



**First Presbyterian Church  
June 7, 2026**

**Mission Statement**

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

# ***Second Sunday after Pentecost***

9:30 am

June 7, 2026

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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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Prelude

“God of the Sparrow”

Carl F. Schalk

(Hymn 22)

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*Lisa Porter, flute & John Heichelbech, guitar*

+ Call to Worship

Psalm 23 (Contemporary English Version)

*Sherry Stark*

You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need.

**You let me rest in fields of green grass.**

**You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and you refresh my life.**

You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths.

**I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid.**

**You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.**

You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch.  
You honor me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows.

**Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life,  
and I will live forever in your house, Lord.**

+Hymn 11                      “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”                      ABERYSTWYTH

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Prayer of Confession

**Loving Shepherd, Caring Mother Hen, Holy Advocate, you are always supporting us. We run out of words to say thank you. Forgive us when we try to fit your majesty into a box, to try to control or limit you. Forgive us when we are slow to expand our perception of you. Free us to grow in how we experience you.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

God offers us grace, knowing our limitations, forgiving our sins. We rejoice that God frees us to feel God’s love anew every day.

**Thank you God for loving us this much!**

Response Hymn 288                      “Spirit of the Living God”                      LIVING GOD

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### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

+ First Gospel Reading                      Luke 13:31-34

+ Second Gospel Reading                      John 14:23-27

Time with Children

*Jen Riddle*

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

Sermon

“Experiencing God”

Conversation with Jake Brooks, Vince Cochran and Lisa Porter

*Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez*

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

+Hymn 3

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

RAQUEL

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Offertory

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Sebastian Temple

(Hymn 753)

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*Sarah Dismore, vocals, Lisa Porter, flute & John Heichelbech, guitar*

+ Doxology 19

“God of Great and God of Small” (Verse 1)

GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

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***God of great and God of small,  
God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong,  
God to whom all things belong,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.***

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People  
Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

First response: # 594

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Traditional Argentine

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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

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

The Words of Institution

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Prayer after communion

### **GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

+ Hymn 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

SICILIAN MARINERS

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

(Hymn 20)

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*Lisa Porter, flute & John Heichelbech, guitar*

## 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, Sherry Stark, Sarah Dismore (vocals), Lisa Porter (flute) and John Heichelbech (guitar).

The Confession of 1967 banner contains the elements representing Jesus' sovereignty, reconciliation of his people on the cross, and racial equality.

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!**



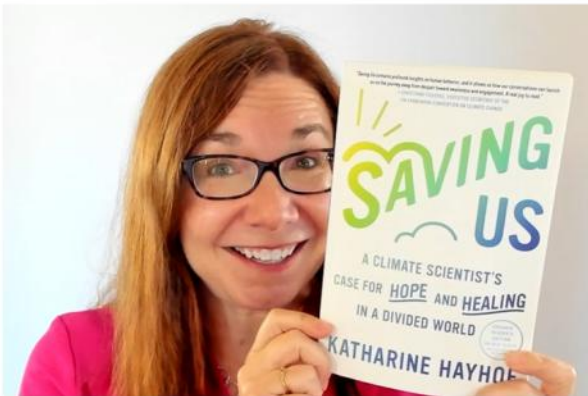
**July 19**

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!



## 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:

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

- **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

## We are planning Patio Parties PLUS for this summer.

What are patio parties? They are a way for people in our congregation along with friends and neighbors to gather for fellowship and fun. It can be a pitch-in meal, an ice cream social, a gathering at a local restaurant or bar, or gathering for snacks. They might be held on your patio, but that is not a requirement.

What is the PLUS part? This can be any social event or activity; a pool party, a bike ride, a hike, a game night, a book discussion, the possibilities are endless.

Last summer we had eleven different events including pitch-in patio parties, a trivia night, lunch and music, an open house and pitch-in at "the oldest surviving house in Indiana," family day at Camp PYOCA, and more.

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

- 1) Consider hosting a patio party or other event.
- 2) Encourage someone else to host.
- 2a) Ask someone to co-host an event with you.
- 3) Attend one or more patio parties or events during the months of June, July and August.
- 3a) Invite friends and neighbors to attend also.

If you are thinking of hosting, use this link

<https://bit.ly/4ndnvF7> or the QR code to complete the PATIO PARTY PLUS HOST FORM or contact Dale Nowlin. [denowlin@gmail.com](mailto:denowlin@gmail.com)



## Interfaith Pitch-In Friday, June 12

Even if your family didn't participate in Peace Camp, you can join the fun at UUCCI on Friday evening for a pitch-in dinner and optional camp out on the grounds. Bring a side to share and enjoy some outdoor fun starting at 5:30pm.

JOIN US FOR AN ALL-AGES

# INTERFAITH PITCH-IN AND CAMP-OUT!

Friday, June 12 | 5:30 PM | UUCCI: 7850 W Goeller Rd



Join us for a pitch-in BBQ,  
yard games,  
bonfire,  
s'mores,  
and an optional camp-out  
(adult supervision of  
minors required)

## **Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth**

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



### **Pre-K and Younger:**

***Parents: Each child needs a registration form for the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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

**Intergenerational Worship this week!**

Kiddos pre-K and younger are welcome in the nursery. For older kids, we have a wide variety of items available at our worship bag centers at the Franklin Street entrances.



**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.

## First Presbyterian Church Bicentennial Legacy Fund

Our church's celebration of its first 200 years culminated in the creation of a Bicentennial Legacy Fund in 2024. This permanently endowed fund is held at Heritage Fund - the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County.



Through the many gifts and pledges received (and still coming in) the Fund enables Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center (LCNFC) to provide a helping hand to a number of our downtown neighbors. Over the first three years a \$100,000 matching grant from Heritage Fund as part of Lilly Endowment's *Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow* initiative is being used to awarding grants. This allows FPC's endowed fund to grow and get off to a strong start. The balance in the First Presbyterian Church Bicentennial Legacy Fund on 12/31/2025 was \$335,489.87.

LCNFC leaders Randy Allman and Diane Doup report that in 2025, 65 grants from this fund have provided a hand up in the following ways: Transportation - \$5,510; Housing - \$6,725; Basic needs - \$4,345; Employment - \$6,014; Education - \$3,850; Medical - \$2,500; and Other - \$900.

For more information and to read some of the ways this fund is positively impacting lives, please see the May newsletter article.

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:

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**Jordan Lewis**, Organist, can be reached via email at [jordanl@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:jordanl@fpccolumbus.org). His extension is 225.

**Jenny Heichelbech**, Choir Director via email at [jennyh@fpccolumbus.org](mailto:jennyh@fpccolumbus.org). Her extension is 225.

**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).

**Leigh Ann Figg**, Interim Financial Assistant, is usually here on Monday and Wednesday and can be contacted at [mburton@fpccolumbus.org](mailto: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](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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