



**First Presbyterian Church
March 30, 2025**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am

March 30, 2025

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

“Prelude on KELVINGROVE”

Sandra Eithun

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Bell Choir

+ Call to Worship

Kyla Magee

We gather in worship to learn and serve,

**Attentive to how the word of God shapes our lives, grateful for
how we become channels of God’s love.**

We gather in worship, leaning into doing and being:

**We ponder what it means to be a beloved child of God, and
prepare ourselves for living out that identity with courageous
actions.**

We gather in worship...

**Fully appreciating what Jesus means to us, embodying who
God calls us to be.**

+Hymn 108

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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Prayer of Confession

We confess, Loving God, that we tend to rank people's place in community, even in the faith community. We are inspired by the actions of some, and awed by the prayers of others. We compare ourselves to other believers, sometimes thinking we don't measure up, other times judging others for not doing enough. Forgive us, O God. Guide us away from judgement, and help us value fellow travelers in this journey of faith. Give us the grace to avoid comparisons and seek unity. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The giver of all our gifts understands us and calls us.

We are known. We are blessed.

The God of Mercy and Grace embraces us all

And in erasing our sin, brings us together with one another and with God

Response Hymn "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

DER AM KREUZ

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

+ Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Baptism of Alison McKay Virostko

Brief Statement of Faith

Turn to page 38 and we will read sections 4 and 5 of the Brief Statement of Faith.

On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



In my heart let your word be e - ver writ - ten there for me,



this my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!



Baptismal Hymn 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

(verse 4)

WATERLIFE

***I was there to hear your borne cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.***

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.**

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Sermon

“The Hidden Opportunity”

Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn 767

“Together We Serve”

SAN ANSELMO

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Offertory

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Jason W. Krug

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Bell 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 697

“Take My Life”

HENDON

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Verses 1,2,6

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Mary Howarth

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Dianne Sprunger, *piano*

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, Kyla Magee and to Dianne Sprunger.

You're invited to celebrate

HOLY WEEK

at First Presbyterian Church

 **PALM SUNDAY**
APRIL 13
9:30am Youth Sunday Service in the Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 17 
7:00pm Service in the Sanctuary

 **GOOD FRIDAY**
APRIL 18
12:00pm Community Worship Service at the Commons

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20 
7:00am Sunrise Service in the Loggia
9:00am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
10:00am Easter Brunch in the Gym
11:00am Family Service in the Sanctuary
11:30am Easter Egg Hunt

Name _____

Easter Lily Coupon

The Worship Committee will use lilies to decorate our sanctuary for
the

9 am and 11 am Easter services.

We invite you to participate in this tradition.

Please place your order by April 6th. The price is \$20.00 each.
Your check should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church
with Easter Lily written on the memo line.

I will provide _____ Easter Lily(ies).

I wish to keep my lily. (May be taken after the 9 am or 11 am
Easter service.)

I wish to have my lily delivered to a homebound person.

I will help deliver lilies to the homebound after the
11:00 am service.

Given in Honor/Memory of: _____

**JOIN US
TODAY**

Let's Celebrate Spring!

Join us for the First BBQ of 2025
Sunday, March 30th at 11:00 am
Following worship bring your favorite
BBQ

side dish or dessert

Questions? Text or Call Izzie Nowlin
812-371-8404



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – MAKING A DIFFERENCE WORLDWIDE:

FPC will be taking the One Great Hour of Sharing offering during four Sundays in Lent leading up to Easter (March 23rd through April 13th – which is Palm Sunday). Please contribute by using the OGHS offering envelope in the pews or by mailing a check made out to First Presbyterian Church with OGHS in the memo line or by texting OGHS to 91999.

Please give generously. This year the needs both nationally and internationally are greater than ever.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us for breakfast on Easter morning at 10:00 am as we celebrate the resurrection together!

To help make our meal wonderful, let us know how you can help.

Please sign this coupon and return it to Brook no later than Thursday, April 17th. Happy Easter!

I would like to provide:

- Breakfast pastry**
- Gluten-free pastry**
- Fruit**
- Other**
- I can help with set-up, cooking, or clean-up**

Name:



Children & Youth Schedule

Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth - March 30, 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.

10:45am 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.

10:45-11:05am Worship Arts in the Rainbow Room. 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

10:45-11:30am Church BBQ in Gym

11:30am-1:30pm Picking up branches at Ann's house (games in Dungeon if it rains—rain date for this activity is 4/13)

The Presbyterian Foundation of Columbus will be holding a short membership meeting on Sunday, April 6th after the service, to tell the members about an exciting project they are funding for the church building. Foundation Board members and Zach Ellison will be presenting the upcoming changes on behalf of the Property Committee.

Spring is here, and along with that comes **church landscape care**. We no longer have a regular landscape team, so Help is very much needed! Mulching is planned for Saturday, April 12 from 9:00-12:00. If you are available, any amount of help is welcomed! Please bring work gloves and a rake, if possible. Other needed items if you have them are wheelbarrows and pitchforks.

Hope to see you here! If you have any questions, see Glinda Ellison or Doug Sprunger.

Thanks!!!!

JOIN US FOR THE

2025 FPC YOUTH SERVICE-LEARNING TRIP!

JULY 20-25; ASHEVILLE, NC

Register Now

Email
jriddle@fpccolumbus.org
to reserve your spot by
April 30!

\$100 nonrefundable deposit holds your spot!

We invite all teens (completing 7th-12th grade in May 2025) to join our work trip to Asheville! We are working on hurricane recovery through Youth Mission Co.

Lent Bible Discussion 2025

First Presbyterian and Fairlawn Presbyterian will come together for a 4-week Lent Bible beginning on Tuesday, March 18. We will look at the verses in the upcoming Sunday worship service and use an inductive Bible study format.

Each session will begin at 6PM with a light supper and will end at 7:30. You are welcome, but not required to read the passage ahead of time. Each session will include time for reading and personal reflection time. Each session will be a stand alone discussion. We hope you can join us for all four weeks, but if you can only attend some sessions, you are welcome to join us when you are able. It will help in planning for meals if you go to the QR code to let us know which sessions you plan to attend.



April 1: Hosted by First at 512 Seventh St. Verses: Luke 11:27-32

April 8: Hosted by Fairlawn at 2611 Fairlawn Dr. Verses: Luke 19:28-40 & 23:1-49

If anyone would like to help with the food when FPC is hosting the study, please contact Dale Nowlin.

College Care Packages *Packing Day!*



Our college students are quickly approaching final exams!
Join us during coffee hour while we pack and bless the boxes that go out to our students. Special notes to students are always welcome! We are doing this extra early this semester due to USPS shipping delays.



Sunday, April 6



Children's News

March Kid's Church Schedule

- 2** INTERGEN SERVICE
Nursery only
- 9** REGULAR SERVICE
All Kids Class & Worship Arts
- 16** SPRING BREAK
Nursery only
- 23** REGULAR SERVICE
All Kids Class & Worship Arts
- 30** REGULAR SERVICE
All Kids Class & Worship Arts

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-6th grade, Kid's Church will be enjoying a Godly Play lesson called "The Faces of Easter," a series that will continue throughout Lent. This week the stories will include Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert.

Kids can stick around after Godly Play for **Worship Arts** with Lisa and Dianne. They will be preparing kids for worship next month.

March FPC Youth Events

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

- SUNDAY MAR 2** 5:00-6:30 | OWL @ UUCI
6:30-8:00 | Youth Group
- SUNDAY MAR 9** 5:00-6:30 | OWL @ UUCI
6:30-8:00 | Youth Group
- FRIDAY MAR 21** 4:15-5:45 | Hot Meals Serving
- SUNDAY MAR 23** 5:00-6:30 | OWL @ UUCI
6:30-8:00 | Youth Group
- SUNDAY MAR 30** 10:45-1:30 | Brunch & Branches!
4:00-8:00 | OWL @ UUCI



We are thrilled to announce that Interfaith Peace Camp for children ages 5-12 years old will be returning to the UUCCI campus this summer from June 2nd-6th. We will also have the optional family pitch in and camp out on Friday June 6th-Saturday June 7th.

Registration is LIMITED - Sign up NOW!

[Child Registration for 2025 Interfaith Peace Camp](https://uucci.breezechms.com/form/2025InterfaithPeaceCamp91)

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Continuing this year is an opportunity for 13-17-year-olds to participate in a **Counselor in Training Program.**

<https://uucci.breezechms.com/form/CITPeaceCamp2025>

Adult Volunteers are critical to offering this vibrant camp to our community. There are opportunities to help for an hour, lead a group, share a passion or skill, create a calming space in the quiet room, provide lunchtime supervision, or help behind the scenes making sure things are ready for camp! **Volunteer to Support Interfaith Peace Camp**

<https://uucci.breezechms.com/form/VolunteerPeaceCamp2025>



Mental Health FIRST AID
from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (for Adults)

WHY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches **adults** how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and youth. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support. Plus, you'll receive a 3-year certification.

1 IN 5

teens and young adults live with a mental health condition.

Source: National Alliance for Mental Illness

50%

of all mental illnesses begin by age 14, and 75% by the mid-20s.

Source: Archives of General Psychiatry

10.2%

of youth will be diagnosed with a substance use disorder in their life time.

Source: National Council for Mental Wellbeing - Youth Mental Health First Aid

38.2%

of Bartholomew County teens reported having felt sad or hopeless for 2 or more weeks in a row.

Source: Indiana Youth Survey, Bartholomew County Report 2022

18.9%

of Bartholomew County teens reported having seriously considered suicide.

Source: Indiana Youth Survey, Bartholomew County Report 2022

This session is being offered at

NO COST thanks to a Center for Congregations Grant

Course is valued at \$170.

Instructor-led, In-person Session

Saturday, April 5th

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Lunch will be provided.

First Presbyterian Church

512 7th Street Columbus, IN 47201

Mental Health First Aid Training requires a 2-hour, self-paced, interactive online course PRIOR to the in-person training session.

8 professional credit hours can be claimed upon completion of this training, and this training has been approved as 8 face-to-face training hours for Foster Parents licensed through the State of Indiana.

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of various mental health and substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis and non-crisis situations.
- Know how to connect a young person with help.
- Better understand the impact of traumatic experiences, the role of resilience, and the importance of self-care.

To learn more about this evidence-based program, visit MHFA.org.

Spaces are limited and registration is required.

SCAN CODE TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER



This training is led by a Certified Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor and is conducted by Council for Youth Development in partnership with First Presbyterian Church Columbus.



Council for Youth Development
Bartholomew County

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

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<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. His extension is 223.

April Hemmerlein, FPC Preschool Director's email is aprilh@fpccolumbus.org.

Jen Riddle, Director of Children, Youth and Young Adults Ministries. Her email is jriddle@fpccolumbus.org or call the church office.

Jordan Lewis, Organist, can be reached via email at jordanl@fpccolumbus.org.

Jenny Heichelbech, Choir Director, can be reached at ext. 225 or via email at 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.

Missy Burton, Financial Administrative Assistant. Her email address is 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!

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



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