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## This Week @FirstPresFW

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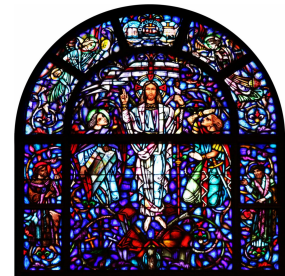
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*This Week @FirstPresFW* is a shorter summer edition this week.

## Sunday Worship

### English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Rev. Susan Keirn-Kester 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, Pastor Lin 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

## Volunteer Ushers Needed

**Sunday Worship:** We're looking for friendly faces to serve as ushers during worship services! Ushers help welcome guests, distribute bulletins, and assist with seating and are a vital part of creating a warm and inviting experience for all.

If you're available and willing to help, please contact Scott McMeen at 260-417-4715 or [srmcmeen@gmail.com](mailto:srmcmeen@gmail.com). Thank you for serving!

## Special Visitors Sunday

Former FPC members Dave and Sook Ja Hansen will be in Fort Wayne this weekend and joining us for worship and fellowship time this Sunday, July 13! Many of you will remember the Hansens, and they would be delighted to reconnect with their FPC friends.

## 2025/26 Gallery Season Announced



***The Illusion of Permanence:*** The work of Su A Chae and Kay Gregg

Showing: September 12 - October 30, 2025  
Reception: September 12, 5:30-7:00 pm &  
September 14, 12:15-1:30 pm

Su A Chae is an artist and educator with a primary focus on painting. Chae explores the evolving role of painting in the digital age. Her work delves into asymmetrical balance creating paradoxical spatial relationships and the complexities associated with cultural identity. Chae's work has been widely exhibited regionally and nationally.



Kay Gregg is a visual artist with a focus on the physical nature of human-to-machine interactions. Her artwork has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions across the United States, including at the FWMoA in Fort Wayne, IN. Gregg's work has been collected regionally and nationally.

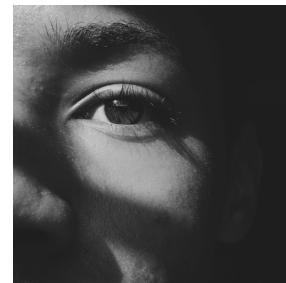
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*Look Me in the Eyes- A Moment in Time:* Curated by Marsi Lawson

Showing: September 28-October 5, 2025  
Reception: September 28, 12:15-2:00 pm

Marsi Lawson curates a collaboration between people with lived experience of homelessness and artists. The exhibit will be held in McKay Foyer.

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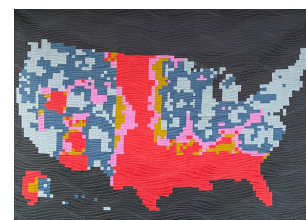
*Art of Hope:* Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana, multiple artists

Showing: November 14-January 6, 2026  
Reception: November 14, 6:00-7:30 pm

The Art of Hope exhibit, created by Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana, joins art and mental health to raise awareness and inspire hope. Art of Hope facilitates connection through the healing power of art.

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*Creative Resistance:* Featuring work by Rachel Ivy Clarke, Tamara Harper, Erin Bauchan-Caprara, Emily Herbster, Elysha Ozanian, Amber Elliot



Showing: January 16-March 9, 2026  
Reception: January 16, 5:30-7:00 pm, January 18, 12:15-1:00 pm

Craftivism, the intersection of craft and activism, brings a slower, more reflective approach to protest. It seeks to show that while bold action and loud voices have their place, change can also come through quiet, intentional acts. The exhibit will feature art done in traditional craft forms.

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*Consider The Lilies of the Field:* Featuring work by Jennifer Meeker, Hannah Burnworth, Megan



Sheetz, Patricia Weiss, Vicki Davis

Showing: March 13-April 22, 2026

Reception: March 13, 5:30-7:00 pm, March 15,  
12:15-1:00 pm

Botanical art showcases the natural world, its beauty, and the importance of conservation. Exhibiting artists will display botanical works focused on earth care, environmentalism, spring, preserving the earth, and gardening.

## Centennial Fund

**FPC Foundation Centennial Fund:** The Foundation was established on May 10, 1925, and this year marks its 100th anniversary! Its mission is to support religious, educational, and charitable efforts that benefit both current and future members of this Church, their families, and their communities. In pursuit of these goals, the Foundation is dedicated to advancing the cause of Christianity in Fort Wayne and the surrounding area.



Every member of First Presbyterian Church is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation. So if First Presbyterian is your church, you can truly consider this Foundation your own.

The Foundation Board is excited to launch a new Centennial Fund as we look ahead to the next 100 years. Established in honor of the First Presbyterian Foundation, Inc.'s 100th birthday, this special fund invites individuals to commemorate the milestone with a gift of \$100. You may give online by clicking the button below, or by cash/check at the church office.

Join us in celebrating our past and investing in our future!

[Centennial Fund](#)

## Missions

**Food Bank Donations:** The date for the July Food Bank Collection will be July 20th. Please bring your contribution to the church on Sunday. Food items can be dropped off at the church office throughout the week. Monetary donations are greatly



appreciated too. Please specify your donation for "Hunger Relief."

The following items are requested:

- Rice- white or brown (1-2 lbs. bags preferred)
- Canned Soup
- Applesauce Cups
- Cereal - Toasted Oats or Corn Flakes
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Vegetable - Green Beans or Corn
- Canned Tuna

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

## Fellowship

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

## Pride Fest Booth Volunteers Needed

**Volunteer at Pride Fest 2025:** Come be a part of God's vibrant mosaic!

**What:** Fort Wayne Pride Festival 2025  
**When:** Saturday, July 26, 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.



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 booth next to First Pres.

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

Click the button below to sign-up for a slot! Contact [Carrie Winebrenner](#) with any questions.

Pride Booth Sign-  
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## Prayer List

- Rev. Dr. Annie Epling & Family
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Dana & Les Gurney
- Virginia Coats
- Bill Fish
- Bob & Kathy Beatty

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

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