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This Week @FirstPresFW

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Pastor's Letter



Dear First Pres Friends,

This Easter, our theme continues: Tell me something good. And Easter is the best good news of all!

In a world that can feel heavy with grief, uncertainty, and too much hard news, Easter proclaims: Christ is risen. God is still at work. And God is in charge.

In the Gospel of Matthew, there is no doubt about it. The earth shakes, the stone is rolled away, and even in the face of fear and confusion, God's power and purpose cannot be stopped. Resurrection isn't quiet or uncertain—it is decisive, hopeful, and good. Very good.

I hope you'll join us this Sunday as we celebrate the joy and new life of Easter together. We will gather for one service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and it's going to be glorious. The Festival

Prelude begins at 10:45 a.m. with a full brass ensemble to lift our spirits even before the first word is spoken. The Chancel Choir will lead us in joyful song, and I'll be preaching a resurrection message grounded in the good news that God is still at work in our lives and in our world. Worship will also be available via livestream.

Before the service, we're hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for children and youth at 10:00 a.m., and coffee will be available in McKay Hall. Come early, bring a friend, and experience the warmth of community.

Whether you're here every week, haven't been in a while, or have never come before—Easter is for you. It's for all of us who need to hear something good... and to trust that even when life feels uncertain, God is not.

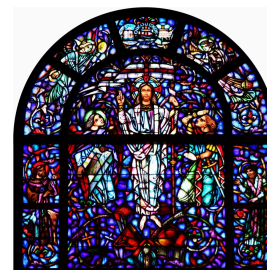
So come. Come hear the good news. Come celebrate new life. Come and see what God is doing.

With resurrection hope,
Annie

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM 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](#)



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](#).

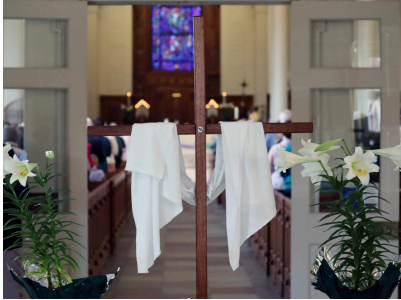
E-News submissions should be sent to [Jenny Conrad](#).
Bulletin submissions should be sent to [August Burger](#).
The deadline for submission is Wednesday at 10:00 am.

News & Events

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

[Weekly Announcements](#)

Celebrate Easter



Celebrate Easter at First Pres!

Join us this Easter Sunday, April 5, at 11:00 AM for a vibrant and hope-filled celebration! Begin the morning with a Festival Prelude at 10:45 AM, featuring the inspiring sounds of choir, brass, and organ. Whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are warmly welcomed! Come just as you are and experience the joy of Easter with us!

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all kids! Grab your basket, and join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM on Easter morning! We will kick everything off in McKay Hall, with designated search areas for similar age groups. For our hunters in the 4th – 12th grades, we will go on an Easter Egg *Scavenger* Hunt throughout the entire building! Pastor Carrie will break us all into teams (so bring friends to help!) and you'll receive your first clue in McKay Hall.



Hands On Fort Wayne

Did you miss our HOFW t-shirt hand out day? Good news! T-shirts are still available in the church main office for all Hands On Fort Wayne participants next week! Please wear your shirts to the church on April 12!

Last weekend to sign up for *Hands On Fort Wayne!*

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 still available for projects 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



Fine & Performing Arts

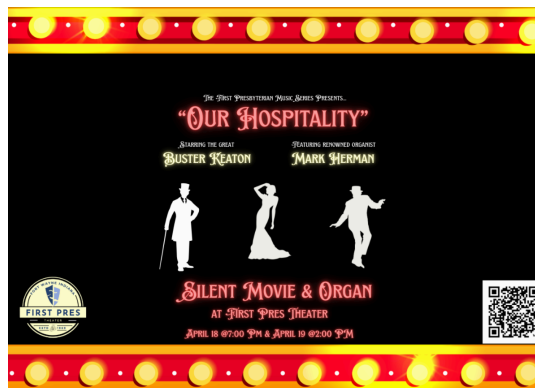
Silent Movie & Organ in the Theater: Step back into film history with two special screenings of “Our Hospitality” (1923), a classic Buster Keaton comedy brought to life with a live theatre organ performance by Fort Wayne native Mark Herman, for two performances: Saturday, April 18, at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 pm!

In this beloved silent-era gem, Keaton, famous for his brilliant physical comedy and legendary “stone face”, plays a New Yorker who unexpectedly gets swept up in an old-fashioned family feud in 1840s Kentucky.

Your musical guide for the evening, Mark Herman, is an internationally acclaimed theatre organist who has performed hundreds of concerts and silent film accompaniments across the globe. He received the American Theatre Organ Society’s Organist of the Year award in 2012, and also serves as President of Herman Organ Company, where he leads a team dedicated to the restoration and care of historic pipe organs.

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



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

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IT'S YOUR MOMENT TO SHINE!



Green Team

Green Team: Have you got old electronics and small electrical items that you can't use any more? The Green Team can help you dispose of them properly during their Hands on Fort Wayne e-Recycling event on Sunday, April 12! If you can plug it into a wall socket, they'll likely take it, including hair dryers, toasters, coffee makers, desktop computers, stereos, curling irons! Televisions have a small surcharge of \$7.00-\$10.00.



PLEASE NOTE that devices with rechargeable batteries, used light bulbs, or alkaline batteries will NOT be accepted! Some rechargeable batteries and fluorescent bulbs may be taken to Lowes; alkaline batteries may be taken to Batteries Plus.

For this special event, it's FREE to drop items off! So come help us do our part to keep e-waste from harming the environment!

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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Fellowship

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, April 13, 2026, 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. 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, April 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Wired Word: In the Wired Word adult education class, we discuss current events viewed through the lens of our Christian faith. We are a diverse group who enjoy a rich exchange of ideas. Our discussions are educational, thought-provoking, and rewarding. All viewpoints are welcome. We meet in the parlor at 10:00 AM each Sunday. We encourage you to join us!

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

- Jennifer Kern Kelly
- Tanner Hisey, nephew of Jennifer Stone
- Kathy Miller
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Mary Winters
- Janice Roddy
- Family of Phyllis Evans
- Ashley & Marilyn Lassiter

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

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