

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 10, 2019

As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet to prepare for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Wuerch — Meet Your Deacon

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE/MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION

"Great is the Lord"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist
Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith
Acolyte: Isabella Gaddis

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Lay Leader: Gail Ratliff

L: Come and worship Christ, the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the eternal God: the one through whom all things were created, and in whom all things are held together.

P: This is our God! Let's worship together.

† OPENING HYMN

"O Worship the King"

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

L: God is ready to satisfy those who thirst for goodness, and those who are hungry for grace, will be filled with good things. Let us in prayer make our confession...

P: God of wisdom, truth, grace, and redemption, we bring to you our inept and evil ways, and place the troublesome load of frustration, disappointment, regret and guilt in your hands. Please wash the grime and infection from our wounds and anoint us with the salve of forgiveness. Take us gently by the chin and lift up our faces so that we can look up into the face of Christ Jesus without shame or fear. With him let us face all coming challenges with his quiet strength and optimism. In His name we so pray. Amen!

† WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: Family of God, lift up your spirits with thanksgiving to God whose nature is always to have mercy.

P: All who have come clean and sought forgiveness shall never need to revisit old shame again.

L: The untarnished future is God's and it is now offered to you with open hands. You are forgiven, all things have become new! Through Christ Jesus our Savior!

P: Give thanks to God who is so good, whose love endures forever!

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Grace"

Chancel Choir
By Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School following the children's message and Prayer)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(Please keep your joys and concerns brief and to the point.

This is time for prayer, not announcements.)

OFFERING

Offertory

"This Our Song Of Praise"

William Stickles

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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MESSAGE

A CYNIC'S SEARCH FOR MEANING—Pt. 2

Pastor Eric Gale

"In Pleasure"

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

1 Timothy 6:17

† CLOSING HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

#571

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Rejoicing"

A. Louis Scarmolin

†Please stand if you are able.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.

* (Please sign and date the red pad and pass it to your neighbor. Be sure to silence your cell phones.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Castor, eye surgery.

Dorothy Etchison, as she adjusts to her new home at The Lodge.

Pray for Congress and the President, as the deadline for the vote on border security nears.



SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE NOTES

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 (NIV)

I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be meaningless. ²"Laughter," I said, "is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?" ³I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives.

⁴I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards.

⁵I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. ⁶I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. ⁷I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. ⁸I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem^[a] as well—the delights of a man's heart. ⁹I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me.

¹⁰I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil.

¹¹Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

¹²So I turned my heart to despair, and I said, "What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life, or what does he give up for it?"

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(Outline adapted from R. Zacharias lecture, *The Problem of Pleasure*.)

FPC DECEMBER INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT	
Income:	\$293,737.53
Expense:	\$285,788.10
Diff:	\$ 7,949.43

SACRED MARRIAGE VIDEO DISCUSSION SERIES

Facilitators: Pastor Eric Gale and Ed Adams

When: Wednesday evenings, January 23-February 27, 2018, 7pm

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Accompanying Book purchase price: \$10.00 (optional)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of February 3rd we've raised **\$156,245.76!** We are getting closer to having the needed money to repair the tower. We have **\$31,825.40** in the reserve account for the tower and need to raise **\$18,174.60**. Thank you for your continued giving! Hopefully we can start this project in the spring.

MEET YOUR DEACON

As a part of our fellowship hour after church on **February 10**, the Deacons will be hosting our "Meet Your Deacon" event. Each Deacon will be stationed at various tables around fellowship hall ready to meet and greet our flocks.

FPC PRAYER GROUP

In 2018, our Board of Deacons tested a prayer session held separately from our monthly business meeting. In 2019, the Deacons would like to open up the prayer group our fellow congregants. **If you are interested in spending time in prayer for our community and congregation**, please text Brian Wuerch at 317-946-3491 or email bawuerch@gmail.com. We are looking at praying after our church service either on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month.

ON THE FPC BLOG:

Up on the blog is a new post with Brad Hedrick's reflections on his Great Banquet experience. You'll read some honest testimony that we hope might compel you to ask more about it. It's a life changing experience! <https://www.fpc-noblesville.org/a-great-banquet-testimony-by-brad-hedrick/>

PER CAPITA REMINDER

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, we are required by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to pay annual per capita dues each year per member. **For 2019, that amount is \$40.72 per member.** The per capita is our shared gift providing primary support of the operating ministry of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. These are dues that we are required to pay and it is an **expense that equates to approximately \$10,500 each year** from our operating budget receiving only about 25% from members. We pay these dues in March whether the money has been received by our members or not. **If you could faithfully pay your portion of the per capita by February 28th, that would be greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Eric or Robin.

FEBRUARY 10 THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Meet Your Deacon
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	6:30 pm	Bill Jourdan Bible Study
Monday		
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Aerobics
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men's GBR
	8:45 am	Women's GBR
	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Women
	7:00 pm	Sacred Marriage Video Discussion Series
Thursday	8:00 am	Rotary
	6:00 pm	Choir Small Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Wuerch Small Group
Friday		
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HEAD USHER: FEBRUARY	Jeanine Loomis
SOUND SYSTEM:	Rick Mayhew
	2/17 Nathan Roe
NURSERY:	Karen
	2/17 Barb
RAINBOWS:	Deb/Sharon
	2/17 Rita/Sandy
SHOOTING STARS:	Anita/Charlie
	2/17 Sarah/Gail
JR HIGH:	Kelly/Brian
	2/17 Brenda/Dave
SR HIGH:	Zach/Bob
	2/17 Karen
LAY LEADER:	Gail Ratliff
	2/17
ACOLYTES:	Isabella Gaddis
	2/17
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Deacons
	2/17 Presbyterian Women



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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

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ELDERS		DEACONS
Greg Borcharding	Finance	Brian Wuerch, Moderator
Nathan Roe	Properties	Susan Clark
Trish Moore	Christian Education	Brooke Lederman (Youth)
Lee Ann Stein	Evangelism	Jeanine Loomis
Larry Grabb	Worship	Claudia MacRae
Sue Jourdan	Mission	Jan McConnell
Karen McCord	Clerk	Dave McCord
Stephen Craig	Planning	Bill Jourdan
Peggy Deakayne	Personnel /Nom.	Steve Runyon
Eric R. Gale	Moderator	Deb Wilson
		Jana Zeiler

