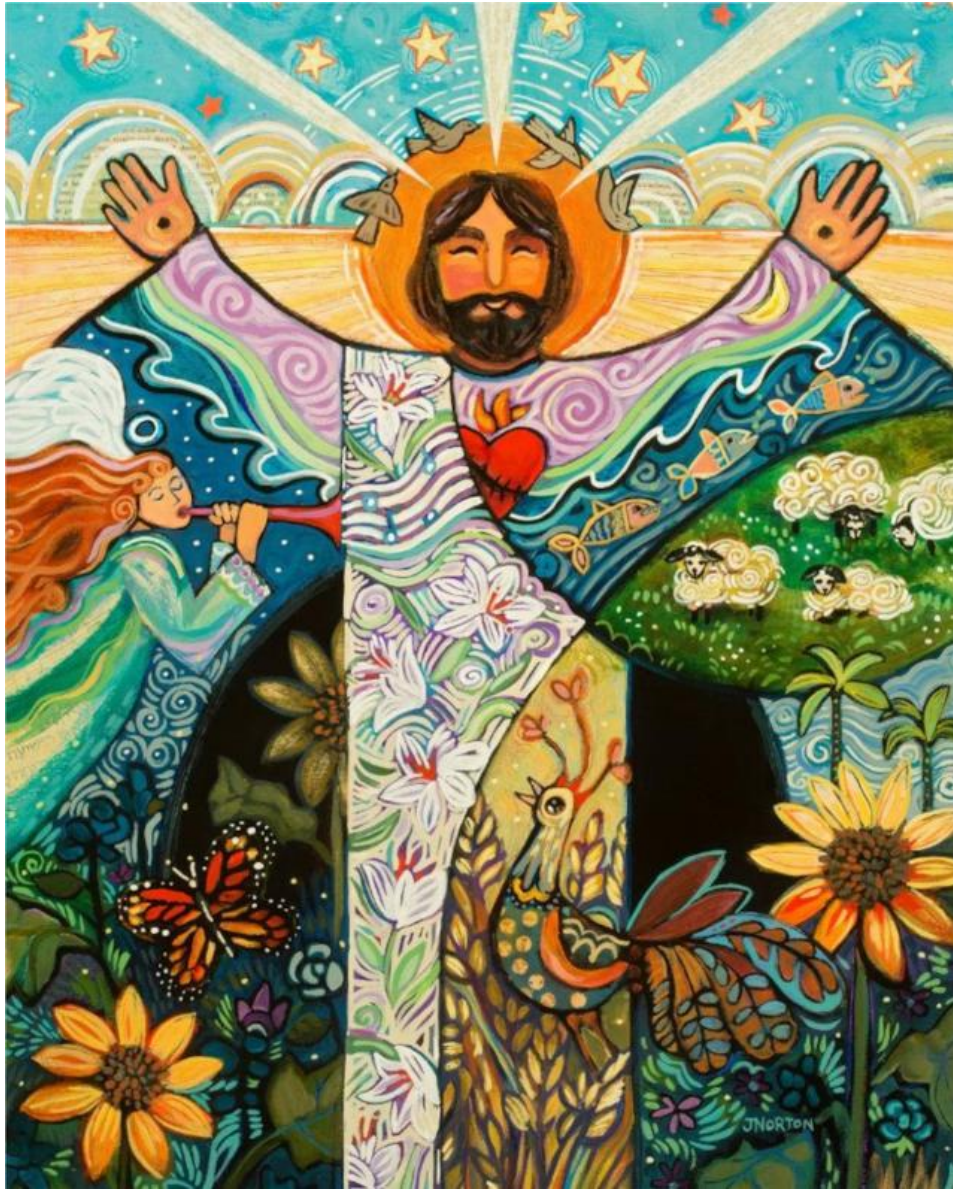


Hymn Festival
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026
11:00am — Sanctuary



"All Creation Sings His Praise" by Jen Norton



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEST WAYNE STREET

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or you're a longtime member, we are thrilled to have you join us as we explore our shared journey with Christ. I hope you find the worship service uplifting and meaningful.

Here at First Presbyterian Church, we hold our 193-year-old history in creative tension with 21st-century challenges. We honor traditions that have shaped generations before us while exploring how Jesus's message speaks to the complexities of life today. Our members come from different backgrounds, carry unique stories, and approach faith with a variety of perspectives. Some of us may have questions, others may have doubts, and many of us are navigating challenges—yet we come together as one body to worship and grow in faith.

You're welcome to visit our website at www.firstpresfortwayne.org for more information about the church, and I invite you to talk to any of the pastors, stop by the Welcome Table in the narthex (lobby) after church, and/or join us for coffee in McKay Hall following worship. We have many programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. And, if you are looking for a church home, we hope you'll get connected at First Presbyterian. It would be an honor to be your church family.

Blessings,
Annie Epling, Pastor/Head of Staff

—> Hearing Loops

To use the "Hearing Loop" during the service, please switch your hearing aid or cochlear device to the "T", T-Coil or telephone position.

—> Families with Children

Jesus loves the little children, and we do too! But should you decide that today would be a good time to explore the nursery, your child, ages 6 months through five years, is always invited. Our nursery meets in the first-floor day school wing, so please ask an usher or the front office volunteer for assistance and a key fob.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Congregation responds in bold

Prelude

Psalm-Prelude No.1, Set 1

Herbert Howells

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome

Call to Worship

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Be Still My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn No. 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.


Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Reflection

Hymn No. 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

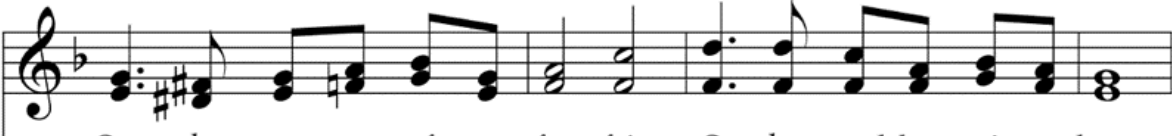
CONVERSE




1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Reflection

Hymn No. 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

Offertory

When Morning Guilds the Sky
We Have Come to Worshiparr. Cheryl Baker
arr. Karen Roth

Reflection

*Hymn No. 836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Reflection

*Hymn No. 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Benediction

*Postlude

Variations de Concert

Joseph Bonnet

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of the mothers of our pastors (Julia Bain, Guibok Lee, Susan Winebrenner), and in honor of all mothers who now rest in the peace and promise of eternal life.

Assisting with Worship this Morning

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Annie Epling (she/her), Rev. Carrie Winebrenner (she/her)

Director of Music Ministries: Colin Andrews

Assistant Organist: Irene Ator

Elders of the Month/Greeters: Denise Davis, Jeff Slater, Sherrie Steiner

Ushers of the Month: Eric Evans, Ashley Lassiter, Penny Pulz, June Schwertfager, Anita Wolfe

Chancel Choir: Richard Baughman, Andrew Budd, Brendan Caffé, Edith Coplin, Susan Dorion, Andrew Graham, Liz Graham, DuWayne Hintz, Joan Kern, Jane McGeehan, Scott McMeen, Kemel Mitchell, Kip Ormerod, Mia Paris, Ellis Pedersen, Carol Rhudy, Marj Sapp, Sandy Shearer, Jessi Spencer, Jill Therrien, Mary Winters

Handbell Choir: Irene Ator, Richard Baughman, Kathy Beatty, Annie Epling, Charlotte Epling, Annie Joslin, Emma Keeling, Savannah Mooney, Joan Pattison, Marcie Weissner

Live Stream Operator: Dick Florea

Sound Board Operator: Jeff Slater

Prayer List

- Kathy Miller
- Janice Roddy
- Jennifer Kern Kelly
- Sam Shepherd
- Jim and Sondra Mergenthal
- Tanner, nephew of Jennifer Stone
- Ashley and Marilyn Lassiter
- Joyce McGiffin

If you are in need of prayer or an encouraging word, let us know.

Prayer List Info

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 at ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org. 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.

Care & Support

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 Carolyn Krebs at 956-844-3890 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Reception for Rev. Carrie Winebrenner

Please join us as we gather to say farewell and extend our heartfelt gratitude to Pastor Carrie, who has faithfully served as our Associate Pastor for the past 6 years. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her God's blessings on the journey ahead.

A special reception will be held in McKay Hall on May 17, after worship. This will be an opportunity to celebrate Carrie's contributions to our ministry and to express our appreciation for her dedication and service.

Dinner Groups

First Pres has two groups available for those who enjoy fellowshiping around the dinner table:

- Join the North Dinner Group **tomorrow at 5:30 pm**, location is Don Hall's Factory. Please RSVP to Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or marj.sapp@gmail.com.
- Or join the South Dinner Group for dinner at Hall's Tavern at Coventry (5747 Coventry Lane) on **tomorrow at 5:30 pm**. No RSVP necessary!

We look forward to seeing you for food, fun, and easy fellowship!

Eco Fest 2026

Join us for Eco Fest Fort Wayne at Headwaters Park on Sunday, May 17, from 12:00-5:00 pm! The Green Team will have a booth to distribute tote bags made of recycled material. Eco Fest is a sustainability focused and family friendly event with workshops, music, food, and vendors.

PCUSA Joint Service – Memorial Day

Join us Sunday, May 24th, 2026, 10:30am, when all the Fort Wayne Presbyterian churches will come together for a joint indoor worship service at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 1811 Fairhill Rd in Fort Wayne.

This special service will feature prayers in three languages: English, Korean, and Spanish. Following the service, a food truck will be available for lunch! Please note there will be no worship service here at First Pres on that Sunday.

Honoring Life, Planning Ahead

Join us for an informative and thoughtful evening on Tuesday, May 26, at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. Sponsored by Stephen Ministry, this program will be led by guest speaker Guy Dupuis, a licensed Pre-Planning Advisor. This 45-minute session will explore the benefits of planning ahead for a funeral, including an overview of service options and current trends such as green burial, water cremation, celebrations of life, and more. Time for questions will follow.

While this can be a difficult topic, it's also a meaningful step toward clarity, care, and peace of mind for you and your loved ones; this is not a sale pitch. All are welcome. No RSVP needed. Please contact Carolyn Krebs at 956-844-3890 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733 with questions.

Summer Choir

Each Sunday in June, ANYONE is welcome to sing in the ad hoc choir, no commitment, weeknight rehearsal, or skill necessary! Join Colin Andrews in the choir loft at 10am before service to practice a familiar hymn to be sung in worship. Come make some joyful noise together!

Last day for Men's Bible Study – May 15

Men's Bible Study will begin their summer break after a final meeting on May 15. Keep an eye out toward the end of the summer to see when they start up again!

May Food Bank Collection

The date for the May Food Bank Collection will be May 17th. Please bring your contributions to the church on Sunday. Food items can also be dropped at the church office throughout the week and 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)	Canned Chicken or Tuna
Peanut Butter	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Cocktail or Pineapple Chunk	Canned Vegetables - Peas or Corn
Cereal - Corn Flakes or Crispy Rice	

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.

Grace Church Running & Walking Club

Looking for a fun way to get moving and enjoy fellowship? Join the Grace Church Running & Walking Club, meeting Sunday afternoons at 1:00 PM at Grace Presbyterian Church (1811 Fairhill Rd). Runners and walkers of all paces are welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Sandy at gracepastor@gpcf.org.



Joint Worship

at Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 24th
service begins at 10:30AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

MAD² CAMP

AN ARTS CAMP FOR KINDER THRU 5TH GRADE

SHOEBOXES NEEDED!

WE ARE IN NEED OF SHOEBOXES FOR ONE OF OUR ART PROJECTS! IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 31.



GETTING CONNECTED

MEMBERSHIP

Whether you live in the Fort Wayne area or worship with us online, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through Coffee with the Pastors, you'll learn more about First Presbyterian Church, its history, and its current ministry in a relaxed atmosphere. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you join us for coffee. Keep an eye out for our next date of Coffee with the Pastors. All are welcome.

ADULT EDUCATION

Wired Word — Sunday Mornings, 10am

Join us each week as we delve into a topic inspired by recent news and explore how the Bible speaks to the events shaping our world today. Each Sunday brings a fresh topic, making this group perfect for those with busy schedules who may not be able to attend every week. Topics are emailed each Friday, so please let Luci Gilpin at lucifoltz@gmail.com know if you'd like to receive that email. All are welcome — come as you are and join the conversation.

Women's Bible Study — Fridays, 1pm

This group is now led by Rev. Susan Keirn Kester and meets on Zoom. For more information, email Susan at keirnsusan@aol.com.

Table Talk for Women — Wednesdays, 10am

This group reads a book at their own pace and is led by members of the group on Zoom. ZOOM Meeting ID: 870 6712 2177. ZOOM Passcode: 260 426 7421. For more information, please contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733.

Men's Bible Study — Fridays, 10am

This group is led by Rev. Youngsoo An and meets on Teams. For more information, email Rev. An at ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

North and South Dinner Groups — 2nd Monday of the month, 5:30pm

A great way to get to know other First Pres members is through our local area Dinner Groups. These groups meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 5:30pm. The South Dinner Group meets at Hall's Coventry (5745 Coventry Lane). No need to RSVP, just ask for the First Pres tables. It's a big group, so you can't miss it! The North Dinner Group meets at 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!

Faith, Fiber, and Fellowship — Mondays, 3pm

This group meets weekly at 3pm on Mondays in Room 302 on the 3rd floor. Bring your latest fiber project for a time of fellowship and crafting.

Body, Brain, and Belief (3B) — Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30PM in McKay Hall

Join us for 3B, a lifetime fitness class designed to improve balance, flexibility, and strength using chairs and other provided equipment. These free classes are open to all adults aged 50 and older and are filled with fun, fellowship, and fitness. Our holistic approach combines proven physical therapy exercises, healthy brain activities, and opportunities for spiritual, emotional, and social growth.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Please note: Sunday School classes will not meet on Communion Sundays so that we may all participate in that sacrament as a family.

Holy Moly — for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade

Join us for another fun semester of learning from the Holy Moly curriculum from SparkHouse. Each class includes a Bible story, video, and craft time, with an opportunity to earn Bible Bucks for fun prizes and treats.

Level Up — for youth in 5th through 9th grades

Join us as we explore big questions about our church, our faith, and the world, such as science, politics, social justice, and environment.

Youth Group — 3rd Sunday of each month, 12:15-2PM, lunch provided

Building relationships while burning off some energy is important! Through service, games, food, and more, we have many events to decompress from school and extracurriculars throughout the year. All 6th-12th graders are encouraged to join this amazing group of young people! Keep an eye on the Family Ministry bulletin board (by the elevator) for schedules and plans.

MISSIONS

Through our **Missions Ministry**, many of our members and friends are engaged in volunteering and advocacy. Our programs include collecting, making, and serving meals for shelters, schools, food banks, and more. We also maintain mission partnerships with many local, national, and international partners including:

- Help Not Handcuffs
- Washington Elementary School
- South Wayne Elementary School
- South Side High School
- St. Josephs Mission
- Wellspring Interfaith Services
- East Wayne Street Food Bank
- United Faith Presbyterian Church Food Bank
- Amistad Presbyterian Church
- Matthew 25 Clinic
- Rescue Mission
- Reproductive Rights Action Committee with Plymouth UCC
- PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Costa Rica, Taiwan, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon

The **Schools Team** wishes to remind everyone that a designated bin is available in the Small Dining Room to deposit gently-used clothing for the Fort Wayne Community Schools Clothing Bank. Through school referrals, the Clothing Bank has provided clothing for thousands of students and families in need. All types of gently-used clothing in all sizes are needed. (Socks and underwear must be new.) If you're paring down your wardrobe, please remember to bring in a bag of wearable items for the FWCS Clothing Bank bin. Thank you!

Our **Green Team** is active throughout the year. In the winter, you can find them distributing the "Bag of Bags," which are reusable grocery bags. In the spring, they have a booth at Eco Fest, sponsor a recycling drive at Hands ON Fort Wayne, and host our biennial Pet Blessing with a collection of items for local animal shelters. Throughout the year, they sell Fair Trade chocolate with proceeds supporting our food bank ministry.

FINE ARTS MINISTRY

The **Fine Arts Ministry** consists of the Art Gallery, Music Series, and the Theater. Throughout the year, the three art forms together present exhibits, concerts, and shows which seek to enhance our faith through visual art, music, and drama, all while highlighting themes and challenges within our world. The mission of the Fine Arts Ministry is to *Enrich Our Faith Through the Arts*. This important ministry seeks to create artistic beauty and to help us grow in our faith with God, right along with the mission of the church. A full listing of these events can be found at <https://firstpresfortwayne.org/arts/>.

Our **Theater**, established in 1968, creates entertaining, educational, and inclusive theatre productions to inspire and motivate our audiences. We produce comedies, musicals, and dramas that teach us about ourselves and the world we live in. Our engaging productions have something for everyone, including pertinent messages like love, compassion, and bravery, while focusing on the human condition which can be funny and traumatizing.

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.

CALENDAR

Today

- 10:00 am** **Wired Word.**—2nd Floor Parlor.
Choir Rehearsal.—Music Room.
- 11:00 am** **Hymn Festival.**—Sanctuary & Livestream.
KLM Worship Service.—Chapel & Livestream.
- 12:00 pm** **Fellowship Time.**—McKay Hall.
Blessings in a Backpack.—McKay Hall.

This Week

Mon May 11

- 1:30 pm** **Body, Brain, and Belief (3B).**—McKay Hall.
3:00 pm **Faith, Fibers, and Fellowship.**—Room 302.

Wed May 13

- 10:00 am** **Table Talk.**—Zoom.
1:30 pm **Body, Brain, and Belief (3B).**—McKay Hall.

Fri May 15

- 10:00 am** **Last Spring Meeting of Men's Bible Study.**—Teams.
1:00 pm **Women's Bible Study.**—Zoom.

Coming Soon

Sun May 17

- 11:00 am** **Installation and Ordination of New Elders & Deacons**
Last Day of Holy Moly and Level-Up Sunday Schools

Sun May 24

- 10:30 am** **Worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.**—Offsite. *Please note the time change of worship!*

Sun May 31

- 11:00 am** **Senior Recognition Sunday**