



First Presbyterian Church July 12, 2026

Mission Statement

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

God's Kin-dom - Sent out to serve

9:30 am

July 12, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Congregational readings are in **bold** type.

+ indicates all are invited to stand.

Ringling 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

“Morning has Broken”

arr. Linda Lamb

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Pamela Morris, Bell Tree

+ Call to Worship

Audrey Virostko

All are welcome here. Whether you are heavy-hearted,
wondering if there is power to make you well,
or feel weighed down by many demands,

God's kin-dom has come near.

Whether you are burdened by rules others have imposed
or you are a keeper and maker of rules,

God's kin-dom has come near.

Whether you feel at home in this place
or you long to be accepted,

God's kin-dom has come near.

Come and worship God, the One who writes
our names in the book of life and dares us
to become new creations in Jesus.

God's kin-dom has come near.

+Hymn 314 “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
You call us to a living faith—
a faith that is more than words,
more than intention,
more than belief held in our minds.

We confess that too often our faith stays safely within us.

We speak of love
but hesitate to act.

We see need
but sometimes turn away.

We believe in your call,
but struggle to follow it with our lives.

Forgive us.

**Move our faith from idea to action,
from thought to practice,
from worship to witness.**

And thank you for the ways you have already been at work in us,
even when we do not fully understand it.

Shape us again by your grace,

**until our lives reflect God's love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news:

God doesn't wait for perfect action before offering grace.

**Even when our faith feels small,
God can use it to bring hope, healing, and love into the world.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and through the Holy Spirit, our faith is made alive.

**We are forgiven,
and we are sent to make our faith visible in love. Amen.**

Response Hymn 137 (*verse 1*) "He Came Down"

HE CAME DOWN

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***He came down that we may have love (3x)
Hallelujah forever more!***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Lesson from the Historical Church

+ Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-11

(*Common English Bible*)

Special Music

Pamela Morris

Time with Children

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

Sermon “Glimpses of God’s Kin-dom: Serving God in Small Things”

A conversation with Doug Sunkel and Izzie Nowlin

Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

KELVINGROVE

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Verses 1 & 2

Moment for Mission

Getting Involved

Paul Hoffman

Offertory

“A Closer Walk”

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Ellie Hartline

+ Doxology 609

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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

Prayers of the People and 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 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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(verses 3-5)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sonatina in A Minor

George Friderick Handel

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AfE 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 story when you felt God clearly calling you / showing you a way to serve.
2. What do you understand Jesus means in the gospel passage, Luke 10:1-11, when sending 72 disciples in pairs with very specific instructions?
3. What are some small tasks, behind the scenes things, which you feel called by God to do?

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, Audrey Virostko, Pamela Morris (Bell Tree) and Ellie Hartline.

The Fellowship Table Bring What You Love. Share What You Have.

A Fellowship Sponsored by Adult Fellowship and Education



The Fellowship Table invites you to help create a welcoming space for coffee, conversation, and community after worship. Sign up to bring a treat to share – fresh fruit, bagels, cookies, or a favorite store-bought snack are all welcome. Whether you're bringing something or simply joining us, there's a place for you at the table.

For more information, please contact Izzie Nowlin
(isabel.j.nowlin@gmail.com) or Becca Davis
(rebeccabrougher1993@gmail.com).



**Choose Any Sunday
and Sign Up Here**

Scan to view available
dates and sign up.



Or contact Brook in the church office (812-372-3783)

Use this QR code or
follow this link to
sign up!
<https://bit.ly/44inrv6>

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 or this link (<https://bit.ly/3QVXSrR>) 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!



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.

Patio Parties Plus are beginning soon. The first three are...

Thursday, July 23, 6:30-8:00pm - Eric and Jen Riddle are hosting an ice cream social and garden tour at their home. 2204 Home Avenue. RSVP to Eric at eric.r.riddle@gmail.com or (812)344-0185.

Saturday, July 25 - Sarah and Craig Dismore are hosting a family friendly pool party! All are welcome! This is a low-key, no pressure, come over for a quick hello or stay the whole time! Bring your own towel, sunscreen, goggles, and possibly a camp chair. We will provide non-alcoholic drinks, popsicles, and light snacks. Bring your own beer/adult beverage and/or a snack if you want. Or come empty handed! Again, this patio party will be relaxed and easy! You can park on our side of the street, but please do not park on my neighbor's grass. Questions? Just text Sarah at 812-390-8282. RSVP (or just show up!) to Lowrydismore@gmail.com.

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



Give me your tired, your poor,
your stiff metal

PUTTY KNIVES

yearning to help Faith In Action!

Contact
Doug Sprunger
260-589-6757

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.

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



Youth (Grades 7-12):

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

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, August 2nd is our volunteer training on the newly updated Safe Church Protection Policy. Join us at 11am in the Rainbow Room for lunch, policy review, and a look at our plans for the next school year!



Register for PYOCA Day!

Folks of ALL AGES are invited to join us on Saturday, August 15 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 August 2:

<https://tinyurl.com/PYOCADay26>



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. Jen will be on vacation this week.

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. Jenny will be out of the office until July 20th.

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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