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Pastor's Letter



Dear Friends,

I love a good musical. Give me a monologue that suddenly turns into a torch song any day! Perhaps that's because musicals have a way of holding up a mirror to our lives. On the stage, we encounter stories of loss and hope, courage and awakening, love and sacrifice. These are the very same themes we discover in the story of faith.

So, over the next three Sundays, we're going on a musical adventure together. In *Broadway in Three Acts*, a short sermon series, we'll pair some of my favorite Broadway songs with passages from the Book of Acts. Together we'll watch as the early church begins to discover what it means to live in the post-resurrection world. Along the way, we'll listen for the echoes between the stage and the life of the early church, with just a little Sondheim flair.

Think of it as a three-act production - three movements in the unfolding story of God's people. And as the curtain rises on each act, we may discover that God is still writing the story of our lives.

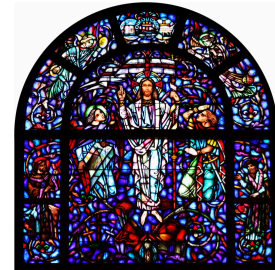
Act I begins with "Being Alive" from *Company*, a song that captures the surprising truth that a full and faithful life is rarely neat or predictable, but it is deeply alive. Fittingly, we will also celebrate a baptism together - a beautiful sign that new life in Christ continues to begin among us!

Listen to "Being Alive" by Raúl Esparza:

<https://youtu.be/T4yle1RBrwQ?si=HFxaRTAh-xbz1g80>

With gratitude for the story we share,
Carrie

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, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An 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](#).
The deadline for submission is Wednesday at 10:00 am.

News & Events

Click the buttons below to read past editions of the e-news and to see a calendar listing of upcoming events!

Jubilee Sunday



Save the Date: Let's celebrate our 50-year members!

Join us for Jubilee Sunday on April 26 as we honor and give thanks for the faith, dedication, and lasting impact of the FPC Jubilee Classes of 1975–1976. Their commitment has helped shape our church community in many

meaningful and lasting ways.

Worship begins at 11:00 AM, followed by a special reception in McKay Hall. Come celebrate, reconnect, and show your appreciation for our remarkable new Jubilee members!

Dramatic Arts Ministry Survey



From Jordan Plohr, Director of Dramatic Arts Ministry: As we plan for the future of First

Presbyterian Church Theater, we want to know your thoughts on what's next for the Dramatic Arts Ministry. Please respond to this brief survey and let your voice be heard! Your responses will help guide this ministry to be the best that it can be! The survey

will close Monday, April 27th.

[Take the Survey](#)

Missions

HHH: The date for the April Food Bank Collection will be April 19th. 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
- Applesauce Cups

- Cereal
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Beef Stew
- 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.

Fine & Performing Arts

South Side High School

Partnership: FPC will host the 2026 South Side High School Arts Fest on Saturday, May 2, from 2:00-4:00 pm! South Side students will showcase their talents in 2D and 3D art, vocal and instrumental music, dance, and theater! Please come out to support these young artists and FPC's South Side initiative as we welcome students, faculty, staff and the public to this free event! Doors open at 1:30 pm, and light refreshments will be available.



This Weekend Only! Silent Movie & Organ in the Theater: Step back into film history with two special screenings of “Our Hospitality” (1923), a classic Buster Keaton comedy brought to life with a live theatre organ performance by Fort Wayne native Mark Herman, for two performances

this weekend: Saturday, April 18, at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 pm!

Join us for an amazing blend of classic cinema, live music, and timeless entertainment, perfect for film lovers and audiences of all ages! Children 18 and under are FREE! Tickets are available through ArtsTix online or call 260-422-4226!

[Tickets](#)

Korean Language Ministry

An Evening with K-Pop: A Dance Showcase Fundraiser

Save the date to our fundraiser showcasing K-Pop performances from talented individuals & groups across Indiana! Donations are encouraged and all proceeds will help Korea Festival Fort Wayne grow!

**Saturday, April 25 - Doors open 6:30pm, show begins 7pm
First Presbyterian Theater
\$20 Adults / \$10 Under 18**

Ticket Reservation can be made online at the by clicking the button below!

[Ticket Reservations](#)



KOREA FESTIVAL FORT WAYNE PRESENTS

KPOP DANCE

A KPOP DANCE COVER SHOWCASE TO
BENEFIT KOREA FESTIVAL FORT WAYNE

Saturday

APRIL 25

Doors Open 6:30^{PM}

First Presbyterian Church

THEATER

Show Begins 7:00^{PM}

RESERVE YOUR TICKET!



Venmo (@KoreaFestivalFW) or Cash Accepted
All Seats are first-come, first-served.

\$20
Adults

\$10
Students or
Under 18

**KOREAN FOOD
AVAILABLE
AT 5:00PM
INSIDE VENUE**

Located in McKay Hall
Bibimbap
Snacks
And More!

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MAD2 Camp Volunteers Needed



MAD2 Camp 2026 Volunteers Needed June 1-5!

Lights, music, and a whole lot of shine! MAD2 Camp is back for another unforgettable week of Music, Art, Drama, and Dance for kids entering Kindergarten through graduating 5th grade—and this year our theme is KPOP: Golden!

From high-energy dance moves to colorful creativity, this camp is all about helping kids discover their confidence, express their gifts, and shine like they were born to be. But no

great performance happens without an incredible crew behind the scenes—and that's where you come in!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring the week to life. Whether you're guiding a small group, lending a hand with crafts or snacks, cheering kids on, or simply helping keep the rhythm of the day moving, there's a place for you on the MAD2 Golden Crew.

Please email any questions to Pastor Carrie at cwinebrenner@firstpresfortwayne.org. Thank you for helping create a week where every child can step into the spotlight, try something new, and discover just how brightly they shine. Let's go up, up, up—this is their moment!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS
MAD² CAMP
AN ARTS CAMP FOR KINDER THRU 5TH GRADE

KPOP EDITION!

JUNE 1-5, 2026

Scan Me To Register!  Scan Me To Volunteer! 

IT'S YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE!

The banner features a vibrant purple and blue background with light rays. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a blue cat with yellow eyes, wearing a black top hat and a small red bow tie. The text is in various white and yellow fonts, with some words in all caps and some in a stylized font.

Stephen Ministry

FPC is a Stephen Ministries congregation and has a dedicated group of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. The Stephen Ministry is completely confidential, and open to all FPC members. For more information, please contact [Marcie Weissner](#), or [Carolyn Krebs](#).

Prayer List

- Tanner Hisey, nephew of Jennifer Stone
- Jennifer Kern Kelly
- Kathy Miller
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal

- **Janice Roddy**
- **Ashley & Marilyn Lassiter**

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

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