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Pastor's Letter



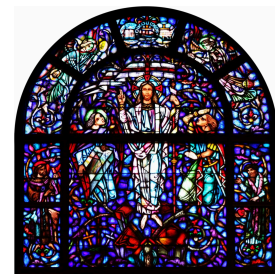
Dear Friends,

This Sunday is a special day in the life of our church! We will gather for joint worship with KLM, and, following worship, we'll hold our Annual Meeting, a time to reflect on the past year, give thanks for our shared ministry, and look ahead with hope and excitement. There is so much to celebrate, and our report is filled with good news! Tell me something good? We have good news to share.

Come for worship, stay for fellowship, and let's rejoice in all the ways God is moving among us. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,
Annie

Sunday Worship



English

- 11:00 AM Joint English & Korean Language Service in the Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Annie 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](#)

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](#).
The deadline for submission is Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Please Note: We will pack Blessings in a Backpack this Sunday, March 15, at 10:00 am! Please join us!

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](#)

Annual Meeting

The Session has issued a call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation to take place **this Sunday, March 15**, immediately following worship. The following business will be presented: annual reports, financial report for the preceding year, budget for the current year (information only), changes in the terms of call for the pastors, nominating committee report for church officers, and electing members to serve on the Session, Board of Deacons, and nominating committee.

A copy of the 2025 Annual Report may be found on our website [here](#).

Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our eight newest members, who joined FPC on February 17! Pictured in order below: Tammi Hurni, Ann Doell (with son Teddy), Anne and Daniel Boyko, and Paloma Camacho. Erlene Yentes is not pictured. Our new members will be introduced to the congregation this Sunday at worship! We're so glad you've joined us at First Pres!



Tammy Hurni serves as the Day School cook at First Presbyterian and lives just a block away from the church. She shares that through conversations and experiences here, she felt certain that God had led her to this community.



Ann Doell is a professional genealogist, graduate student, and proud mom to her son, Teddy. She was drawn to First Presbyterian by its blend of traditional worship and a thoughtful, modern approach to living out the Christian faith.



Anne and Daniel Boyko came to First Presbyterian through MAD2 Camp, and after friends encouraged them to visit our Korean worship service where they quickly felt a sense of connection and belonging. Together they are the proud parents of three daughters: Zoey, Sophia, and Chloe.



Paloma Camacho serves as an Allen County Prosecuting Attorney Fellow and recently made Fort Wayne her home. She is grateful to be part of this church family and excited to continue growing in faith and community.



Jessi and Josh Spencer are the parents of two daughters, Violet and Felicity, and recently made First Presbyterian their church home. They

were drawn to First Pres because of its commitment to loving neighbors well and its active role in the Fort Wayne community.

Lent at First Pres

"Good Times, Great Company" Lenten Series: To go along with our Lenten worship theme, Tell Me Something Good, we're doing something a little different this year. Instead of a book study or traditional Bible study, we're going on the road—just for fun—for the six weeks of Lent. Join us as you're able for weekly, low-key activities that build new relationships, make new friends, and reconnect with one another. No prep, no pressure, just time together and a little good news along the way.

- Mar. 21, 7:30-9PM Glo Wild @ FW Zoo

Don't miss your opportunity to see the Zoo transform into a wild and wonderful nighttime lantern festival. This event requires an RSVP at the link: [Sign Up for Glo Wild](#)

- Mar. 24, 5:30-7:30PM Mahjong at Two Bamboo

Want to learn how to play American Mahjong? Are you already a pro? Join us for a fun night of learning and playing at the newest spot in town, Two Bamboo is owned by a friend of our own, Betsy Perry Patton! For those who already know how to play, some tables will be designated for open play all evening. This event is \$15 per person, and RSVP is required at the link: [Sign Up for Mahjong at Two Bamboo](#)

Holy Week 2026

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 | March 29 | 11 AM – Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry with palms and praise. Weather permitting, we'll begin in the Courtyard.
- Maundy Thursday | April 2 | 7:00pm – A solemn reflection on Jesus' Last Supper with Communion and a soup and salad supper in McKay Hall.
- Good Friday Taizé | April 3 | 12 PM – A meditative service of prayer, song, and silence at the foot of the cross.
- Easter Egg Hunt | April 5 | 10 AM – A joyful celebration for children, youth, and families.

- Easter Sunday Worship | April 5 | 11 AM – Rejoice in the resurrection with a traditional service featuring brass orchestration.

Missions



Hands On Fort Wayne T-Shirt Distribution!

We will be handing out HOFW t-shirts before and after worship next Sunday, March 22, from 10:00-11:00 am and 12:00-12:30 pm! Please stop by the table in the small dining room!

Mark your calendar for *Hands on Fort Wayne*, to be held on Sunday, April 12!

The FPC Missions Committee is thrilled to announce the kick-off of our third annual community service initiative, *Hands on Fort Wayne*! We are again organizing a series of service projects as part of a special day of service on the Sunday after Easter and we can't wait for you to be a part of it!

- **What is *Hands on Fort Wayne*?** It's a day that we as a congregation will go out into the community together and share the good news of Christ through our actions— sending members to multiple sites throughout the area to work on different community service projects.
- **Why are we doing this?** Because Jesus told the disciples after His Resurrection to “go” and announce His Word. And so, we are “going” out to serve in the name of Christ and announce our faith through our works.
- **How are we doing this?** On April 12, we will go out and serve “hands on” at various community partner organizations, or complete “hands on” service projects onsite at FPC. People of all ages and abilities can serve and are encouraged to serve! Our goal is to have at least 100 people serving on this day, and we encourage you to invite family and friends to participate with us, too. Sunday worship will be very abbreviated and will include a commissioning of service prior to beginning our work.

Sign-up sheets are now available for each project in the small dining room or click the button below to sign-up online! The

deadline to sign-up is April 5. We're excited to begin our third year of *Hands On Fort Wayne*, and we can't wait to go out and serve with you and share the Good News with our hands and feet as we serve our neighbors!

HOFW Projects Online Sign-Up

HHH: The date for the March Food Bank Collection will be March 15th. Please bring your contributions to the church on Sunday. Food items can also be dropped at the church office throughout the week. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Please specify your donation for "Hunger Relief."

The following items are requested:

- Rice - white or brown (1-2 lb. bags preferred)
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Soup
- Oatmeal in Packets
- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Canned Pears or Mandarin Oranges
- Canned Vegetables - Green Beans or Corn

Thank you for your contributions and help with this 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.

Fish and Loaves: The Hunger Relief Team 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

Easter is a time of joy, celebration, and renewal, and you can help make it even more special! To donate to music, flowers, or both, 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 at: www.firstpresfortwayne.org and click "giving" under the "get involved" menu on the website!



The deadline for contributions is March 22, 2026, in order to be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for making this Easter a truly beautiful and joyful celebration!

Fine & Performing Arts

Upcoming Music Series Concert: Join us for an afternoon of extraordinary music! Internationally acclaimed artist Jeremy Filsell, hailed as one of the few virtuoso performers on both piano and organ, will present a piano recital as part of the 2025/26 FPC Music Series on Sunday, March 22, at 2:00 PM. Lunch will be available in McKay Hall starting at 12:45 pm for those staying to enjoy the recital.



Jeremy has toured extensively around the world and has served at the Royal Academy of Music in London, Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue in New York City, and currently serves at Christ Episcopal Church in Florida. This recital promises to be a delightful musical experience showcasing an exceptional, world-class musician. The recital is free and open to the public! We hope you'll join us!



Upcoming Gallery Show: Consider The Lilies of the Field: Botanical art, featuring work by Hannah Burnworth, Megan Sheetz, Patricia Weiss, and Vicki Davis.

Reception: March 27, 5:30-7:00 pm, March 15, 12:15-1:00 pm
Showing: March 13-April 22, 2026

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. The opening night reception includes art, music, refreshments, and conversation! The event is free and open to the public.

Meal Train Sign-Up

Meal Train for Savannah and Connor Mooney: Welcome, sweet Estella! As this precious family settles into life with their brand-new baby girl, let's surround them with love in one of the most practical ways we know how—food. New days (and nights!) are full, and having nourishing meals ready to go will be a true gift. We invite you to sign up to provide a freezer-friendly meal that can be easily reheated and enjoyed whenever it's needed most. Whether it's a favorite comfort dish, a family classic, or something simple and hearty, your care will help fill both their freezer and their hearts. Thank you for being the village - your kindness matters more than you know.

You may sign up here:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/geqy2l>

Prayer Requests & Updates

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or provide a prayer list update, please call the church office at 260-426-7421 *and* email [Rev. An](#). If you are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office at 260-426-7421 and provide the member's name, hospital, and room number, and a brief update as to the situation so appropriate pastoral care may be provided as soon as possible.

Funeral Notice

The memorial service for Bob Jesse will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 21, at 11:00 am, in the Sanctuary. Bob's obituary may be found [here](#).

Prayer List

- Jennifer Kern Kelly
- Tanner Hisey, nephew of Jennifer Stone
- Kathy Miller

- **Jim & Sondra Mergenthal**
- **Mary Winters**
- **Janice Roddy**
- **The Family & Friends of John Ruble**

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

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