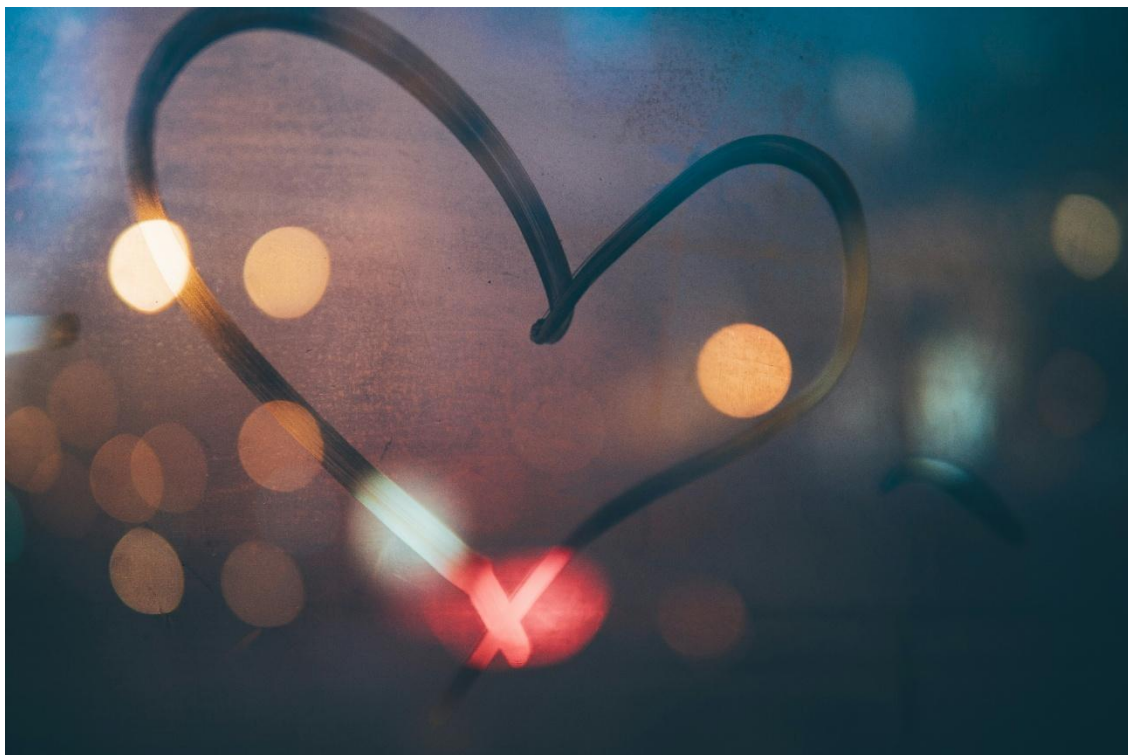




First Presbyterian Church
October 25, 2026

Mission Statement

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

Reformation Sunday

Proper 25

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

9:30 am

October 25, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The gathered community is invited to join in speaking the **bold** responsive text.

+ indicates when to rise in body, in spirit, or in lifted hands

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle and Remembrance of Baptism

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prelude

"Prayer"

Alexandre Guilmant

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+ Call to Worship

Mallory Loutner

Which commandment is greatest?

***Pulpit side:* Love.**

***Organ side:* Love.**

***Pulpit side:* Love God.**

***Organ side:* Love God with all your heart.**

***Pulpit side:* Love God with all your soul.**

***Organ side:* Love God with all your mind.**

And the second commandment?

***Organ side:* Love your neighbor as yourself.**

***Pulpit side:* Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Love God. Love Neighbor.

+ Hymn 457

“How Happy are the Saints of God”

WAREHAM

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Prayer of Confession

Scripture tells us that “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful will forgive us.” Let us confess our sins together.

Loving God, in Christ you made us one, and called us together as your community. We want to be reformed, yet too often we cling to familiar ways. We want to follow you, but we are fearful of where you will lead us. We want to be made one, but we let differences divide us. Forgive us. Change our hearts and our lives so that we might listen and follow, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

In the waters of baptism you are claimed by God, washed clean, and set free. In these waters you were marked as part of God’s family. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Response Hymn 695

“Change My Heart”

CHANGE MY HEART

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 22: 34-40

Time with Children

Jen Riddle

(Children under 5 may go to the nursery. Children K-6th are to go to the Rainbow Room.)

Children's Sending Song "Take This Light"

Mark Patterson

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***Take this light into all the world,
Light that welcomes one and all.
Take God's love into all the world
As you live, as you learn,
let's share God's gift of love.***

Sermon

"The Greatest Commandment"

Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn 740

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

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(Tom Weinland and Felipe Martinez sing verses, congregation sings refrain)

Moment for Mission 2026 Hispanic/Latino Scholarship

Matt Souza

Offertory

"Liedchen"

Felix Mendelssohn

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+ Doxology 609

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, 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 the Lord's Prayer (pg. 35 in hymnal)

(You may start the prayer with "Our Father", "Our Mother", "Loving God" as the Spirit leads.)

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

+ Hymn 596

"You Are Holy"

DU ÄR HELIG

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Tom Weinland, guitar

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Fantasy on "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Alexandre Guilmant

Trivia Night is TODAY, October 25th at 6:00 pm.



**Saint Bartholomew Concert Series
presents**

REQUIEM: A CHORAL CONCERT

**Sunday,
November 1, 2026
3:30 p.m.**

**Saint Bartholomew Church
1306 27th St, Columbus, IN
Free admission, donations are welcome!**

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 a greeter 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, Mallory Loutner, and Tom Weinland (guitar).

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given in loving memory of Abigail Brinkman, from Mom, Dad, Jacob, Mindy, Annabelle and Zia.

- **Our all church pitch-in is today**, following the service, in the Gym. Please join us for lunch and fellowship!
- Don't forget that we are hosting a **winter clothing drive for Food Not Bombs!** Please see the eblast or call the office for more information.
- Next week, we "Fall Back" one hour with **Daylight Savings Time**. Don't forget to change your clocks!
- **Brook will be on vacation** from October 26th until November 2nd. Please call the office and leave a message if you have any concerns.
- This **Sunday's banner** is from the Westminster Confession and the Shorter Catechism, England 1646.

Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth—October 25:

Pre-K and Younger:

Parents: Each child needs a registration form for the 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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!

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with family and friends. Worship Bags with activities and fidgets are located by the Franklin Street entrances to the sanctuary.

9:45-10:45am After the "Time with Children" in worship, dismiss to Kids' Church. Kindergarten-6th Grade will be in Rainbow Room Classroom 1 for the All Kids Godly Play class.

10:45-11:00am Worship Arts in the Rainbow Room.

All K-6 children must be signed out from the Rainbow Room. Please sign them out promptly at the end of the service or after they finish Worship Arts. Thank you!

Youth (Grades 7-12):

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

5:30-9:00pm Spook Night Celebration

Join us for Kids Church this week!

Kiddos pre-K and younger are welcome in the nursery each week. Following the Time with Children, elementary-aged kids are invited to follow teachers to the All Kids Class for **Godly Play**. It's a Montessori-style way for kids to learn about stories from the Bible and their faith. This week's story is about Joseph.

This week, **Worship Arts** will meet following Godly Play

until 11:00am. **Please pick up your kids in the Rainbow Room following Godly Play & Worship Arts programming each week.** That way you can meet the teachers and see what they're learning. Don't forget to fill out a **new Safety Form for the 2026-2027 school year!**



The graphic features a background image of a young girl in an orange sweater and yellow beanie jumping joyfully in a field of fallen autumn leaves. Overlaid on the right side is a vertical schedule for October. At the top, a yellow banner says 'October'. Below it, the title 'Kid's Church Schedule' is written in a cursive font. The schedule consists of four colored rectangular boxes, each containing a date and service details.

Date	Service
4	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Nursery only
11	FALL BREAK Nursery only
18	REGULAR SERVICE Godly Play & Worship Arts
25	REGULAR SERVICE Godly Play & Worship Arts

FPC Kids and FPC Youth Communication

Looking to keep up with important announcements for Kids and Youth Ministry? Join our GroupMe chats!

For families with kids, birth-6th grade:
<https://tinyurl.com/GMFPCKids>

For families with youth, 7th-12th grade:
<https://tinyurl.com/GMFPCYouth>



The graphic has a dark blue background. At the top center is a white speech bubble icon containing a blue hashtag and a smiley face. To the left of this icon, the text 'Join our' is written in a white, curved font, and 'groupme' is written in a larger, white, sans-serif font. Below this, there are two white rectangular buttons. The left button is labeled 'FPC Kids' and the right button is labeled 'FPC Youth'. Below each button is a black and white QR code.



FPC YOUTH

MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Even if it's not your gift to be a youth volunteer,
you can still help us!

Help us feed our hungry FPC teens
for weekly youth group meetings.

REGISTER ONLINE AT :

<https://tinyurl.com/YouthMeals2627>



MORE INFO

jriddle@fpccolumbus.org



Meals for Youth Group

Are you someone who loves to cook for others? Do you want to contribute in a meaningful way to our youth, but don't feel equipped to work with them directly? Make us dinner! We are looking for some willing folks to **make dinner for Youth Meetings** this semester to ease the burden for our youth leaders. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/YouthMeals2627> or through the QR code.

JOIN US FOR THE

2025 FPC YOUTH FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 20-22 | CAMP PYOCA

*Register
Now*

Email
jriddle@fpccolumbus.org
to reserve your spot by
October 18 to get the
Early Bird Rate!



**\$70 minimum donation
per student**

We invite all teens in 7th-12th grade to join us for a retreat at Camp PYOCA--there will be a chance to take in all the camp has to offer: high ropes, hiking to Mt. Baldy, climbing tower, crafts, and more, plus plenty of free time to hang out. In the evening we'll gather for Fall Fest, complete with a bonfire, hotdog and s'more roast, games, and after dark wagon rides through the forest.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP AND EDUCATION IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



October 25 - All church pitch in
Nov. 1 - Kimberly Hoffman on Creativity in the Laws Room
Nov. 8 - Digging deeper into the sermon with Sandy Thomas in the Crump Room (above the kitchen)
Nov. 15 - Consecration Celebration and Meal in the gym
Nov. 22 - Skye Nicholson on self care and mental health in the Laws Room

ALL AGES Monthly Game Night

In the spirit of our Friday Fun Nights last year, we are offering a monthly Friday Game Night to **ALL AGES**. Each evening will start with a provided dinner at 5:30pm, a spiritual practice that is accessible for everyone, and then free time to enjoy games. The Rainbow Room has air hockey, ping pong, and foosball to play, as well as board games of all kinds. The gym will also be open following Hot Meals for bounce house fun, ball games, and our beloved scooters. Check it out, bring your favorite game to share, and get to know other folks from FPC better! Please **RSVP by November 5** so we can plan for dinner: <https://tinyurl.com/NovFGN26>

Adult Fellowship and Education Class – November 1

“Tired but Inspired”

Taught by Kimberly Hoffman

Check the eblast for more information.

Friday game night

dinner | games | spiritual practice

Rainbow Room | Friday, November 6
5:30–8:00pm



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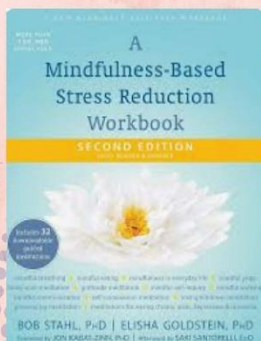


<https://tinyurl.com/NovFGN26>

Adult Fellowship & Education

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND CONNECTION! LED BY SKYE NICHOLSON

Scholar, teacher, mother, pod caster,
scientist, empowerment coach, author,
and local resident!



IN THE LAWS ROOM

11 A-12:30 P

NOVEMBER 22

Stress &
Mindfulness

DECEMBER 6

Mental
Patterns &
Responding w.
Awareness

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED
WORKBOOKS PROVIDED**

Please register w. Julie Orben
by texting (812)390-9020
or email julie.orben@gmail.com

Do you like to sing Christmas music? Please join the Sanctuary Choir Thursdays, at 7:00 pm, as we start learning holiday music (enter by Door 9 and come to the choir room). The Christmas Cantata will be presented on December 20th and we would love to add your voice to the celebration!



FOR THE WEEK AHEAD **Oct 26-Nov 1**

MONDAY

No events
scheduled

TUESDAY

- 11:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm - Livin by Faith practice

WEDNESDAY

No events
scheduled

THURSDAY

- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice - Choir Room

FRIDAY

- 7:30 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - Women's Group
- 10:30 am - Centering Prayer
- 4:00 pm - Hot Meals
- 6:00 pm - Tween Time Halloween Party

SUNDAY

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Coffee Hour
- 4:30 pm - OWL at UUCI
- 5:00 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm - Youth Bonfire at UUCI

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

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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 privately speak with someone about your pledge? Email our Treasurer at promise@fpccolumbus.org.
Subscribe to our eblast here. <https://bit.ly/47GT5E2>

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