



First Presbyterian Church August 2, 2026

Mission Statement

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

Hymn Sing Sunday

9:30 am

August 2, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Prelude

Prelude on Thaxted

Gustav Holst

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Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+Introit

“How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place”

Liam Lawton

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First time: Soloist

Second: Congregation

How love - ly is your dwell - ing place, O Lord,

my God! How love - ly is your dwell - ing place,

is your dwell - ing place, O God!

+ Call to Worship

Warren Ward

O Lord open our lips

And our mouths shall declare your praise

+Gathering Hymn 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty”

NICAEA

Text: Reginald Heber. Music: John Bacchus Dykes. Public Domain.

All Verses

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you call us to confess our sin.

We confess we have stumbled and have not loved with our whole heart. Forgive us and renew an upright spirit within us.

Confession Hymn 649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Text: John Newton. Music: Columbian Harmony, arr. Edwin O. Excell. Public Domain.

Verses 1,4,5

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

We Rejoice

In God’s Love

We Pray

In God’s Love

We Serve

In God’s Love

We Sing

In God’s Love

Hymn of Praise 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

Text: “K” in John Rippon’s A Selection of Hymns. Music: American folk melody. Public Domain.

Verses 1,5

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Lesson

Exodus 15:20-21a

Gospel Acclamation: Hymn 157

“I Danced in the Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE

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Verse 1

Responsive Psalm 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in the holy sanctuary;

praise God in the mighty firmament.

Praise the LORD for mighty acts;

praise God for exceeding greatness.

Praise the LORD with the sound of the trumpet;

praise God with the lute and harp.

Praise the LORD with the tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise the LORD with clanging cymbals;

praise God with loud clashing cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

+Hymn of the Day:39

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

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All verses

Time with Children

Jen Riddle

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Hymn 15 “All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Text: Francis of Assisi. Music: harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams. Public Domain.

Verses 1-4

+ Doxology 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERDREUEN

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia! (5x)

+ Prayer of Dedication

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People

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

Communion Distribution Hymn 418

"Softly and Tenderly"

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

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Communion Distribution Hymn 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

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Prayer after communion

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

+ Sending Hymn 641

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

ENGELBERG

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Verses 1,2,5

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Festive Postlude on Holy, Holy, Holy"

John S. Dixon

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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 the liturgist, Warren Ward.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given in memory of John Rumple, by Carol Rumple and family.

Join our Pick-Up Choir

We will kick off our season with a “Pick-Up Choir” (meaning: no commitment and little rehearsal!), singing one easy, fun and accessible song for service on Sunday, August 16. All are welcome to join us for one or both very short rehearsals to prepare: August 9 immediately after service for 15 minutes in the choir room and August 16 from 9 – 9:15 am in the sanctuary, right before we sing in service.

Adult Fellowship and Education After Worship

Adult Fellowship and Education offers a discussion time after worship. All are welcome to join the conversation around the scriptures from the worship time. We will meet at the top of the stairs in the Crump Room. Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and join us. This week's reflection and discussion questions are...

1. Share a song (from church or not) or hymn which is meaningful to your faith.
2. What feelings do you get when you or other sing at church?
3. How does music help you worship God?

Patio Parties Plus

Thursday, August 6, 6:30-9 PM - Izzie and Dale Nowlin are hosting a euchre party at their home, 821 Franklin Street. Bring snacks or drinks to share or just show up ready to play cards. RSVP via email to denowlin@gmail.com or text 812-371-8403.

Sunday, August 9, 11 AM - There will be an all church pitch-in following Sunday worship. Bring one of your favorite summer salads, entrees, or deserts to share. Drinks will be provided. You can drop off food in the gym or the kitchen before worship.

Saturday, August 15, Camp PYOCA Day in Brownstown. Suitable for ALL AGES! Swimming, boating, giant waterslide, sandy beach, fishing, hiking, yard games, lunch and more! Sign up using THIS LINK or by contacting Jen Riddle by August 3rd.

You can access the complete list with this QR code or at this link. <https://bit.ly/4gZLdn1>





August *Kid's Church Schedule*

2	INTERGEN SERVICE Nursery only
9	BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts
16	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts
23	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts
30	REGULAR SERVICE All Kids Class & Worship Arts

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.

Children and Youth Volunteer Training:

Attention all ***new and returning*** volunteers in the children and youth ministries of the church: mark your calendars for **TODAY**, Sunday, August 3. Beginning at 11:00am in the Rainbow Room, we will have a 90-minute meeting that will include lunch, a preview of the new school year, and a Safe Church review. Childcare will be provided if requested. This is a great opportunity to be inspired, grow more equipped, and receive support in this important ministry of the church!

CALLING ALL KIDS & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!

Join us on
Sunday, August 2nd
at 11:00am in the
Rainbow Room for
lunch, Safe Church
review, and an
opportunity to
preview the year!





LAST CHANCE to Register for Pyoca Day!

Folks of all ages are invited to join us on Saturday, August 16 for a day of fun at Camp Pyoca in Brownstown. Come and go when you can. Join us for self-directed fun in the outdoors and the air-conditioned lodge, starting at 10am. A tasty burger lunch happens at 11:30am. At 12:30pm, 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's games will be available in the lodge.

Registration is due TODAY! Sunday, August 2: <https://tinyurl.com/PYOCADay26>

School Year Kickoff and Backpack Blessing:

School will be back in session on Wednesday!

On Sunday, August 9th, we will be sharing a backpack and work bag blessing in worship for all who have just begun a new school year. Kids in K-6th will then have their first experiences in Godly Play Kids Church and Worship Arts. **Parents are welcome to come upstairs with their children to get a glimpse of what it's all like!** After worship, there is a pitch-in lunch, and following that, we will have a school kick-off celebration in the gym with a bounce house and other fun. Join us to help launch the new school year with joy!



Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth

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):

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

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



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 phone extension is 223.

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

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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