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Resident Pastor's Message



To Folks at First Presbyterian,

I feel that I am settling in well here at First, due in large part to how gracious and welcoming you have all been! Thank you for your continued guidance and affirmations along this “getting to know each other” journey. I am truly looking forward to growing and working together during my time here.

This Sunday, I am preaching in this congregation for the first time! The passages are Ezekiel 33:1-7 and Matthew 18:15-20, with the topic being conflict & God’s presence in it! There is a lot of anxiousness and stress involved in simply being a person, and sometimes it comes to a head in our interactions with one another. Conflict can sometimes hold negative connotations; but it is necessary, and even God ordained (given a few instructions for best practice)! People are people are people, and to be a community who loves with Christ at our center, we need to be able to meet each other well - even when circumstances aren’t.

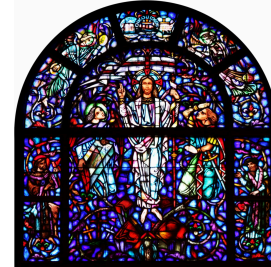
We will also be celebrating the holy sacrament of communion this Sunday! So come, taste and see that the Lord is good! I look forward to worshipping with you all.

Grace & peace,
Ian Clarke

Sunday Worship

English

- 11:00 AM Sanctuary, Resident Pastor Ian Clarke 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 at Chain O'Lakes State Park, Rev. Dr. Youngsoo An preaching
- No livestream

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.

Please Note: The entire FPC Campus will be closed on Monday, September 7, in honor of the Labor Day holiday.

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](#)

KLM Worship and Picnic This Sunday



제일 장로교회 야외예배와 친교 &

(First Presbyterian Church KLM Picnic)



Date : 9월 6일 주일 11시

(Sunday, September 6, 11AM)



장소 : 체인 오 레이크 스테이트 파크

Location : Chain O' Lakes State Park,
(Sunny Ridge Shelter)



(2355 E. 75 S. Albion, IN 46701)

함께 예배하고,
맛있는 음식을 나누며
즐거운 교제의 시간을
가져요! 

≡ 가족, 친구들과 함께 오세요! ≡

Stewardship 2027



Tell me something

GOOD

AND BE A PART OF IT!

Good News: We Are a Seven-Day-A-Week Church

What happens at First Presbyterian doesn't stop when worship ends on Sunday.

During the week, children learn and grow at our Day School. Our Korean Language Ministry gathers for worship and fellowship and helps connect our church with the wider community through our sponsorship of the Korea Festival, which welcomes nearly 7,500 visitors. Children and youth gather. Faith is formed. Pastors visit and deacons offer care. Volunteers welcome newcomers. Ministry teams plan, serve, and make things happen.

There is always something happening at First Presbyterian—and, more importantly, there are always people here for one another.

We are a 7-day a week church. And through Stewardship 2027, you can be a part of making that ministry possible.

You should have received a stewardship letter from Annie, and in the next few weeks, you'll receive a mailing from the Stewardship Team with more information about Stewardship 2027. We'll receive our pledges on October 4. We hope you'll prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the good news happening here—all week long.

Children, Youth, and Families

CYF Picnic at the Pavilion, Sept. 18th!

Help to welcome our new Resident Pastor, Ian Clarke, by joining us for a picnic at Lakeside Pavilion on September 18, from 6:00p-8:00p. This is for all families with young folks in the church to get to know Pastor Ian and one another a little bit better. The Pavilion is close to a playground & there will be yard games as well, so it should be a ton of fun!



This will be a potluck, so bring your favorite side dish, dessert, or drink! The church will provide sandwiches, dishes, and cutlery.

If you'd like to join us, please email [Virginia Kreamer-Lutz](#), or [Pastor Ian](#) for more details! Sign up by clicking the button below! We look forward to seeing you there for fun & fellowship!

CYF Picnic SignUp

Missions

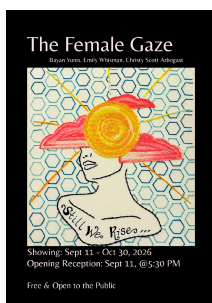


Schools Team's Blessings in a Backpack:

Please join us every Sunday, usually after worship, as we gather in McKay Hall to pack bags of food for the children at Washington Elementary School to put in their backpacks and have over the weekend.

This is a relatively quick volunteer activity that allows us to help bridge the food insecurity gap that children face when they are not in school. With enough volunteers, it should only take us 15 to 20 minutes to fill these bags and know that we are providing a valuable service!

The Arts at FPC



The Female Gaze: The Art of Bayan Yunis, Christy Scott Arbogast, and Emily Whisman opens September 11, at 5:30 PM in the Gallery

Experience three distinctive artistic voices as First Presbyterian Church Art Gallery presents "The Female Gaze," featuring the work of Bayan Yunis, Christy Scott Arbogast, and Emily Whisman.

Through photography, mixed media, and ceramic sculpture, these Midwest artists offer fresh perspectives on emotional experience, intimacy, introspection, and the complexities of the human condition.

Bayan Yunis explores interpersonal and intrapersonal relationships through interdisciplinary works that blend photography with post-production editing, creating evocative visual narratives shaped by shifting perspectives. Photographer and hand-embroidery artist Christy Scott Arbogast combines photography and textile art to blur the boundaries between reality and surrealism. Rich textures and dramatic layers invite viewers into deeply emotional and immersive works.

Ceramic artist and educator Emily Whisman creates sculptural pieces that encourage reflection, revealing and engaging the viewer's inner thoughts and experiences.

Join us for art, music, and conversation at the exhibit's opening reception on Friday, September 11, from 5:30–7:00 PM and meet the artists while exploring this compelling exhibition.

Saturday, September 19 2:00 PM: Four internationally acclaimed artists. One unforgettable afternoon of music!

Join us for "Sing Unto Him a New Song", a showcase concert featuring organ masterworks and gems from the vocal repertoire, as FPC kicks off the 2027/27 Music Series!



This special concert brings together four exceptional artists from the United States, Poland, Belgium, and Ukraine - David C. Jonies, Jan Bokszczanin, Peter Van de Velde, and Anastasiia Staroselska - celebrating the beauty, power, and artistry of the pipe organ and the human voice.

Whether you're a lifelong lover of classical music or simply looking to experience something inspiring, you'll enjoy an afternoon of extraordinary music in the beautiful acoustics of First Presbyterian Church. Admission is free, and all are welcome!



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.

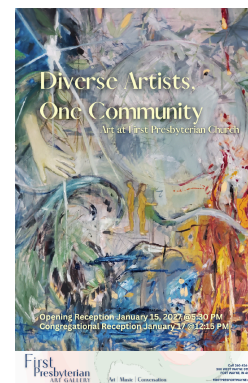
Tickets are \$20.00 each, and are general admission. Call ArtsTix at 260-422-4226 to purchase, or click the button below to by online.

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](mailto:Beth.Iserman@firstpresnyc.org).

Get Connected: Dinner Groups

College & Career Dinner Group: This new dinner group, created for the college and career members and friends of First Pres, is meeting on Saturday, September 19, for dinner and relaxed conversation, and we would love for you to join us!

We'll meet at the church at 6:30 PM to gather and introduce ourselves, and then we'll either walk or carpool together to dinner at a nearby restaurant. It's a relaxed way to share a meal, meet some new faces, and enjoy a little time together outside of Sunday morning. No agenda, no program... just good food and great company!

If you're able to join us, or would like more information, please email [Esther Coplin](mailto:Esther.Coplin@firstpresnyc.org) so we know how many seats to plan for. And a plus one is absolutely invited!

Hope to see you there!

North Dinner Group: Be sure to join the North Dinner Group on Monday, September 14, 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, September 14, 2026, at 5:30 pm. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Fellowship Opportunities

Men's Bible Study Resumes

Beginning Friday, August 21, the Men's Bible Study will resume meeting 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 starting this August. 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.

Currently, about 9 to 11 participants attend each week, and 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.

Wired Word: Looking for a place to connect current events with your faith? Wired Word dives into trending topics, while exploring how Scripture speaks to the issues shaping our world today. Each week is a fresh, stand-alone topic, so you can jump in anytime! Come join the conversation on Sundays at 10:00 am!

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.

In Memoriam

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of FPC Jubilee member Donna Jesse, who died on August 14, 2026.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow, Saturday, September 5, at 11:00 am, in the Chapel. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Korea Fest 2026



Prayer List

- The Family of Donna Jesse
- Penny Pulz
- Wendell Cree
- Linda St. George

- **Jennifer Kern Kelly**
- **Joyce McGiffin**
- **Lisa Keirn**
- **Beth White**
- **Carolyn Krebs**
- **Bob & Kathy Beatty**
- **Ashley Lassiter**

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

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