



**First Presbyterian Church
June 21, 2026**

Mission Statement

As an inclusive community empowered by God's transforming love, we welcome all people through worship, compassionate service, care, and advocacy.

Proper 7

"Proper" Sundays refer to specific Sundays within the liturgical year, particularly those after Pentecost.

9:30 am

June 21, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prelude

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

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Livin’ by Faith Band

+ Call to Worship

We are children of the Creator.

The earth and all that fills it comes from God!

We are invited to a banquet by the Host.

At God’s table there is always room; there is always food.

We extend God’s same invitation to all.

We rejoice when we sit at table with all of God’s guests!

+Hymn 401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

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Here in This Place

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is your; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God, when we forget this is your Earth, and we waste water or pollute.

Forgive us when we forget this is your community, and we ignore your children, as if they were not our siblings.

Forgive us when we claim your abundance all to ourselves, as if your love is only for some.

Remind us, Patient Host, that you call us to your table, so all can be welcomed, loved, and encouraged. Not just some. You invite all.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The God of creation, the God of grace, the God of abundance, is the God who calls us to community and makes possible that we can gather as a family. That's the God who forgives our sin, so nothing can get in the way of God's love.

Thanks be to God for God's abundant grace!

Response Hymn 137

“He Came Down” (verse 1)

HE CAME DOWN

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***He came down that we may have love; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

+ Gospel Reading

Luke 14:15-24

Special Music

“This is My Father's World”

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Time with Children

Jen Riddle

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

Sermon

“Glimpses of God’s Realm”
Conversation with Grant Hale

Prayer Stations

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn 300

“We are One in the Spirit”

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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(verses 1,2,3)

**1. *We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:***

***Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.***

**2. *We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)***

**3. *We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)***

Moment for Mission

Getting Involved

Luther Pierson

Offertory

“We Gather Here, In Jesus’ Name”

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+ Doxology 19

“God of Great and God of Small”

(Verse 2)

GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

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**God of heaven and God of earth,
God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before,
God who reigns forevermore,
alleluia, alleluia,
praise be to your name.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

+ Hymn 372

“O for a World”

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

African American spiritual. Public Domain.

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Please stay for our indoor picnic!

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O for a World'. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains four lines of lyrics. The third system contains four lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains four lines of lyrics. The fifth system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a church hymnal.

We are planning Patio Parties PLUS for this summer.

We invite you to host/attend a fun gathering with church friends and neighbors: pitch-in meal, ice cream social, gather at a restaurant or bar, a pool party, a bike ride, a hike, a game night, a book discussion; the possibilities are endless.

What can you do to help make them a success this summer?

- 1) Consider hosting a patio party or other event or co-host with a friend
- 2) Attend one of more patio parties in June, July and August.
- 3) Invite friends and neighbors to attend also.

If you are thinking of hosting, use this link [https://](https://bit.ly/4ndnvF7)

bit.ly/4ndnvF7 or the QR code to complete the Patio Party Plus Host Form or contact Dale Nowlin. denowlin@gmail.com



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 the Livin' by Faith band, and Grant Hale.



Green Community Book Read

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, & First Presbyterian are partnering to study Dr. Katharine Hayhoe's book "**Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World.**"

Books are on sale at Viewpoint Books for \$14.99 (while supplies last).

Join us for these 3 discussion sessions:

- **June 18** - UUCI from 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- **June 25** - St. Bartholomew from 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- **July 7** - UUCI from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Contact Eric Riddle for more details:
812-344-0185

join us for:

FAITH IN ACTION DAY

Help us turn our worship into work, both inside our building and beyond!

Project Options:

- ✓ Prayer as Work @ 9:30am
- ✓ Cooking for Others
- ✓ Home Visits
- ✓ Home Improvement Work
- ✓ Intergenerational Projects in Gym
- ✓ Family-Friendly Outdoor Maintenance

**Projects
begin at
8:30am on
July 19th,
unless
noted!**



July 19

Registration
and more
info here:



**Register by
July 12!**

Please use the QR Code to complete the registration survey for FPC's 2026 Faith in Action Day when we will unite in a day of service, offering diverse projects that reflect our commitment to love, inclusion, and community care. Project volunteers will gather in the church gym on July 19 at 8:30am, and at 9:30am others will gather in the sanctuary, serving through prayer with an option to write cards. Then we will all gather for lunch at 11:30 in the church gym. Thank you for being involved; we ALL have gifts to share with others!

AFE After Worship

We are continuing a study and discussion around environmental justice. You are welcome to join us for week 4, whether or not you participated in weeks 1-3. Join us in the Laws Room at 11:00.

Sunday, June 21: No session, picnic in the gym

Sunday, June 28: Let Justice Roll Down - Air Quality

In July we will have discussion and sharing around the verses from each Sunday's worship service. Come check it out!



Let Jen Riddle know if you're planning to participate!

Last Year's Projects Included:

- Making treats for first responders
- Writing letters to an ICE detainee after learning about his situation
- Changing sand for Godly Play
- Donating items to Turning Point & a tour
- Bringing plants to our neighbors
- Noticing where we see God
- Picking up trash in the neighborhood
- Fun and ice cream!

Why should I participate?
Join with other FPC teens to serve our local community and learn more about why the love of Jesus compels us to serve and love others. AND earn service hours!



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



Calling All Teens!

All rising 7th graders through recent high school grads are invited to participate in a morning of teen service and learning. We will care for our community and learn a little bit more about why we do this work in the name of Jesus. Join us for just a couple hours of thinking of other's needs first! Please contact Jen Riddle (jriddle@fpccolumbus.org) if you are planning to attend.

Intergenerational Worship in the GYM this week!

Kiddos pre-K and younger are welcome in the nursery. For older kids, we have a wide variety of items available at a worship bag station in the gym.



Pyoca Day- Save The Date!

Folks of **all ages** are invited to join us on **Saturday, August 15** 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 for teens and adults! Adult games and fellowship as well as kid's games will be available in the air-conditioned lodge. Lunch is provided. **Registration will be due August 2-** watch for the link, and save the date now, before the hectic first weeks of school in August.

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:

Felipe Martinez, Pastor and Head of Staff's email is felipem@fpccolumbus.org. His phone extension is 223. He will be at General Assembly and on vacation from June 22-July12.

April Hemmerlein, FPC Preschool Director's email is aprith@fpccolumbus.org. Her extension is 231.

Jen Riddle, Director of Children, Youth and Young Adults Ministries. Her email is jriddle@fpccolumbus.org or call the church office. Her extension is 224.

Jordan Lewis, Organist, can be reached via email at jordanl@fpccolumbus.org. His extension is 225.

Jenny Heichelbech, Choir Director via email at jennyh@fpccolumbus.org. Her extension is 225. She will be out of the office from June 21-27.

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.

Leigh Ann Figg, Interim Financial Assistant, is usually here on Monday and Wednesday and can be contacted at mburton@fpccolumbus.org. Her extension is 222.

Ellie Hartline, Sanctuary Choir Collaborative Pianist, (308) 765-2812

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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