



First Presbyterian Church
April 27, 2025

Second Sunday in Easter

9:30 am

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prelude

“Hornpipe”

George Frideric Handel

Bell Choir

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+ Call to Worship

Felipe Martinez

Christ is risen—and still, some of us come with heavy hearts.

We come holding questions, doubts, and quiet hopes.

Even now, the risen Christ meets us in our struggle, offering peace, presence, and promise.

Let us worship the One who brings life from death and hope from despair.

+Hymn 336

“We Gather Together”

KREMSER

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Prayer of Confession

Loving God,

we confess that at times, we struggle to believe we are lovable. When despair surrounds us, we lose sight of hope. When violence fills the world, we turn away from the Prince of Peace. When injustice seems to win, we forget that you are a merciful judge. We doubt that you've equipped us with what we need to do your work in the world. We overlook the grace you freely offer and forget who we are—your beloved people. Forgive us, God, for our doubts, our fears, and our failure to trust your love.

(Modified from a prayer written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, “Hold Fast to What Is Good.” <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>. Used with permission.)

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Beloved of God, even in our doubt, God remains faithful.

Even when we turn away, God draws near.

There is nothing we can do to lose God's love—no fear, no failure, no weakness too great.

God's mercy is wider than we can imagine, and grace is already ours.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and deeply loved.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response Hymn 238

“Thine is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

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(refrain)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

+ Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

Baptism of Anna Grace DeJarnette and Basil O'Neil Miller

Brief Statement of Faith

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

Baptismal Hymn 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

WATERLIFE

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(verse 1)

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

Felipe Martinez

(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

“Finding Easter in the Midst of the Struggle”

Jen Riddle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn

“Come and Join in the Celebration”

NETTLETON

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https://www.carolynshymns.com/come_and_join_the_celebration.html

***Come and join the celebration! Praise the Lord and gladly sing.
Hear the gospel proclamation: God in Christ changed everything!
Tell again the wondrous story; let your praises rise above.
God, we sing and give you glory for your everlasting love.***

***Sing with joy, for on a Sunday friends of Jesus went to grieve.
Soon they found his tomb was empty; telling others, they believed.
God of miracle and wonder, Jesus died and lives again.
Death has lost, for you are stronger; all creation sings, "Amen!"***

***God, we sing, for there is nothing that can keep your love away —
Not oppression, hardship, famine, things to come or things today.
Heights and depths cannot defeat us; death will never be the same.
Christ is risen! So you promise: we have life in Jesus' name.***

***Sing with joy, each generation! Sing with those who've gone before.
Join the kingdom celebration, old and young, both rich and poor.
We have life, for we're forgiven; where, O death, is now your sting?
Born of dust, we're claimed for heaven, so let all God's people sing.***

Offertory

“Love Divine”

Rowland H. Prichard

Bell Choir

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+ 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 725

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

NYLAND

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Voluntary, op.7, No.9”

Charles John Stanley

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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 Bell Choir.

Children & Youth Schedule

Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth - April 27, 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

5:00-6:30pm OWL @ UUCI

6:30-8:00pm Youth Group in Teen Dungeon

Children and Youth News



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 about Jesus and his 12 disciples.

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



CALLING ALL GRADS!



We are planning to honor all our church grads on Grad Sunday, May 18, in the worship service. The bulletin will honor all Grads: Preschool, Kindergarten, Sixth Grade, Eighth Grade, High School, College, Graduate Degrees, as well as career and technical program completions. There will also be a newsletter article in June congratulating each achievement. The families with children in our database will receive an email with details. If there are other children or adults with graduations, please notify Jen at jriddle@fpccolumbus.org. **Submissions are due May 7.** Congratulations to all!

April FPC Youth Events

SUNDAY

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3:00-6:00 | Youth Sunday Practice

SUNDAY

APR
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9:30-10:30 | Youth Sunday
10:45-11:30 | Parent Meeting
11:30-1:30 | Celebration
5:00-6:30 | OWL @ UUCI

FRIDAY

APR
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4:15-5:45 | Hot Meals Serving

SUNDAY

APR
27

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

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

JOIN US FOR THE

2025 FPC YOUTH SERVICE-LEARNING TRIP!

JULY 20-25; ASHEVILLE, NC

*Register
Now*

Email
jriddle@fpcolumbus.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.



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 closes on May 12—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>

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
<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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