



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

First Presbyterian Church
November 17, 2024

200 YEARS
1824-2024
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COLUMBUS

Celebration/Consecration Sunday

9:30 am

November 17, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Christ Candle

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prelude

“Fugue in C Minor”

Dietrich Buxtehude

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+ Call to Worship

Caeden Sych

Is Jesus the one we were waiting for, the one who would bridge that gap between God and humanity?

Yes, Jesus is the one! He’s the one who shows us how to be a faithful child of God!

And are we the ones to live out his message, to help usher in the Realm of God?

Yes, we are the ones! God equips us, calls us, and sends us to share God’s love everywhere.

+Hymn 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

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Prayer of Confession

Loving God, on this Sunday when we pledge ourselves to you, anticipating what you’ll do through us in the coming year, we confess we worry about the future, we hold back from full commitment. We wish we had more control of how things happen around us, and we wonder if you’re paying attention when things go badly. Center us in you, O God. Help us know that you are present and compassionate, and that you invite us to your work on earth. We pray in the name of Jesus, whom you sent to show us the way. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Remembering our Baptism

Words of Assurance

Based on Luke 7:22-23

Go and tell others that God is active here:

That people feel seen and heard,

That people move forward together,

That skin-deep differences do not separate us,

That some feel a new lease on life,

That those who need it most get to feel the love of God.

This is the place to be.

We are the people called to be here.

Response Hymn #591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

HALLE, HALLE

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(refrain only)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

+ Gospel Reading Luke 7:11-23

Moment for Mission Heart Tree *FPC Youth*

Time with Children *Jen Riddle*
*(Children under 5 may go to the nursery. Children K-6th are
to go to the Rainbow Room.)*

Christ's light shines here,
Helping us remember God is with us here.

**All: And when we leave here,
we take Christ's light with us,
to light up the darkness wherever we go.**

Sermon "How to be a Scandalous Church" *Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Anthem "A Radical Thought: Let Us Love One Another"

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Sanctuary Choir

Moment for Mission Bicentennial Bit *Anthony Merida*

Offertory "Air" Alessandro Scarlatti
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Presentation of 2025 Pledges and Offertory

+ Doxology 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia! (5x)*

+ Prayer of Dedication for the Offerings and the 2025 Pledges

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Feel free to start the prayer with “Our Father”, “Mother”,
“Creator”, “Holy One” as the Spirit leads you.*

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

+Hymn 700

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“You Do Not Walk Alone”

Elaine Hagenberg

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Sanctuary Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here and we are worshipping together. Please ask ushers for information about our nursery, large-print bulletins, hearing-aid assists, or current newsletters. Please sign the *Friendship Registration* pads and share your contact information, especially if you are worshipping here for the first time.

We strive toward the use of **inclusive language** in our church as it pertains to people and to God.

Restrooms are located in the Loggia/Franklin St. glass door entrance, Laws Room across from the kitchen (all-gender, handicap-accessible restroom), and the balcony of the Laws Room. **Wheelchairs** are available, please ask an usher if you need one.

We live stream our services. If you prefer not to appear in the streaming, please sit in the back six pews.

THANK YOU to our liturgist, Caeden Sych, and the Sanctuary Choir.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given by Cindy and Ron McMillin in memory of their parents.

Children & Youth Schedule

Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth - October 27:

Pre-K and Younger:

Parents: Each child needs a registration form for the 2024-2025 school year. Please accompany your child to the Nursery and fill out a form before leaving them in our care. When picking up your children, please be sure to sign them out. Thank you!

9:15-10:30am The Nursery is open all morning for our youngest in the family. Parents are welcome to drop off kids beginning at 9:15am, or keep them with you during worship, where we welcome the presence and sounds of children.

10:30-10:45am Joyful Noise in the Nursery.

10:45am Childcare continues in the Gym. Please sign children out before leaving.

Children (Kindergarten-6th Grade):

Parents: Each child needs a registration form for the 2024-2025 school year. Forms are available from volunteers as you sign your child out, in the gym, on the bulletin board between the kitchen and church office, and on the church website. Thank you!

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with family and friends. Worship Bags with activities and toys are located by the Franklin Street entrances to the sanctuary.

9:45-10:45am After the "Time with Children" in worship, dismiss to Kids' Church. Kindergarten-6th Grade will be in Rainbow Room Classroom 1 for the All Kids Godly Play class. Please sign your kids out from the Rainbow Room.

Youth (Grades 7-12):

9:30-10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with family and friends

12:30-2:30pm Mega Youth Group Friendsgiving in Rainbow Room

5:00-6:30pm OWL @ UUCI

Announcements

Please join us TODAY for a Flute and Harpsicord Concert at 3:00 pm in the First Presbyterian Church Laws Room. Following the program, enjoy refreshments as you visit with the musicians.



Mirabella Minut and Cindy McMillin



Children's News



November *Kid's Church Schedule*

3	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Nursery only
10	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts
17	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class
24	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class

Scan the QR code to learn more about children and worship.



Join us for All Kids fun this week!

Kiddos pre-K and younger are welcome in the nursery each week. For kids in K-6th grade, Kid's Church will be enjoying a Godly Play lesson about Jonah.

Stick around after worship for the stewardship celebration brunch!

Please pick up your kids in the *Rainbow Room* following Kid's Church programming each week. That way you can meet the teachers and see what they're learning! If you haven't already, please fill out a new **information and registration form** for each child in your family for the new school year!

Youth News

November FPC Youth Events

SUNDAY	NOV 3	5:00-6:30 OWL @ UUCCI 6:30-8:30 Bonfire @ Daiker's	
SUNDAY	NOV 10	5:00-6:30 OWL @ UUCCI 6:30-8:00 Youth Group	
FRIDAY	NOV 15	4:15-5:45 Hot Meals Serving	
SUNDAY	NOV 17	9:30am Heart Tree MFM 12:30-2:30 Mega Youth Group 5:00-6:30 OWL @ UUCCI	
WKND	NOV 22-24	Fall Retreat @ PYOCA: No YG @ FPC on 11/24	

Open to all students in 7th-12th grade!



BELOVED BAGS

Heart Tree Mission

Join our youth in supporting kids in foster care through Beloved Bags by picking up a heart from the Heart Tree in the Laws Room!

We're hoping to collect everything needed to make up 50 Birthday Bags. We're asking for cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, birthday plates & napkins, and more. All items purchased should be gender and age neutral.

Unwrapped gifts should be under the tree by December 8. Youth will pack the gifts that evening.

JOIN OUR SENIOR PROJECT

5K ON TURKEY DAY

28 November

Start time: 8:00 A.M

**REGISTER
HERE!**



PROJECT BY CARYS
GLYN-JONES, MACY
EATON AND MAGGIE
RUSSELL

\$30 PER PERSON
BRING 3 FOOD CANS!

ALL DONATIONS
BENEFIT LOVE CHAPEL

TAKES PLACE AT
BARTHOLOMEW
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

FIND OUT MORE
INFORMATION AT:

OUR INSTAGRAM:
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OR
ON FACEBOOK SEARCH 5K ON
TURKEY DAY

Check us out on the web at www.fpccolumbus.org Join our Facebook groups by going to “First Presbyterian Church Columbus Indiana” and “First Pres Columbus Prayer Page” (click on the button that says “Join group”).



You can now find us on Instagram at [first.pres.columbus.in](https://www.instagram.com/first.pres.columbus.in)

Church WiFi: FPC Guest, Password Guest123

Donate to FPC now
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Ministers: The congregation of First Presbyterian Church

Staff:

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Missy Burton, Financial Administrative Assistant. Her email address is mburton@fpccolumbus.org or call the church office.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday & Wednesday - Friday **9:00 am - 5 pm** and Tuesday **9:00 am - 3 pm**, with the office closed from noon until 1 pm for lunch.

Want to sign up for the eblast? Email Brook Brown at brookb@fpccolumbus.org!

Want to privately speak with someone about your pledge? Email our Treasurer at promise@fpccolumbus.org.



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