



**First Presbyterian Church
October 4, 2026**

Mission Statement

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

World Communion Sunday

9:30 am

October 4, 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

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prelude

“Sizohamba Naye”
(We Will Walk with God)
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arr. Terry D. Taylor

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Sanctuary Choir, Tim Dunaway (percussion)

+ Call to Worship

Rob Forste

When you are hungry,

there is room at God’s table.

When you are tired,

there is room at God’s table.

Whether this place is familiar or new,

there is room at God’s table.

Whether you are close or very far away,

there is room at God’s table.

Come and worship God who nourishes us.

There is room at God’s table.

+ Hymn 637

“O Sing to the Lord”

CANTAI AO SENHOR

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Verse 1 English

Verse 1 Portuguese

Verse 1 Spanish

Verse 4 English

Prayer of Confession

God has taught us to live in community with each other, caring for each other's needs.

We don't always know how to do this. Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's loving mercy.

Loving God,

We confess that we use our words to hurt instead of to heal.

We take more than we need

and don't share what we have.

We don't care for ourselves or each other.

Teach us again your ways of love.

Help us to live as your faithful people.

In the name of Jesus.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Friends, there is no better news than this:

God has heard us. God has forgiven us. God loves us.

Go forth to love and forgive one another. **Amen.**

Response Hymn 695

“Change My Heart”

CHANGE MY HEART

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

+Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Time with Children

Jen Riddle

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

Sermon

“Just Wait Till the Boss Comes Back...”

Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn 509

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

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Moment for Mission

World Communion Offering

Paul Hoffman

Offertory

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

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Sanctuary Choir with Lisa Porter (flute) and Tim Dunaway (percussion)

+ 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* (pg. 35 in Hymnal)

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

The Words of Institution

Communion Distribution *Adagio from Sonata No. 5, Op. 11* Joseph Rheinberger

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Prayer after communion

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

+ Hymn 765

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

ARGENTINA

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Thanksgiving”

Richard Purvis

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Music at First is proud to welcome, Wolff von Roos **October 23 at 7 p.m.** Our French inspired Casavant organ will be on full display as Wolff showcases his depth of imagination and improvisation accompanying the silent film Nosferatu. Mark your calendars for this night of Movie, Mystery, and Organ!

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 the liturgist, Rob Forste, the Sanctuary Choir, Lisa Porter and Tim Dunaway.



FOR THE WEEK AHEAD **October 5-11**

MONDAY

No events

TUESDAY

- 7:00 pm - Livin by Faith practice
- 7:00 pm - Children's Nurture committee meeting

WEDNESDAY

No events

THURSDAY

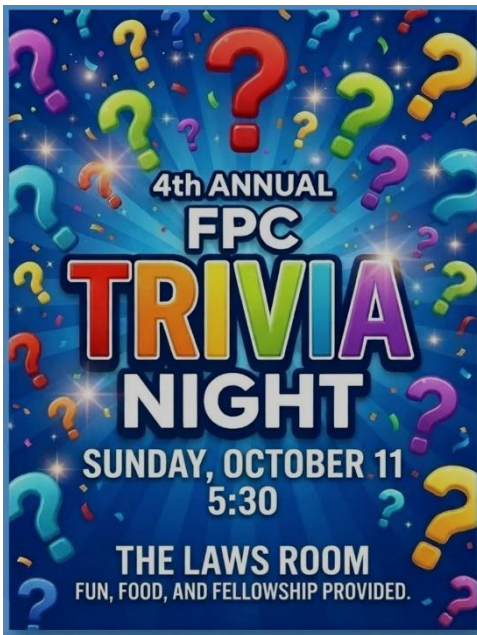
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice - Choir Room

FRIDAY

- 7:30 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - Women's Group
- 10:30 am - Centering Prayer
- 4:00 pm - Hot Meals

SUNDAY

- 9:30 am - Worship Service
- 10:45 am - AFE Coffee Hour
- 5:00 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal



Nominating Committee News

The church's Nominating Committee is beginning its work to identify potential replacements for officers completing their terms as Deacons and Elders. If God is nudging you to consider one of these roles because they sound like they fit your skills & interests and feel like a way in which you can participate more fully in the life of the congregation, please get in touch with a member of the NomCom: Chip Orben, Leah Jackman-Whitner, Brook Brown, Diana Holloway, Stephanie Cunningham or Chair Warren Ward. Look for more details in the E-Blast.



ADULT FELLOWSHIP AND EDUCATION IN OCTOBER



First Presbyterian Church of Columbus welcomes guest Dr Eric Yancy delivering sermon titled:



Eric Yancy, MD

"Dead, But Not Dead Enough"

**Join us Sunday,
October 18 at 9:30
512 7th St, Columbus**

Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth

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.

Youth (Grades 7-12):

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

4:30-6:15pm OWL class at UUCI

6:30-8:30pm Youth Group in the Teen Dungeon

Intergenerational worship this week!

Today is **intergenerational worship** for World Communion Sunday. Our **nursery is open** for kids up to pre-k, but we welcome older kiddos to stay in worship with their families following the Time with Children to enjoy

communion together. For older kids, we have a wide variety of items available at our **worship bag centers** at the Franklin Street entrances. If you haven't already, please fill out a new **information and registration form** for each child in your family for the new school year!



October

Kid's Church Schedule

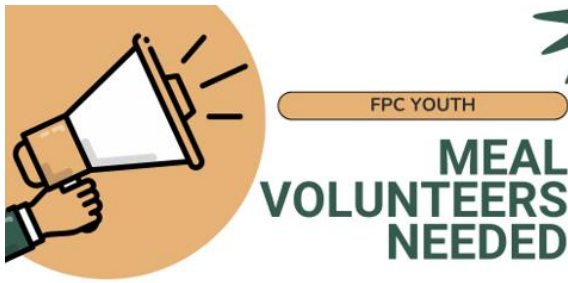
4	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Nursery only
11	FALL BREAK Nursery only
18	REGULAR SERVICE Godly Play & Worship Arts
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October FPC Youth Events



Open to all students in 7th-12th grade!

SUNDAY	OCT 4	4:30-6:15 OWL @ UUCI 6:30-8:30 Youth Group
FRIDAY	OCT 16	4:00-5:30 Hot Meals Serving
SUNDAY	OCT 18	4:30-6:15 OWL @ UUCI
SUNDAY	OCT 25	5:30-9:00 Spook Night Watch for an email with details!



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.

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>



All invited to the 2026 Laws' Lecture:
"He Never Moved The Mountains"



Eric Yancy, MD

**Dr Yancy is a pediatrician,
serving the children of
Indianapolis for fifty years,
an author and vocalist.**

**October 18th at 3 pm
Free. All are welcome**

**First Presbyterian
Church sanctuary
512 7th St, Columbus**



The Fellowship Table



Each Sunday, members and friends of our church are invited to bring something to share during fellowship time after worship. Call the office for more details, or to sign up. You may also use the QR code to sign up.



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 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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