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Pastor's Letter



Friends,

This Sunday, the curtain falls on our Broadway in Three Acts series. Over these past weeks, we have explored what it means to be fully alive in community, to hold grief and hope at the same table, and to discover the courage it takes to keep showing up for one another in a complicated world. Along the way, Broadway has helped us hear familiar stories of faith with fresh ears and open hearts.

This final act brings us to one more truth: love always leaves its mark on us.

The stories, places, and people that shape us become part of who we are. Sometimes love asks us to celebrate. Sometimes it asks us to persevere. And sometimes love asks us to let go with grace, trusting that what has been shared will continue long after the music fades.

This Sunday, we will gather around the Communion Table as we continue the story begun in the Book of Acts...a story still unfolding in the life of the church today.

As always, I encourage you to listen to the music ahead of time if you would like to 'set the stage' for worship. But more than anything, I hope you will simply come to worship, reflect, sing, pray, and be together.

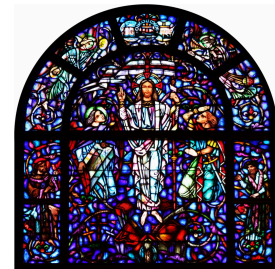
I cannot wait to share this final act with you.

Carrie

Listen to "What I Did for Love" from A Chorus

Line: https://youtu.be/6kg3Z-ZEuYI?si=Plt1azxFiTb_PXFB

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!

South Side Arts Fest 2026

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.



Jubilee Sunday 2026

FPC celebrated Jubilee Sunday with joy and gratitude! During worship and a special reception, we honored members who joined in 1975 and 1976, celebrating 50 years at First Pres.

Their dedication and faithfulness have helped shape our community in lasting and meaningful ways, and we are so thankful for their continued presence and support!



Hymn Festival



Hymn Festival on May 10: Join us for this year's hymn festival, *Praise with Us the God of Grace*. This year, once again, the hymns will be made up entirely of hymns submitted by the congregation during the 2024 March

Music Madness. The hymns were selected with the idea of singing through the many aspects of life. Whether that is a high moment or a low moment such as Paul and Silas singing inside their jail cell, God's gift of music is how we express our emotions, praise, and love for God.

When we have so much joy that we do not know how to express it in words, we sing. When life is so difficult that we have no idea how to even pray, God calls us to sing. So come sing with all your might, as we praise the Creator of music and the Author of our songs.

Reception for Pastor Carrie

Please join us as we gather to say farewell and extend our heartfelt gratitude to Reverend Carrie Winebrenner, 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.

PCUSA Joint Service



PCUSA Joint Service: Join us Sunday, May 24th, 2026, 10:30am, when all the Fort Wayne area PCUSA Churches will come together for a joint 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.

Green Team

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.



Honoring Life, Planning Ahead



Stephen Ministry: 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. All are welcome. No RSVP needed. Please contact Carolyn Krebs or Marcie Weissner through the church office with any questions.

Fellowship Opportunities

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, May 11, 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, May 11, 2026, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

GRACE CHURCH RUNNING & WALKING CLUB



SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1:00

MEET AT GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1811 FAIRHILL RD
FORT WAYNE

INTERESTED? CONTACT REV SANDY AT
GRACEPASTOR@GPCFW.ORG

Prayer List

- Sam Shepherd, staff member
- Tanner Hisey, nephew of Jennifer Stone
- Jennifer Kern Kelly
- Kathy Miller
- Jim & Sondra Mergenthal
- Janice Roddy
- Ashley & Marilyn Lassiter
- Joyce McGiffin
- The Family of Dwayne Johnson, Uncle of Bill Patterson

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

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