

Friday, October 3, 2025



## This Week @FirstPresFW

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## Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

It will be wonderful to be with you this Sunday as we celebrate World Communion Sunday as one unified congregation. I have asked Rev. An to preach, and I'm looking forward to the message our "happy pastor" will bring.

You'll begin to hear more about this year's stewardship campaign in the next few weeks. Dedication Sunday is October 19.

My heart procedure is behind me and was successful. I feel as though a weight has been lifted from my shoulders. With this behind me, I have resumed full-time work, and I look forward to being in ministry with all of you again.

Don't forget these upcoming dates!

- The Foundation Centennial celebration on October 19 after worship
- Timekeepers in the theater: Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and

Sundays at 2pm.

- Project 216 on October 15. Sign up in the Dining Room.
- Coffee with the Pastors for prospective members on October 26.

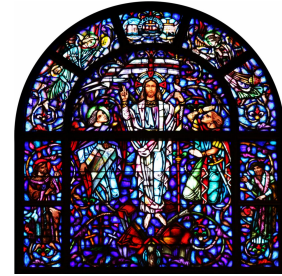
I hope to see you Sunday!  
Annie

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## Sunday Worship

### English & Korean Joint Worship

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An 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](#)



### 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](#)

## New Sermon Series

**Pastor Annie Epling begins *Practicing Our Faith* on Sunday, October 12:** Life brings both extraordinary challenges and everyday stresses—and in a world marked by uncertainty, conflict, and constant noise, it can be hard to stay grounded. How do we live with hope and faith in the midst of it all?



This three-part sermon series, inspired by *Practicing Our Faith* by Dorothy Bass, explores spiritual practices that root us in God's love and help us live with intention, courage, and grace. We'll begin by exploring Sabbath as a gift of rest and renewal, then turn to the importance of community in sustaining our faith and finally reflect on honoring the body as a sacred part of our spiritual life. These

practices guide our choices, deepen our connection to God and others, and remind us that we do not walk alone.

## Coffee with the Pastors



New to First Pres? We'd love to meet you at Coffee with the Pastors on Sunday, October 26, at 9:30 AM in the Session Room. This relaxed gathering is a chance to share coffee and conversation with our

pastors, hear about the ministries of First Pres, and discover ways you can connect, serve, and grow. We'll even take a quick tour of the church so you can get to know our space and history.

If you're ready to take the next step, we'll walk you through the process following the gathering. Questions? Ready to RSVP? Reach out to Rev. Carrie Winebrenner, Associate Pastor at [cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org).

## Children, Youth, and Families

**Pumpkin Patch Family Fun:** Join us at First Pres at noon on Saturday, October 18 as we caravan together to the North Folk Farms Pumpkin Patch and Minecraft-themed Corn Maze! We'll spend the afternoon enjoying hayrides, games, and seasonal treats, returning by 6 PM. The cost is \$14 per person, and we ask that you RSVP to Carrie by October 15 so we can plan transportation and tickets. Don't miss this festive fall field trip!



## Centennial Celebration Event



**Save the Date Sunday, October 19:** Join us for a centennial celebration of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation in McKay Hall after worship on Sunday, October 19, for light hors d'oeuvres, coffee, punch, and cake.

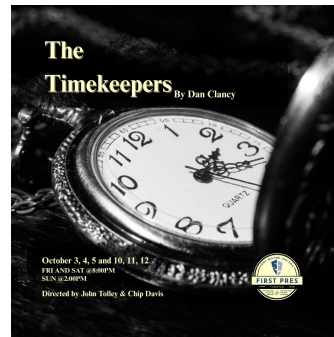
For the past 100 of the church's 194-year existence, the Foundation has served

many key purposes, programs. We'll also pay tribute to members who helped make the foundation a cornerstone of First Presbyterian Church. Please join us in celebrating the past and looking forward to the future!

# Fine & Performing Arts

**FPC Theater:** *The Timekeepers* by Dan Clancy  
Opens October 3!

A world in chaos. Two men, one bold, young, and flamboyant; the other old, conservative, and guarded, thrown together by fate. What could they possibly have in common? Dark humor, a love of opera... and something deeper.



This powerful, unexpected friendship will make you laugh, cry, and think twice about the walls we build, and how music, wit, and heart can break them down. Directed by John Tolley and Chip Davis. Please note this production is for mature audiences for language and sexual content.

Tickets are available at the button below! See you at the theater!

**Theater Tickets**

**Theater Volunteers Needed:** Be part of the show, off stage! First Pres Theater's upcoming production of *The Timekeepers* opens soon, and we need your help to make it a success. We're looking for friendly volunteers to serve as:

- Ushers
- Ticket Takers
- Concessions Workers

It's a fun way to support live theater! Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/4nJy69E>

Thank you for helping us bring great theater to our community!

## Music Opportunities

**Join the Choirs:** The Chancel Choir sings for all English Worship Services and they welcome anyone who enjoys singing God's praises. Chancel Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm, and Sundays at 10am.

The Handbell Choir practices Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm and rings occasionally in Worship. They are looking for more ringers, so please

reach out if you read music and are interested.

For more information, please call the office at 260-426-7421.

## Project 216

**Volunteers Needed:** On Wednesday, October 15, we will once again be packing meals for Project 216! Sign up as an individual or a team this Sunday after Worship in the small dining room, or click the button below to sign up online! Learn more about the mission of Project 216 [here](#).

Project 216 Sign-Up

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FIGHT HUNGER. GIVE HOPE.

## Hunger Service Project



***“Make a difference by packaging meals that fill tummies and give hope!”***

**Date: Wednesday, October 15**

**Event time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Pizza at 5:30 PM)**

**Place: McKay Hall**

***Packed meals will go to Mission of Hope again or to Feed the Hungry to feed children throughout the world***

**Sign-up for this fun event is in the small dining room**

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For more information about Project 216, visit us at [www.Project-216.org](http://www.Project-216.org)

## Fellowship

**North Dinner Group:** Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm, location is Don Hall's Factory. Please RSVP to Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or by email at [marj.sapp@gmail.com](mailto:marj.sapp@gmail.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, October 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

**Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship:** Fiber crafters meet on Mondays 3-5

pm, in Room 302, as long as the church is open (closed holidays and sometimes in severe weather). Bring your own project to knit, crochet, embroider, cross stitch, weave, needlepoint, quilt, hem, etc. If you enjoy a beverage, be sure it has a secure lid!

Questions? Contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639, or [marj.sapp@gmail.com](mailto:marj.sapp@gmail.com), or Marcie Weissner at 260.312.5733 or [marcie5073@aol.com](mailto:marcie5073@aol.com).

## Prayer List

- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Dana & Les Gurney
- Kathy Miller

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

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