



**First Presbyterian Church
June 1, 2025**

Seventh 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

“Christ Jesus Who Maketh Us Glad”

Marcel Dupré

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Remembering our Baptism

+ Call to Worship

Alison Virostko

Gather us in, God, to celebrate your Majesty!

We marvel at the vast spaces of the universe, and at the tiny mustard seed.

Gather us in to witness your Majesty at work!

We are grateful for faithful community, blessed with a diversity of gifts.

Gather us in to be renewed!

Gather us in to worship together!

+Hymn 401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

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Prayer of Confession

Jesus says: “Struggle to enter through the narrow door.”

Forgive us when we want to take the easy way out.

Jesus says some will think they are pleasing God, but they are not.

Forgive us when we assume we have you all figured out.

Jesus teaches us to remain humble.

Forgive us when we forget that the last will be first.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Jesus came to show us the way to God

to bring us closer to each other and to God.

Through God’s love, we are loved and forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Response Hymn 238

“Thine is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

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(refrain)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

+ Gospel Reading

Luke 13:18-30

Time with Children

Jen Riddle

(Children under 5 may go to the nursery. Children K-6th are to stay in the Sanctuary.)

Sermon

“First and Last”

Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn 318 “In Christ There is No East or West” ST. PETER
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Moment for Mission Bread for the World Offering of Letters
Ann Jones

Offertory “Adagio from Fantaisie in C Major” Cesar Franck
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+ Doxology 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
OLD HUNDREDTH
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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.***

+ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

+ Hymn 501 “Feed Us, Lord” FEED US
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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

First response: 595

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ARGENTINE SANTO

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Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Second response: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Third response: The Lord’s Prayer

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

The Words of Institution

Communion Distribution

“Préambule”

Louis Vierne

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Prayer after communion

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

+Hymn 766

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

McKEE

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Verses 1,3,4

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“How Excellent is Thy Name”

Music: Dick Tunney, arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

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Piano-Organ Duet - Dianne Sprunger and Jordan Lewis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here and we are worshiping 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 worshiping 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, Alison Virostko, Dianne Sprunger and Jordan Lewis.

Let's put our faith into action with Bread for the World's Offering of Letters!

Please join us in the gym after worship to write letters to our elected officials to help end hunger.





Bread For the World Offering of Letters

This year Bread for the World is prioritizing nutrition programs for children, both domestically and internationally. Still unfinished is the Farm Bill. This year's Offering of Letters asks our elected officials to fully fund global child nutrition programs and to fully fund and strengthen WIC in the US. USAID has been stripped significantly of its funding, making food sustainability even harder. This year's Offering of Letters will be held in the Gym on Sunday June 1st following the worship service.

Please join your church friends in sharing an assortment of breads, jams and other toppings from around the world as we engage with our elected officials. See you in the Gym on the 1st.

Children & Youth Schedule

Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth - June 1, 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!

9:30-10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with family and friends. Build Your Own Worship Bag with activities and toys are located by the Franklin Street entrances to the sanctuary.

Youth (Grades 7-12):

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

Women's Group

2nd Tuesday at 2 pm in the Reeve's Room
Starting in June until November



Patio Parties PLUS are back and you can be a host

Patio Parties PLUS are back and the Adult Fellowship and Education Committee is looking for volunteers to host an event. It's a great way to get together for informal fellowship, but it can only happen if people are willing to step up and host an event. The possibilities are almost endless. In the past people have hosted hiking, bicycling, euchre night, trivia night, cooking lesson, music recital, and more, as well as "traditional" patio parties. If you would like to host a patio party PLUS use this QR code, or find the link in the Friday email, to provide information about your idea. You can host an event in your home, a park, a restaurant, at church, or wherever you choose. Each party is different. The host can suggest that everyone bring something for a pitch-in or ask that people bring something to contribute to a themed dinner. Whatever the event, it is a chance to get to know each other better and to meet new people. Please consider hosting an event this summer. Contact Dale Nowlin, denowlin@gmail.com, if you have any questions or want to talk through an idea.



JOIN US FOR THE

2025 FPC YOUTH SERVICE-LEARNING TRIP!

JULY 20-25; ASHEVILLE, NC

Three rectangular photos with yellow borders. The first shows a cityscape at sunset. The second shows three people in white shirts holding hands in a circle. The third shows a sunset over a body of water.

Register Now

Email
jriddle@fpccolumbus.org
to reserve your spot by
June 12--LAST CHANCE!

**\$200 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 a variety of service projects Youth Mission Co.

Children and Youth News



JOIN US FOR AN ALL-AGES

INTERFAITH PITCH-IN AND CAMP-OUT!

Friday, June 6 | 5:30 PM | UUCI: 7850 W Goeller Rd



All-Ages Interfaith Pitch-In and Camp Out

Even if you or your family can't participate in Interfaith Peace Camp this week, you're invited to a dinner and camp out on the grounds of UUCI. All people are invited to join us—it's a ton of fun!

Intergenerational Worship this week!

Kids Church is off for the summer, so enjoy a wide variety of items available at our worship bag centers at the Franklin Street entrances. Kiddos pre-K and younger are welcome in the nursery.

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





Pyoca Day - Save the Date!

Folks of all ages are invited to join us on **Saturday, August 16** for a day of fun at Camp Pyoca in Brownstown. The waterfront will be open for swimming, giant water slide, paddle boarding, kayaking, canoeing,

paddle boats, kiddie boats, fishing, and plenty of sand for the little ones. Hiking, climbing wall, yard games, and more will be available on the property! Adult games and fellowship as well as kid games and crafts will be available in the air-conditioned lodge. Lunch is provided. **Registration will be due August 3-** watch for the link, and save the date now, before the hectic first weeks of school in August.

Pentecost Offering: June 8



This year, the FPC Youth Group has chosen Fireman's Cheer Fund to be the local recipient of the Pentecost Offering.

Founded in 1930 by the Columbus Fire Department, some caring firemen saw a need where underprivileged children would see few, if any, gifts under the Christmas tree. Today, with help from the public and numerous volunteers, toys are delivered to many of those children in the Bartholomew County area so that they too can enjoy the Christmas holiday.

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.

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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