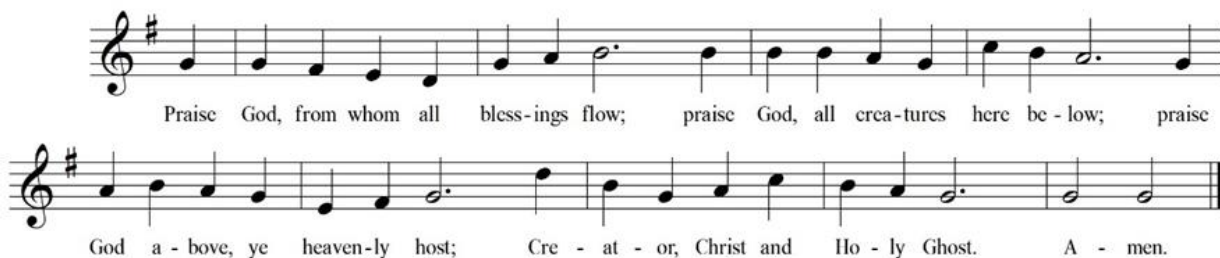
Eres Mi Todo en Todo

***Doxology Hymn No. 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Himno de Doxología**

Alabado Sea Dios, de Quien Fluyen Todas las Bendiciones



*Alabad a Dios, de quien todas las bendiciones fluyen;
alabad a Dios, todas las criaturas aquí abajo;
alabad a Dios, sobre todo, hueste celestial;
alabad al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo. Amén.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Oración de Dedicación**

SENDING

***Hymn No. 289**

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

***Himno**

En Pentecostés se Reunieron

***Benediction**

***Bendición**

***Postlude**

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest setting by Flor Peeters

***Postludio**

En Nuestro Ser Mora, Creador

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Betsy Chapman and Joseph McGeehan
by Howard Chapman and Jane McGeehan.

Assisting with Worship this Morning

Clergy: Rev. Dr. Anne Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her), Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An. (he/him), Rev. Martín García, Rev. Erin McGee

Liturgist: Jill Werling

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Tony Borton, Chip Davis

Ushers of the Month: Esther Coplin, Eric Evans, Ashley Lassiter, and Linda Yount

Interim Organist and Handbell Choir Director: Irene Ator

Interim Chancel Choir Director: Jonathan Busarow

Chancel Choir & KLM Choir

Pianist: Brian An

Assistant Organist: Kathryn Miller

Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

Sound Board Operator: Marj Sapp

Prayer List

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| • John Ruble | • Jane Gastineau |
| • Art Brickman & Family | • Jim & Sondra Mergenthal |
| • Marcie Weissner | • Dana & Les Gurney |
| • Mary Winters | • Family of Phyllis Stanley |

If you are in need of prayer or an encouraging word, let us know.

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or you're a longtime member, we are thrilled to have you join us as we explore our shared journey with Christ. I hope you find the worship service uplifting and meaningful.

Here at First Presbyterian Church, we hold our 193-year-old history in creative tension with 21st-century challenges. We honor traditions that have shaped generations before us while exploring how Jesus's message speaks to the complexities of life today. Our members come from different backgrounds, carry unique stories, and approach faith with a variety of perspectives. Some of us may have questions, others may have doubts, and many of us are navigating challenges—yet we come together as one body to worship and grow in faith.

You're welcome to visit our website at www.firstpresfortwayne.org for more information about the church, and I invite you to talk to any of the pastors, stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex (lobby) after church, and/or join us for coffee in McKay Hall following worship. We have many programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. And, if you are looking for a church home, we hope you'll get connected at First Presbyterian. It would be an honor to be your church family.

Blessings,
Annie Epling Pastor/Head of Staff

—> Hearing Loops

To use the “Hearing Loop” during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the “T”, T-Coil or telephone position.

—> Families with Children

Jesus loves the little children, and we do too! But should you decide that today would be a good time to explore the nursery, your child, ages 6 months thru five years, is always invited. Our nursery meets in the first-floor day school wing, so please ask an usher or the front office volunteer for assistance and a key fob.

News and Events

Interfaith Picnic — Saturday, June 14

Wayne Area Interfaith Co-op is a newly formed group of leaders representing different faith traditions in the Fort Wayne area, including First Pres. Join us for our inaugural event at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 14, at Temple Achduth Shalom, located at 5200 Old Mill Rd. We'll enjoy a picnic-style potluck lunch as we seek to create a neutral and safe environment for all to eat, play games and have fun together.

Diaper Drive — Deadline June 15th

Support Healthier Moms and Babies' fourth Annual Community Wide Diaper Drive! Between June 1-15, 2025, donations of diapers and wipes for families in our community will be accepted at FPC. Please place the items in the bin located in the Narthex. Last year, over 150,000 diapers, wipes, and baby items were donated! Please considering helping with the effort in 2025!

Retirement Reception — Sunday, June 22 at 12pm

Please join us as we gather to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Kathy Miller as she prepares for her well-earned retirement! Kathy has faithfully served at First Pres as our Assistant Organist for many years, and she will be greatly missed.

A special reception will be held in McKay Hall on June 22 after worship. This will be an opportunity to celebrate Kathy's remarkable contributions — spanning over 50 years — to our church and music ministry, and to express our deep appreciation for her dedication and service.

Help us create a memory book for Kathy!

We're putting together a scrapbook to honor Kathy's years of faithful service, and we'd love your help. You're invited to share a favorite memory, write a note of appreciation, or include a photo.

To participate, please stop by the church office to pick up a sheet of paper specially formatted for the scrapbook (available page space is **8.5" x 9.25"** and will be marked for you). Return your completed page to the office, or email your

message and any photos to **aburger@firstpresfortwayne.org**, and we'll format it for you.

Let's fill this book with joy, gratitude, and the beautiful memories Kathy has helped create over the years!

Centennial Celebration — Sunday, July 13 at 12pm

Join us for a centennial celebration of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation in McKay Hall after worship for light hors d'oeuvres, coffee, punch, and cake. For the past 100 of the church's 194-year existence, the Foundation has served many key purposes, programs, and mission.

We'll pay tribute to members who helped make the foundation a cornerstone of First Presbyterian Church and kick off a new Centennial Fund to prepare for the next 100 years. This fund was created to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the First Presbyterian Foundation, INC. and allow individuals to honor the Foundation through a gift of \$100.00. Please join us in celebrating the past and looking forward to the future!

Pride Fest 2025 — Saturday, July 26 at 12pm

Come be a part of God's vibrant mosaic! Show your love and represent First Presbyterian at the Fort Wayne Pride Festival this year by volunteering for a 1.5 hour shift at our booth.

Volunteers will help visitors to create small pieces of art that will become a big mosaic over the course of the day. The mosaic will join an exhibition of art created by the Queer Art Club of Fort Wayne, showcased at the First Presbyterian booth.

Three to four volunteers will cover each shift so there will be plenty of time to talk, laugh, hug, and make art together.

Scan the QR code to sign-up for a slot! Contact Carrie Winebrenner with any questions.



GETTING CONNECTED

MEMBERSHIP

Whether you live in the Fort Wayne area or worship with us online, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through Coffee with the Pastors, you'll learn more about First Presbyterian Church, its history, and its current ministry in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you join us for coffee. We will be hosting Coffee with the Pastors on May 4 at 9:15am in the Session Room. All are welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION

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, so please let Luci Gilpin at lucifoltz@gmail.com know if you'd like to receive that email. All are welcome — come as you are and join the conversation.

Men's Bible Study — Summer Hiatus

This group is led by Rev. Youngsoo An and meets on Zoom. For more information, email Rev. An at ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Women's Bible Study — Fridays, 1pm

This group is led by Rev. Ann Pitman and meets on Zoom. For more information, email Rev. Pitman at apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Table Talk for Women — Summer Hiatus

The Table Talk women's book study will have their last meeting before taking a summer break on Wednesday, May 28 at 10:00 am on Zoom. The group will resume on September 3.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

North and South Dinner Groups — 2nd Monday of the month, 5:30pm

A great way to get to know other First Pres members is through our local area Dinner Groups. These groups meet the 2nd Monday of every month. The South Dinner Group meets at Hall's Coventry (5745 Coventry Lane) at 5:30pm. No need to RSVP, just ask for the First Pres tables. It's a big group, so you can't miss it! The North Dinner Group meets at 5:30pm at 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!

Faith, Fiber, and Fellowship — Mondays, 3pm

This group meets weekly at 3pm on Mondays in Room 302 on the 3rd floor. Bring your latest fiber project for a time of fellowship and crafting.

Body, Brain, and Belief (3B) — Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30PM in McKay Hall

Maintaining balance is essential as we age. A decline in stability increases the risk of falls, impacting independence and quality of life. Good balance helps prevent falls, supports daily activities, and reduces the risk of serious injuries.

Join us for 3B, a lifetime fitness class designed to improve balance, flexibility, and strength using chairs and other provided equipment. These free classes are open to all adults aged 50 and older and are filled with fun, fellowship, and fitness. Our holistic approach combines proven physical therapy exercises, healthy brain activities, and opportunities for spiritual, emotional, and social growth. Classes meet twice a week in McKay Hall. We'd love to have you join us!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Sunday School for Children and Youth — Summer Hiatus

Two Sunday School classes for children and youth are offered during the worship hour. We all begin worship in the sanctuary, then the children head to Sunday School after Time with Children. Please note: Sunday School classes will not meet on Communion Sundays so that we may all participate in that sacrament as a family.

Youth Group — Summer Hiatus

Building relationships while burning off some energy is important! Through service, games, food, and more, we have many events to decompress from school and extracurriculars throughout the year. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to join this amazing group of young people!

MISSIONS

Our **Green Team** is active throughout the year. In the winter, you can find them distributing the “Bag of Bags,” which are reusable grocery bags. In the spring, they have a booth at Eco Fest, sponsor a recycling drive at Hands ON Fort Wayne, and host our biennial Pet Blessing with a collection of items for local animal shelters. Throughout the year, they sell Fair Trade chocolate with proceeds supporting our food bank ministry.

Through our **Missions Ministry**, many of our members and friends are engaged in volunteering and advocacy. Our programs include making and serving dinner at the Rescue Mission on the 3rd Sundays of the month, providing a meal for the residents of St. Joseph Missions monthly, packing weekend meals for Washington Elementary students on Sundays after worship in McKay Hall, and our annual Hands On Fort Wayne day of service. On the 3rd Sundays of the month, we collect food for local food banks. We also maintain mission partnerships with many local, national, and international partners. They include:

- Help Not Handcuffs
- Washington Elementary School
- South Wayne Elementary School
- South Side High School
- St. Josephs Mission
- Wellspring Interfaith Services
- East Wayne Street Food Bank
- United Faith Presbyterian Church Food Bank
- Amistad Presbyterian Church
- Matthew 25 Clinic
- Rescue Mission
- Reproductive Rights Action Committee with Plymouth UCC
- PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Costa Rica, Taiwan, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon

FWCS Clothing Bank

The Schools Team wishes to remind everyone that a designated bin is available in the Small Dining Room to deposit gently-used clothing for the Fort Wayne Community Schools Clothing Bank. Through school referrals, the Clothing Bank has provided clothing for thousands of students and families in need, sometimes enabling the attendance of students who have no appropriate clothing for school. All types of gently-used clothing in all sizes (baby to adult) are needed, as well as shoes, coats, boots, gloves/mittens, and hats. (Socks and underwear must be new.) If you're paring down your wardrobe, please remember to bring in a bag of wearable items for the FWCS Clothing Bank bin. Thank you!

FINE ARTS MINISTRY

The **Fine Arts Ministry** consists of the Art Gallery, Music Series, and the Theater. Throughout the year, the three art forms together present exhibits, concerts and shows which seek to enhance our faith through visual art, music, and drama all while highlighting themes and challenges within our world. The mission of the Fine Arts Ministry is to *Enrich Our Faith Through the Arts*. This important ministry seeks to create artistic beauty and to help us grow in our faith with God right along with the mission of the church. A full listing of these events can be found at <https://firstpresfortwayne.org/arts/>.

The **Music Ministry** at First Pres includes the Chancel Choir which meets in the Music Room on the second floor. Rehearsals are from 7-8:30 pm on Thursday evenings, and 10-10:40 am on Sundays, from Labor Day until June 8th. The Handbell Choir also meets on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 in Room 201. They will not be practicing during the summer months but will resume in the fall.

Our **Theater**, established in 1968, creates entertaining, educational, and inclusive theatre productions to inspire and motivate our audiences. We produce comedies, musicals, and dramas that teach us about ourselves and the world we live in. Our engaging productions have something for everyone, including pertinent messages like love, compassion, and bravery, while focusing on the human condition which can be funny and traumatizing.

CALENDAR

Today

10:00 am

Wired Word.—2nd Floor Parlor

Choir Warmup.—Music Room.

11:00 am

Joint Worship Service.—Sanctuary & Livestream

Hospitality Time.—McKay Hall. Join us for coffee, cookies, and connections with our faith family.

12:00 pm

This Week

Mon June 9

1:30 pm

Body, Brain, and Belief (3B).—McKay Hall. Lifetime fitness class for adults aged 50 and older.

Tues June 10

Wed June 11

1:30 pm

Body, Brain, and Belief (3B).—McKay Hall. Lifetime fitness class for adults aged 50 and older.

Fri June 13

1:00 pm

Women's Bible Study.—Zoom. Email Rev. Ann Pitman apitman@firstpresfortwayne.org for more information.

1:30 pm

Body, Brain, and Belief (3B).—McKay Hall. Lifetime fitness class for adults aged 50 and older.

5:30 pm

Missions Committee Meeting.—Zoom.

Coming Soon

Sun June 22

12:00 pm

Kathy Miller's Retirement Party.—McKay Hall after worship.

Sun July 13

12:00 pm

Centennial Celebration.—McKay Hall after worship.