



**First Presbyterian Church  
January 19, 2025**



# ***Second Sunday after Epiphany***

9:30 am

January 19, 2025

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## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Prelude

“Choral”

Henry Purcell

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Remembering our Baptism

+ Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 6

*Felipe Martinez*

Let us open up our hearts to our Healing God

**Who is merciful and just,**

**Who is attentive and compassionate.**

God’s grace is a healing balm in our time of need

**When we feel depleted,**

**In moments of anguish and fear.**

**Oh, how we long for healing and wholeness!**

Draw near, beloved, and feel God’s healing touch

**God hears our prayers**

**And empowers us to bring healing for each other in  
community.**

+Hymn 395

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LIEBSTER JESU

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Call to Confession

Based on Psalm 103:1-5

(Contemporary English Version)

**With all my heart I praise the Creator,  
and with all that I am, I praise God’s holy name!  
With all my heart I praise the God of Love!  
I will never forget how kind God has been.  
The Eternal One forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick,  
and protects us from death.  
Each day that we live, God provides for our needs  
and gives us the strength of a young eagle.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Based on Psalm 103:8 (CEV)

God is healing and forgiving!

**God is kind and patient, with love and mercy that never fail.**

Response Hymn #155

“Raise a Song of Gladness”

JUBILATE DEO

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### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

+ Gospel Reading

Luke 5:12-16

Anthem

“The Work of Christmas”

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*Sanctuary Choir*

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.

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

Sermon

“Healing and Wholeness”

*Rev. Dr. Marcus Carlson*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

+Hymn 796

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

LAND OF REST

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arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938; arr. © 1938, ren. The H. W. Gray Company (admin. Alfred  
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Offertory

“Love One Another”

C. Harry Causey

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*Sanctuary Choir*

+ 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

Prayers of the People and 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 765      “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

ARGENTINA

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**Sing twice**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude      “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

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# 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. Time with Children on the steps will not be streamed with video to protect the identity of the children.

**THANK YOU** to our liturgist, Felipe Martinez and the Sanctuary Choir.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Nancy and John Sawin in celebration of their 63rd anniversary, and in thanks of family, friends and FPC.

We welcome our guest preacher Rev. Dr. Marcus Carlson.

Marcus is a non-profit leader, social scientist, speaker, pastor, professor, spiritual director, writer, and consultant. Marcus is the executive director of Preparing for Amazement Ministries. Marcus has served in pastoral roles, with a variety of age groups, and through various church denominations as well as other parachurch ministries. Marcus has also taught at the undergraduate and graduate level in theology, ministry, early childhood education, adolescent development and spiritual formation.

Marcus has published two books, *Rethinking Confirmation* and *The False Gospel of Guilt and Shame*.

# Children & Youth Schedule

## Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth - January 19, 2025:

### **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.

10:45-11:45am Childcare continues in the Gym. Continuing childcare available for those in the Journeys of Faith class. 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-6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be in Rainbow Room Classroom 1 for the All Kids Godly Play class. Please sign your kids out from the Rainbow Room.

10:45-11:05am Worship Arts in the Rainbow Room. Please sign your kids out from the Rainbow Room.

11:05-11:45am Childcare continues in the Gym. Continuing childcare available for those in the Journeys of Faith class. Please sign children out before leaving.

### **Youth (Grades 7-12):**

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



**Educational conversation  
with Palestinian activist and educator**

# **BAHA HILO**

*WITH REV. MARIETTA MACY*

**JAN 25 AT 1:30 PM**

LAWS ROOM

Baha is traveling from the West Bank to speak about surviving Zionist apartheid.



Learn more  
about Baha  
Hilo's work.



Happy Birthday! Please join us across the street at the Armory apartments every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. We meet in the community space to celebrate the birthdays of Armory residents with cake, fruit, and fellowship. Your participation would help make it a party! If you can't join, perhaps you can donate fruit or cake! Thank you for helping us connect with our neighbors.

**Join us January 21, 6:30 pm at the Armory!**



FPC Deacons recently wrote and received a grant from the Center of Congregations to fund Heads Up, a mental health initiative for the church and community. Part of the evaluation process for this work involves a SHORT pre-event survey of the congregation's spiritual and emotional health. A follow-up survey will follow at the end of the year. Please use this link or QR Code to participate--we appreciate your support!

<https://forms.gle/7mWFdJUTvA48poZ49>



Heads Up Leaders Scott Weathers, Sandy Thomas, Julie Orben, Sarah

# Children's News



**January** *Kid's Church Schedule*

5	INTERGEN SERVICE Nursery only
12	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts
19	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts
26	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class



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

## **Godly Play and Worship Arts Fun!**

Kiddos pre-K and younger are welcome in the nursery each week. For children in K -6<sup>th</sup> grade, Kid's Church will be enjoying a Godly Play lesson about the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Kids can stick around after Godly Play for **Worship Arts** with Lisa and Dianne. They will be preparing a musical selection for worship in February.

## **Help feed our FPC Youth!**

With all our Youth Leaders are doing each week for Youth Group, it's sometimes tough to get a meal together to feed our teens that's not pizza! Our students loved all the meals provided last semester, so keep them coming for the winter/spring of 2025.

Sign up here:

<https://signup.com/go/vXANiGo>



FPC YOUTH

## MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Even if it's not your gift to be a youth volunteer, you can still help us!

Help us feed our hungry FPC teens for weekly youth group meetings.

REGISTER ONLINE AT :  
SignUp Link

MORE INFO  
jriddle@fpcolumbus.org



# PARENTS SOCIAL NIGHT & KID PARTY!

Parents of tweens and younger:  
Bring your kiddos to church to have a fun night with  
seasoned FPC caregivers and then head over to the  
Porter's for an evening of social fun without the kids!



Saturday,  
January 25 5:00-7:30pm

Register here:



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

## **Parent and Kid Party Coming Soon!**

If you are a parent of tweens or younger kids, join us for a fun night (Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>) where kids are cared for at FPC and parents have a kid-free evening at the Porter's! Register here so we have enough caregivers, food, and can ensure all food allergies are accounted for: <https://forms.gle/sxmKTSBdffxiSfKj7>

## January FPC Youth Events

JAN 12 5:00-6:30 | OWL @ UUCI  
6:30-8:00 | Youth Group

JAN 17 4:15-5:45 | Hot Meals Serving

JAN 19 Possible MLK Service Project--  
We'll keep you posted!

JAN 26 5:00-6:30 | OWL @ UUCI  
6:30-8:00 | Youth Group

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

## **Call for Congregational Meeting - Jan. 26, 2025**

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Jan. 26th immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2025 terms of call for Pastor Felipe Martinez, to adopt the 2025 budget approved by the session, to elect two church officers, and to review reports from church staff, committees and groups. All members of First Presbyterian are encouraged to attend.

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate for your consideration. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Ruling Elder

Class of 2027

Doug Sunkel

Class of 2025

Paul Hoffman (one year, to fill the unexpired term of Rich Eynon)

(Zack Ellison was elected to this term by the congregation, but Zack withdrew his name from consideration to make way for Paul's ordination as an elder – a requirement in order to serve as Clerk of Session)

Your Clerk of Session invites you to attend and participate in the governance of your church.

Paul Hoffman

## **Strategic Plan Update**

There will be a special presentation during the Annual Congregational meeting updating us on the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey which we all took a couple of months ago.

We are learning a great deal about the church, and we are encouraged by the passion, health and commitment of our congregation!

You will be invited to participate in Listening S and 16 in the next step towards shaping our Strategic Plan.





Join us  
for

# Neacoms & DONUTS

Sunday,  
February 2nd

After church  
in the gym

First Presbyterian  
Church

## MISSION STATEMENT

To be an active, growing, inclusive and caring church family that witnesses to God's love and shares the good news of Jesus Christ. Our mission leads us to invite all people to participate fully in our community and worship life as safe, loved, and accepted children of God, including:

- Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics
  - Children and adults of all ages
- People of all sexual orientations, gender identities
  - People of all races, & cultures
  - People of all socioeconomic situations
  - People of all mental and physical abilities
- Those who bring hope to the world and those who seek hope

Check us out on the web at [www.fpccolumbus.org](http://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  
<http://bit.ly/4083lQw>

**Ministers:** The congregation of First Presbyterian Church

**Staff:**

**Felipe Martinez**, Pastor and Head of Staff's email is [felipem@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:felipem@fpccolumbus.org). His extension is 223.

**April Hemmerlein**, FPC Preschool Director's email is [aprilh@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:aprilh@fpccolumbus.org).

**Jen Riddle**, Director of Children, Youth and Young Adults Ministries. Her email is [jriddle@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:jriddle@fpccolumbus.org) or call the church office.

**Jordan Lewis**, Organist, can be reached via email at [jordanl@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:jordanl@fpccolumbus.org).

**Jenny Heichelbech**, Choir Director, can be reached at ext. 225 or via email at [jennyh@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:jennyh@fpccolumbus.org).

**Brook Brown**, Church Administrative Assistant, will be in the office Monday and Wednesday thru Friday from 9 am until 5 pm. Tuesday, from 9 am until 3 pm. Phone extension is 221 and email is [brookb@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:brookb@fpccolumbus.org).

**Missy Burton**, Financial Administrative Assistant. Her email address is [mburton@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:mburton@fpccolumbus.org) or call the church office.

**OFFICE HOURS** are typically 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](mailto:brookb@fpccolumbus.org)!

Want to privately speak with someone about your pledge? Email our Treasurer at [promise@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:promise@fpccolumbus.org).



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