

Friday, July 4, 2025



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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## Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,

Did you know that before the Declaration of Independence was signed, a committee was created to work on it? It was called the Committee of Five, and I'm not sure how I missed that part...whether during history class or my many, many replays of "Hamilton." (Work!)

However, the idea that a committee drafted such a vital document reminds us all that we do better work in community. I pray that as we observe our nation's birthday today, you find celebration, comfort, or hot dogs in community, too!

In that same spirit, on Sunday, we will come together as a community, beginning a new summer worship style titled "Ponderings on Passages." Susan Bolinger and Scott McMeen will be joining me for a dialogue on our scripture passages for the day, offering their questions, insights, and experiences. Throughout the summer, we'll

hear from more folks on different passages. I am super excited, and I cannot wait to hear the Spirit weaving our conversations together into its own declaration.

Happy birthday, USA, and I look forward to seeing you all, online or in person, on Sunday!

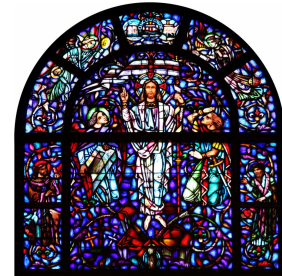
With blessings,  
Carrie

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## Sunday Worship

### English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Rev. Carrie Winebrenner 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](#).*

**Please Note: The FPC Campus will be closed on Friday, July 4, in honor of the Independence Day holiday.**

## 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](#)

## First Pres Turns 194!



### Happy 194th Birthday, First Presbyterian Church:

Founded on July 1, 1831, FPC is proud to be Fort Wayne's oldest continuing congregation. For nearly two centuries, we've worshiped, served, and grown together!

Thank you to everyone that's been part of this incredible journey. Here's to the past, present, and the bright future ahead!

## Meal Train for the Epling Family

For those wanting to help support the Epling Family during Annie's recovery, click the button below to sign up for a slot on the Meal Train. Your continued prayers and support are deeply appreciated. Cards or notes of encouragement are welcome and may be sent directly or dropped off at the church office.



[Meal Train Sign-Up](#)

## Note to In Person Worship Attendees

**Sunday Worship:** Please note that the back pews of the sanctuary have been roped off and are currently closed. We kindly ask that you move forward and sit closer to the front.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we create a more welcoming and connected worship experience.

## 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

## FAME Exhibit in the Gallery



**FAME Festival Art Show:** FAME, or the Foundation for Art and Music in Education, has highlighted musical and artistic work by local students for over three decades. In the words of the Foundation, "We believe in the value and power of the arts

to kindle the imagination, encourage creative thinking and enhance human development." Work from the 2025 FAME Festival will be displayed in the FPC Art Gallery from Tuesday, July 1 through Saturday, August 2. Please join us for congregational reception immediately after worship on Sunday, July 6!

## 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

- Art Brickman & Family
- Rev. Dr. Annie Epling & Family
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Dana & Les Gurney
- Virginia Coats
- Bill Fish

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

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