

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 17, 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

PW Awards

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE/MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION

Cheryl Mayhew, organist
Arr. By Anna Laura Page
Acolyte: Chloe Snyder

"I Worship the King with Here I Am to Worship"

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Lay Leader: Paul Auble

L: Blessed are those who trust in God!

P: We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.

L: Blessed are those who hope in God!

P: We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

L: Blessed are those who delight in God's Word!

P: We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

† OPENING HYMN

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

#225

† CALL TO RECONCILIATION (leader)

Now, if what we hear from the world is true, we would have no need for God. But in fact, the witness of scripture and the evidence of our lives is true. We are a broken people who have fallen short of the glory of God. We need forgiveness through the blood of Christ. Join me as we pray to the One who waits to forgive us.

† PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (unison)

Loving God, the seductions of this world gnaw away at our hearts. We have more and more to choose from at the market yet easily forget you are the God of all provision. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we overlook those who have so little this day. Forgive us for thinking we are the center of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots deep into your heart, and so become those people who are blessings to others, as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

(A moment of silent confession)

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

L: Blessed are you: for God forgives you and restores you to new life. Rejoice in this day and dance for joy!

P: Thanks be to God! Our faith is true, and our hope is grounded in the promises of the One we can trust not only on this day, but in every day to come. Amen.

† 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

"On Eagle's Wings"

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Pouzar

(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 *"The Love Of God"* Arr. By Lyndell Leatherman
*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

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

#391

MESSAGE

A CYNIC'S SEARCH FOR MEANING—Pt. 3 Pastor Eric Gale
"The Times of Your Life"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

† CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

#597

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"March Heroic"

Norwood Dale

† 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.
Doris Stewart, back at Northridge, but now under Hospice care.



OUR SYMPATHIES

to Bud Reed and family on the passing of Carolyn Reed. Services will be held at 3:30 pm on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with visitation from 2:00 pm to the time of service.

SCRIPTURE & MESSAGE NOTES

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (NLT)

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.
²A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest.
³A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build up.
⁴A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.
⁵A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away.
⁶A time to search and a time to quit searching. A time to keep and a time to throw away.
⁷A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak.
⁸A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.
⁹What do people really get for all their hard work? ¹⁰I have seen the burden God has placed on us all. ¹¹Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. ¹²So I concluded there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can. ¹³And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.
¹⁴And I know that whatever God does is final. Nothing can be added to it or taken from it. God's purpose is that people should fear him.
¹⁵What is happening now has happened before, and what will happen in the future has happened before, because God makes the same things happen over and over again.

Only God can bring eternal meaning and purpose to both the good and bad times of our lives. In the daily ebbs and flows of life, how do we find that meaning and purpose?

I. We find meaning in God's gift of _____ and _____!

II. We find meaning in God's gift of _____!

III. We find meaning in God's gift of _____!

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

CHILI COOK-OFF

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Chili Cook off and Bingo Night. We had such a fun time! We raised \$691 that night and now have \$6,055.22 toward our total goal of \$23,000. Twenty-five members of our congregation are going on the summer mission trip in July to Pine Ridge South Dakota Indian Reservation. Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support as we prepare our hearts and minds for what God has planned for us. Next up – Scarlett Minton Memorial Baked Potato Bar and Service Auction on Sunday, March 17. Mark your calendars – More info to come!

A WORD OF THANKS...

Since last Spring I have lost two close friends, my dad, my mom, an Uncle, a sister-in-law and a sister. Although they were all at peace leaving and I know where they are, my heart has been overwhelmed with their passing. I feel very blessed and grateful for the many prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and support from many of you, including a long distance call from our dear Helen LeCount. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and expression of sympathy has been very much appreciated. God Bless, Theresa Wilson

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 10th we've raised **\$156,400.76!** . We now have **\$31,980.40** in the reserve account to start saving for the additional repairs needed to the for the tower. **The estimated cost of tuck pointing the tower is \$50,000 so we have \$18,019.60 to raise.** Thank you every dollar you donate to this project!

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 17 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	6:30 pm	Bill Jourdan Bible Study
Monday		
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
	7:00 pm	Aerobics
	7:00 pm	SESSION
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men's GBR
	8:45 am	Women's GBR
	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		
Saturday	8:15 am	Aerobics
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HEAD USHER: FEBRUARY	Jeanine Loomis
SOUND SYSTEM:	Nathan Roe
	2/24 Tanner Stein
NURSERY:	Barb
	2/24 Andrea
RAINBOWS:	Rita/Sandy
	2/24 Trish/Mark
SHOOTING STARS:	Sarah/Gail
	2/24 Anne/Tanner
JR HIGH:	Brenda/Dave
	2/24
SR HIGH:	Karen
	2/24 Stephen/John
LAY LEADER:	Paul Auble
	2/24 David Layman
ACOLYTES:	Chloe Snyder
	2/24
FELLOWSHIP HOUR:	Presbyterian Women
	2/24 Jeanine Loomis



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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

