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Pastor's Message



Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian,

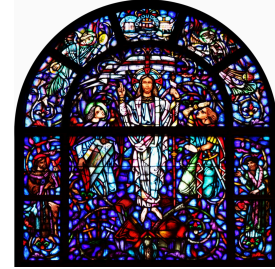
This Sunday my sermon series on parables continues when we'll look at Matthew 21:23-32. Which is, simply put, a parable about walking the walk and talking the talk. Thank you for joining me on this journey through the parables.

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday, one of my favorite Sundays of the year. We'll worship with our Korean language brothers and sisters, and afterwards we'll have lunch. Pizza in McKay Hall! That couldn't be simpler, so plan on joining us for that, too. We'll also receive our 2027 pledges that day. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their pledge card! In my 8 years here, I don't know when we've ever received so many pledge cards early. Thank you! (If you'd like to make your pledge online, there is a link below.)

I hope to see you Sunday.

Blessings,
Annie

Sunday Worship



English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Rev. Dr. Anne 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 and bulletin submissions should be
sent to [Jenny Conrad](#).

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](#)

Stewardship 2027



Tell me something

GOOD

AND BE A PART OF IT!

Good News: Our Future Is Already Here

Look around on Sunday morning and
you may see our future walking—or
skipping!—down the aisle.

There is energy around children and youth at First Presbyterian,
from Holy Moly and the Day School to MAD2 Camp and Level Up
for our middle schoolers. We are investing in young people as

they learn, grow, build relationships, and discover what it means to follow Jesus.

And our future isn't just something we hope for someday. It is already here, in the children and young people who are part of our church today.

Your generosity helps us nurture that future. And you can be a part of it. Make your pledge or set up your gift now using the buttons below!

Stewardship 2027 Pledge

Online Gift Portal

Coffee with the Pastors



New to First Pres? We'd love to meet you at Coffee with the Pastors on Sunday, September 27, at 9:30 AM in the Session Room. This relaxed gathering is a chance to share coffee and conversation with our pastors, hear about the ministries of First Pres, and discover ways you can connect, serve, and grow. We'll even take a quick tour of the church so you can get to know our space and history.

If you're ready to take the next step, we'll walk you through the process following the gathering. Questions? Ready to RSVP? Reach out to Rev. Annie Epling, Pastor, at aepling@firstpresfortwayne.org.

Confirmation Kicks Off September 27

Children, Youth, and Families: We will begin our Confirmation class next Sunday, September 27th after worship! If you joined the Intro Meeting, you should have the tentative schedule. Even if you missed it, you are still more than welcome to come to the first class! We will learn about each other and start to form an understanding of our faith identity.

If you have any questions, or if you know you cannot make it, please email [ian.clarke](mailto:ian.clarke@firstpresfortwayne.org) or text him at (317) 488-7786.

Missions



Schools Team: Just a reminder to everyone that we have a designated bin 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!

Stephen Ministry Resource Library



Easy Access Resource Library Now Available!

The Stephen Ministry resource library is open to browse in the small dining room! The books deal with a range of issues, including grief, mental health, aging, dementia, and end of life planning. The full list of books available below, or simply browse through the bookshelf at your convenience and borrow the books of interest to you!

A clipboard is available for signing out books. These books can be returned to the main office copy room, and just put in the Stephen Ministry mail slot.

Book List

The Arts at FPC



Interstellar: An Evening with Roger Sayer on Sunday, October 11 @7:00 pm

Experience the music of Christopher Nolan's iconic movie, *Interstellar*, as never before. Roger Sayer, the organist featured on the original soundtrack, will perform Hans Zimmer's celebrated score live on the organ in the

beautiful First Presbyterian Church sanctuary. The performance will be accompanied by a video presentation featuring Sayer working with Zimmer on the score in London, offering a rare

behind-the-scenes glimpse into the creation of this iconic music.

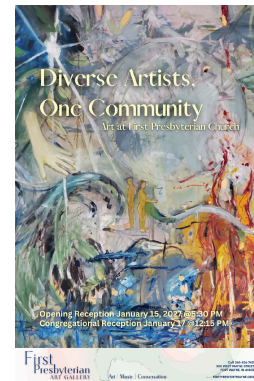
Tickets are \$20.00 each, and are general admission. Call ArtsTix at 260-422-4226 to purchase, or click the button below to buy online.

Sensory Notice: This performance will feature lighting and visual effects that may affect guests with sensory sensitivities.

Tickets

Open call for parish artwork!

Our biennial parish show, “Diverse Artists, One Community” is coming up in January 2027 and the gallery should be filled with your work! We are looking for any craft, art, poetry, writing, spoken word, anything creative, that has been made entirely by you (not from a kit or paint-by-number, etc.).



To give everyone's work enough breathing room, we ask that larger items (like quilts or installations) be on the smaller side. There will be a section of the gallery devoted to tiny art. Small canvasses will be available for you to draw, paint, glue, stitch and alter, as you see fit, but certainly submit anything else tiny as well. And we would love to show work made by our youngest members!

The gallery will accept work starting now until the deadline of Friday, January 8, 2027. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email [Beth Iserman](#).

Fellowship Opportunities

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets online every Friday from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM via Microsoft Teams.

Started in 2019, this ongoing Bible study takes us on a journey through the history of Israel through the reading of Scripture. Having covered the entire Old Testament—beginning from the Book of Exodus—we will now explore the history of the New Testament through the Gospel of John. In addition, we will use

The Bible in the Early Church by Justo L. Gonzalez as a supplementary text to learn about how the Bible came to be formed.

Everyone is warmly welcomed! If you are interested in joining, please contact Rev. An at ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org or our group communicator, Steve Weissner, at stevewwmew@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study

This Zoom group will be resuming on Friday, September 11, at 1pm. During the the 2026-2027 season, the group will be reading: *United through Christ, Bound to Each Other, a study of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. There is no preparation required as the group reads through the study together. All women interested in studying the Bible as a group are welcome. For more information, please contact Susan at keirnsusan@aol.com or at (260)445-5475.

Table Talk (Women's Book Study) meets online on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. We take turns "reading around the table", so no homework is assigned. Participants obtain their own copies of the book. The group will begin a new book on September 9.

We will be reading *Braving the Truth* by Rachel Held Evans. It is a compilation of more than 10 years of Evans' posts, which are as honest, brilliant, funny, and timely as she was. It offers a courageous faith that addresses contemporary faith issues.

Zoom Meeting ID: 870 6712 2177

Zoom Passcode: 260 426 7421

If you have any questions, please contact Marj Sapp at 260-413-2639 or Marcie Weissner at 260-312-5733.

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

Prayer and Care: We want to be there for you when you need us. If you or someone in your family is in the hospital, moving to a rehabilitation facility or nursing home, would like a pastoral visit, or simply needs someone to talk with, please let us know.

We don't always know when someone is experiencing a difficult time or has been hospitalized. Hospitals, nursing homes, and rehabilitation facilities do not notify the church when one of our

members is admitted or transferred, even if you've told them you're a member of First Pres. (HIPAA laws and all!) So please don't assume that we know.

If you would like a pastor to visit, pray with you, talk with you, or simply be present, please reach out and let us know.

For pastoral care, please contact Rev. Dr. YoungSoo An, Associate Pastor, at 260-426-7421. We want to walk with you through life's joys and challenges. Let us know how we can be there for you.

Prayer List

- Penny Pulz
- Tom Sites
- Janice Roddy
- Wendell Cree
- Linda St. George
- Jennifer Kern Kelly
- Joyce McGiffin
- Lisa Keirn
- Beth White
- Carolyn Krebs
- Bob & Kathy Beatty
- Ashley Lassiter
- Tom & Dawn Blessing

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

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