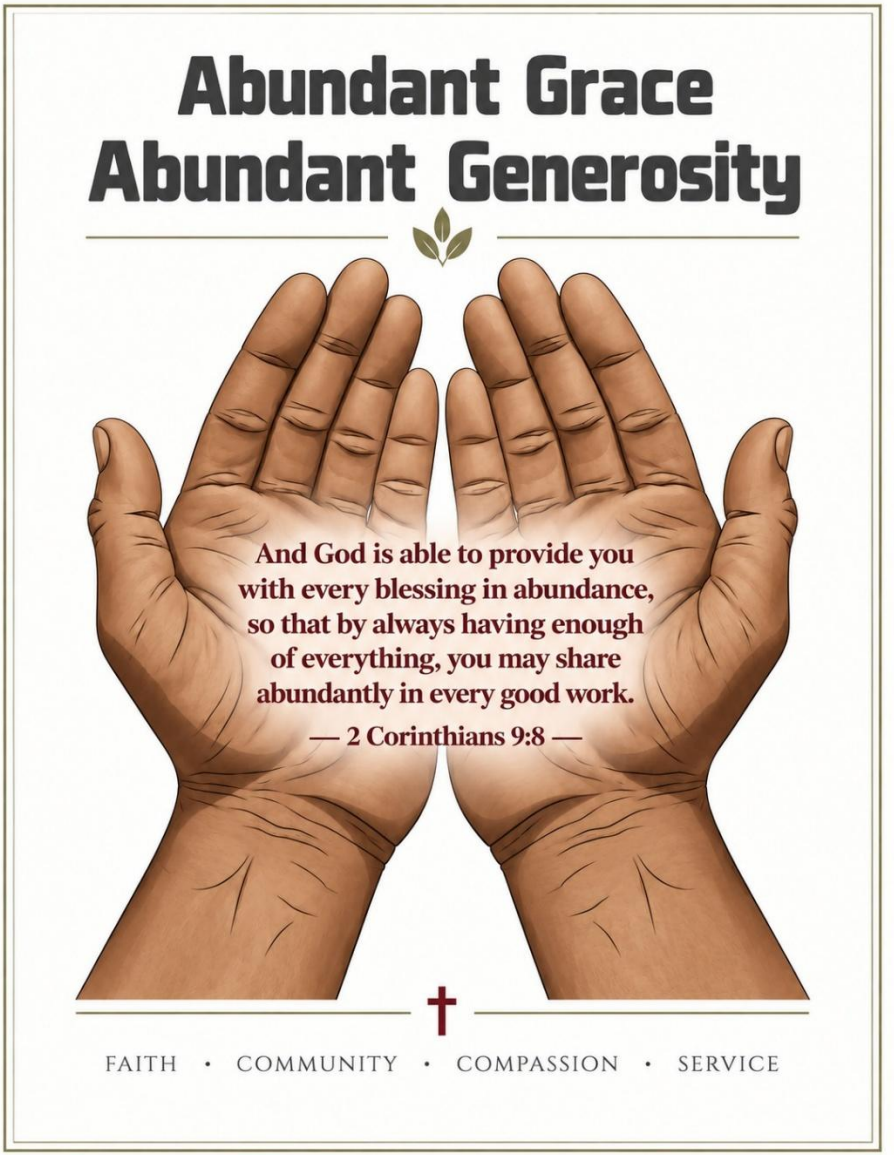



**First Presbyterian Church**
**November 15, 2026**

## Mission Statement

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

# *Consecration/Celebration Sunday*

9:30 am November 15, 2026

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The gathered community is invited to join in speaking the **bold** responsive text.
+ indicates when to rise in body, or in spirit

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 "Allegretto" Gustav Merkel
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+ Call to Worship *Terri Glackin*

We gather with grateful hearts
**Because God has blessed us abundantly!**
We gather with hopeful hearts
**Because God empowers us to join in God's mission**!
We gather knowing God works in us and through us!
**Let us worship God!**

+ Hymn 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

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Prayer of Confession

God knows our needs and faults even before we name them. We name the truth of our lives confident in God's love. Let us make our confession.

**Loving God, we confess our struggle to be your faithful disciples.**
**We hoard your good gifts.**
**You invite us to be generous,**
**but we are afraid of not having enough.**
**Forgive us for not trusting the love that surrounds us.**
**Help us to share and to serve.**
**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Children of God, nothing can separate us from God's love. Let us proclaim the Good News together:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

Response Hymn 695 "Change My Heart, O God" CHANGE MY HEART

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

+ Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Anthem "Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven" Pepper Choplin

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*Sanctuary Choir*

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 "Digging Deep" *Rev. Dr. Felipe Martinez*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

+Hymn 694 "Great God of Every Blessing" AURELIA

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Moment for Mission Heart Tree *FPC Youth Group*

Offertory "Offertory" John Ness Beck

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*Sanctuary Choir*

+ 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 Thanksgiving and Dedication of our Pledges

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 652 "A Grateful Heart" ROCKINGHAM

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Sleepers Wake" Felix Mendelssohn

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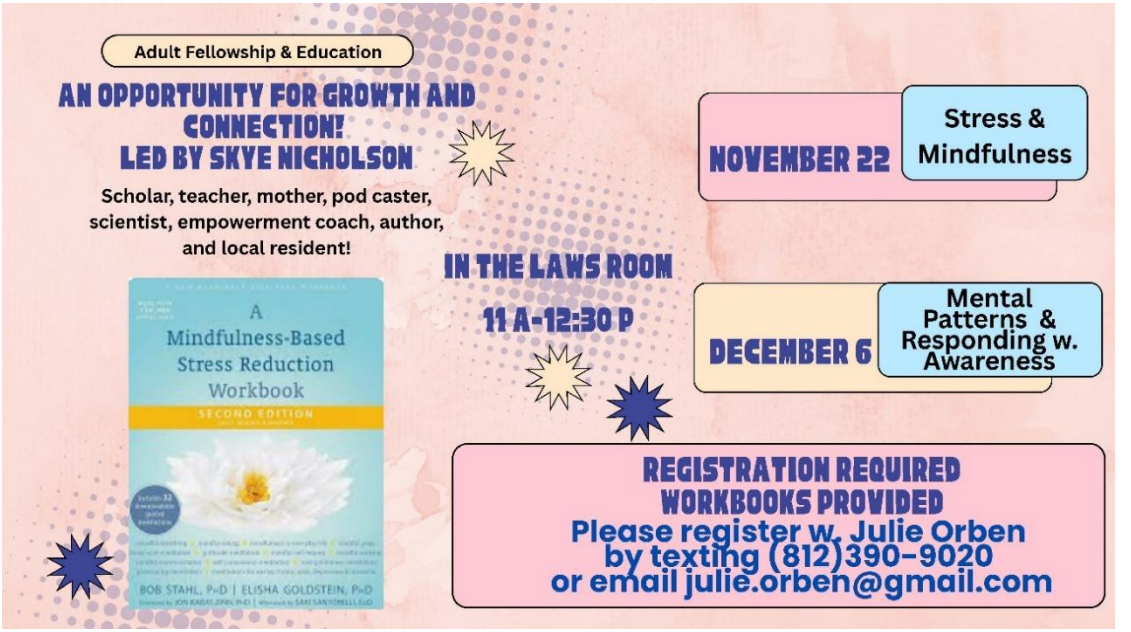
**Welcome** to worship! We are glad you are here and we are worshiping together. Please ask ushers for information about our nursery, large-print bulletins, hearing-aid assists, or current newsletters. Please sign the *Friendship Registration* pads and share your contact information, especially if you are worshiping 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, Terri Glackin, and the Sanctuary Choir.



## Sunday's Schedule for Children and Youth—November 8:

**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):**

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, Kindergarten-6th Grade will be in Rainbow Room Classroom 1 for the Godly Play class.

**Youth (Grades 7-12):**

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

4:30-6:15pm OWL at UUCCI

6:30-8:30pm Friendsgiving Youth Group at FPC



**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 Rainbow Room 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 the Ten Commandments. This week, **Worship Arts** will NOT meet due to the Celebration Brunch. **Please pick up your kids in the *Rainbow Room* following Godly Play programming this 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**!




**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

**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.





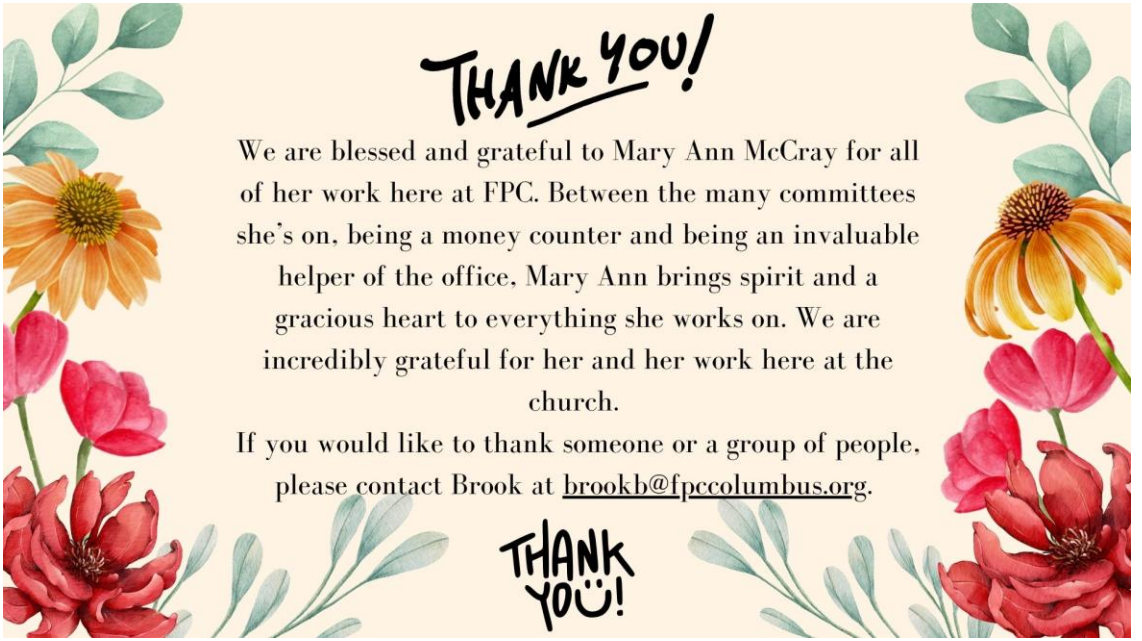

**Heart Tree is here!**

Our FPC teens are collecting items to help teens in our community who are in need. We are partnering with Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Family Center's Angels of Love program this year. The Heart Tree is decorated and ready for you to choose a heart (or two!). Unwrapped items should be returned to the tree by Sunday, December 6th for distribution. Please follow the instructions on the back of the hearts so we can make sure gifts get to the correct recipients! Thank you for your support for this important mission for our FPC Youth.



# FOR THE WEEK AHEAD November 16-22

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| • 11:30 am - Preschool Board Meeting<br>• 5:30 pm - Youth Nurture | • 6:30 pm - Armory Birthday Party<br>• 7:00 pm- Livin by Faith practice | • 7:00 pm - Session meeting | • 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice - Choir Room | • 7:30 am - Men's Group<br>• 9:00 am - Women's Group<br>• 4:00 pm - Hot Meals | • 9:30 am - Worship Service<br>• 10:30 am - Coffee Hour and AFE<br>• 5:00 pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal |


THANK YOU!
We are blessed and grateful to Mary Ann McCray for all of her work here at FPC. Between the many committees she's on, being a money counter and being an invaluable helper of the office, Mary Ann brings spirit and a gracious heart to everything she works on. We are incredibly grateful for her and her work here at the church.
If you would like to thank someone or a group of people, please contact Brook at brookb@fpccolumbus.org.
THANK YOU!

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**

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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.*
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