



News & Notes

April 16, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“When Is It Over?”

1 Peter 1:17–23; Luke 24:13-35

Pastor Ken Locke

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[Link to last Sunday's Service](#)

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Weekly Devotion....

Nothing Hidden Here!

1 Peter 2:1-10

Rev. Kenneth M. Locke; April 16, 2026

My Beloved -

One of the (many) things that I appreciate about Christianity is that it is open, public, transparent. There are no secret rules or laws. There is no special knowledge or hidden code only available to those who have achieved sufficient rank or power. There is nothing hidden, nothing 'gnostic', about Christianity. Our sacred text and its holy message are freely available to one and all.

Generally, people respond to the message of our scriptures in either of two ways. Many people reject the message of God's love. They don't believe it, or they acknowledge that there is a God but don't believe that God loves us. In any case, they don't take it seriously and it makes no difference to their day-in and day-out lives. They embrace malice, guile, insincerity, envy and slander. They long for anything except pure, spiritual milk. Not surprisingly, they stumble and fall – as one might expect them to do.

Others, though, accept God's word. They trust that God loves them and is with them. They actively avoid malice, guile, insincerity, envy, and slander. Instead of the polluted waters of the world, they seek out pure, spiritual milk so that they can grow in faith and Spirit.

These are the ones who are called out to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's chosen race. Even though they continue life at the same job, with the same family, in the same body and skin color, they are nevertheless set apart

from everyone else.

For those of us who believe, all earthly loyalties are secondary. Christian identity is our identity. The Christian community is our community. The family of Christ is our family.

This is an important point.

I don't have to remind us that we live in a time of ongoing, even escalating, racial and national tensions. As Christians (not as Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, Latinx, Asian American, etc.) (not as American, British, Laotian, Cuban, Iranian, Israeli, Mexican, Canadian, etc.), our right response to the lines on the surveys and applications asking for race and nationality is ***Christian***.

Though we may look like everyone else, may there never be any doubt that we have been called out, made special. There is nothing hidden about us or our message.

May God help us grow into living stones, building up the Kingdom of God.

God's peace to us all,
Pastor Ken.

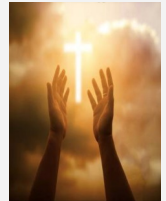
March 2026 Income/Expense Report

	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$ 81,042.81	\$ 89,706.79
Expenses:	\$ 81,042.81	\$ 79,078.07
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 10,628.72

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary—128; Households online—22

Remember in your Prayers...

- ♥ Karen McCord, shoulder/arm injury.
- ♥ Jan Bellis and family, upon the passing of her husband, Don Bellis.
- ♥ The Family of Carolyn McGinley (wife of Joe McGinley), upon her passing. Arrangements will be forthcoming.
- ♥ Susan Clark, on the passing of her mother, Mary Clark.



Arrangements for Mary Clark...

Visitation: Friday, April 17, 2026 from 4pm-6pm

at Parkview United Methodist Church, (1785 Indiana 19, Peru, IN 46970)

Service: Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at 11am

at 1785 Indiana 19, Peru, IN 46970

Lunch: after the service - all are welcome,

but RSVP is appreciated (sclark2428@yahoo.com)

Graveside Service for burial of both Bob and Mary: Saturday, April 18th

at 2:30pm at Mount Hope Cemetery, (411 North Grant Street, Peru, IN 46970)

Remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle

Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village

Joe McGinley—Hamilton Trace

Verna Merrell

Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville

Events for the Upcoming Week...



APRIL 19 THROUGH APRIL 26, 2025

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Performing Arts Camp Meeting
Monday	11:30 am	Women's Luncheon—Perkins
	6:00 pm	New Member Dinner
	7:00 pm	SESSION
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
	7:00 pm	The Chosen Small Group
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men's Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
	4:00 pm	Last Bell Sending Our Love Party
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	10:00 am	Worship
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Did you know...

It's not too late to pay your 2026 Per Capita?

Although the Church has paid the \$10,446.54 Statement, we only collected \$6,135.58 from members. If you have paid your portion, we thank you for your payment. If you have not, **individual per capita is \$46.02.** Please consider giving as soon as possible to help reduce the \$4,310.96 paid by the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org or 317.508.4411.

Help Host Fellowship Hour!

We are looking for volunteers to host Fellowship Hour after church! Hosting is a simple and meaningful way to serve—just bring some light refreshments, help set up, and tidy up afterward. You can sign up individually or with a friend or group. If you're willing to help create a welcoming space for fellowship, please consider signing up today! **If you have questions please see Catherine Burnside or Sondra Pearson in the kitchen or Barb Runyon at the Welcome Center.**

Adult Sunday School...

This Sunday the Adult Class will review the notes from Session 6 of Max Lucado's video series, "WHAT HAPPENS NEXT". This session covers the end of the Millennium, the Great White Throne Judgment and the New Jerusalem.

The Chosen Small Group

Bob and Trish Moore are hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are starting back at the beginning with Season 1. We will watch an episode, and then follow with discussion. **The meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00.** New members are welcome to join us at any point in the series! If you are interested in joining, please email bob-trishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Sunday Snuggles!

Our church family is growing, and with that comes the blessing of more little ones! We would love to have 1 more volunteer to cuddle and play with our youngest visitors and members. By serving in the nursery just once a month, you can make a big impact for our families! If you have a heart for kids and baby snuggles, please see Trish Moore or send an email to : bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Nursery

Men's Fellowship Luncheons

The FPC men's luncheons are the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Sign up sheet will be on a clipboard at the welcome center, or you can email Stephen at sacraig071347@gmail.com. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**



Ladies Luncheons

The FPC women's luncheons are the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Sign up sheet will be on a clipboard at the welcome center. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**

Stay Informed...

Do you want to know what is happening in the life of our church? Join our email list to get weekly updates on:

- Upcoming Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Spiritual Encouragement/ Sermon Highlights

Send your email information to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org. In addition, to receive important updates by text, text FPC to 317-537-0124.

Stay connected, stay inspired!

Purchases & Reimbursements...

If you make a purchase for the church, please turn in your receipts. Put them in an envelope and include your name & the purpose of the purchase. Place them in Robin's mailbox. If you want to be reimbursed for the purchase, use the forms in the payment voucher mailbox (top row, second from the right).

PAYMENT VOUCHER	
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1207 Corner St., Noblesville, IN 46050	
Date: _____	
Made Payable to: _____	
Invoice or Statement No. _____	
Description of Purchase or Need: _____	
Total Amount Due: \$ _____	
Category: _____	Account: _____
Approved By: _____	Amount: _____
<small>Only authorized Elders or Moderators may sign vouchers. Please attach to the original bill or invoice for processing and place in the Business Manager's mailbox.</small>	

Rummage Sale—This Saturday!!!

COMING SOON! **RUMMAGE SALE**

APRIL 18, 2026
8:00AM-2:00PM

Gather all those unused, but useable items from your closets, kitchens, basement & garage. Box & bag them...

...then start bringing them to church after 1:00PM on Sunday April 12!

We Need Volunteers!



Sunday School Calendar

Grades 6 - 8

~~MARCH
8
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

~~MARCH
15
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

~~MARCH
22
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

~~APRIL
12
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia~~

APRIL
19
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

APRIL
26
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
8
FELLOWSHIP HALL
6-8PM
Cinco de Mayo Game
Night

MAY
10
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
17
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
24
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
31
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

Creative & Performing Arts Camp...

Camp will be held June 1-5

Registration is \$60 per child and will be open March 1st—May 17th

2026 CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

REGISTER MARCH 1 - MAY 17



<https://forms.gle/iH2rSRiK4yiux2VK7>



JUNE 1 - 5, 10AM-4PM

MUST HAVE COMPLETED 1ST GRADE

\$60 PER CHILD DUE MAY 17 TO SECURE SPOT

MUST FILL OUT THE FORM LINKED FOR EACH CHILD

CONTACT US AT SUMMERCAMPFPC@GMAIL.COM

Mission Minute...

A Decade of Faithful Support for Last Bell Ministries



For over ten years, our congregation has supported Last Bell Ministries through financial gifts, donations of winter coats, clothing and basic needs, and two mission trips to Ukraine for English Camp. Most importantly, FPC has faithfully prayed for Last Bell Ministries and the people of Ukraine and continues to do so.

2026 has two great opportunities for you to continue to help our friends at Last Bell

The **“Sharing Our Love”** donation drive will focus on teens and young adult orphans and their families.

- Gently used or new, warm winter coats, shoes, and clothing.
- They love American fashions, especially hoodies and T-shirts with logos.
- There is also a love of baseball and softball, but no athletic equipment for those sports is sold in Ukraine.
- More info and a collection zone will be set up in Fellowship Hall early May. Items will be shipped to Ukraine in early fall.

Free Concert to Benefit Last Bell Ministries

Dr. Warren Fremling will be hosting a concert on **Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 in the FPC Sanctuary**

Mark your calendars for this wonderful benefit. Ask Warren or a mission team member how you can help with this special event.

FREE CONCERT
TO BENEFIT
 **UKRAINE**  **LAST BELL**
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY JUNE 14 4:00
Dr. Warren Fremling, Baritone and Philip Orem, Piano

For more information about Last Bell Ministries visit <https://lastbell.org/>

Are YOU a FAN of FPC?

Show your pride by wearing our new 2026 "Spirit" Wear!

The mission team is sponsoring a T-Shirt & Quarter Zip Sale to raise money for our June work camp trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. All team members pay their own room & board as part of their service to the people of Henderson Settlement. **But we will still need \$2500 for materials needed to complete our work camp jobs**

Shirts are ultra-soft, high-quality, & designed by our own Marlee Light!

- T-shirts - \$20 (\$22 2XL & 3XL)
- Quarter Zips - \$35 (\$37 2XL & 3XL)
- Sample sizes: available to try on at the sales table in Fellowship Hall
- Orders: Taken through May 1 In person on Sundays or online
online: <https://forms.gle/k4QFeiUmoph7tmHEA>
- Payment Accepted: Checks written to FPC, memo church, Venmo, or Cash

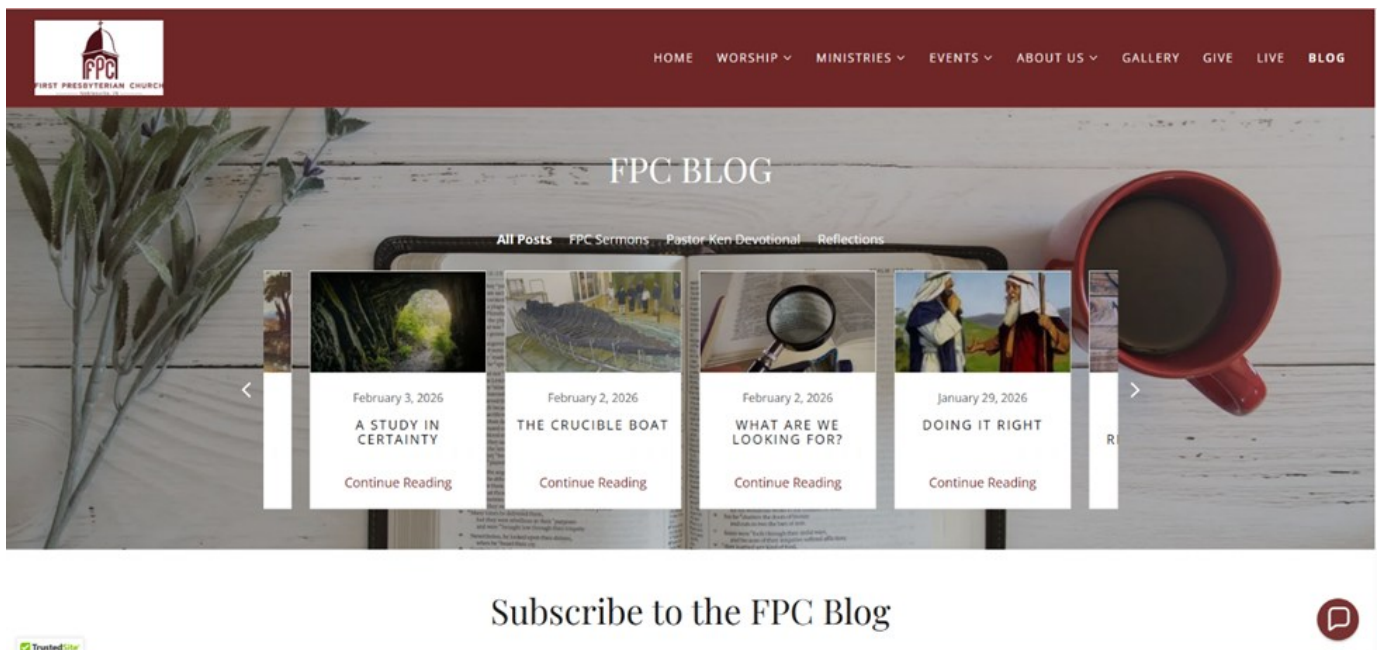


FPC BLOG

If you have not visited our website lately, you're missing out! Along with weekly updates, announcements, sermon teasers, and an event calendar, **we've added a blog page.** Blogs are a type of regularly updated web page that provide insight into certain topics. The word blog is short for "weblog" (a combined version of the words "web" and "log").

A link to the blog page appears in the main menu of our website. Current topics include weekly devotionals by Pastor Ken, a written version of weekly Sunday sermons, Lenten and Advent readings, and a members category called "reflections". The devotionals and sermons also provide links to scripture references through Bible Gateway.

If you enjoy writing and would like to have your reflection included in the FPC blog, submit your piece to Brian Wuerch at brian.wuerch@fpc-noblesville.org. All submissions are subject to approval. An example has already been posted, so feel free to check that out here: <https://fpc-noblesville.org/blog>. HAPPY BLOGGING!



A Note From the Church Office— The Scammers are back!



Members of the congregation have received what looks like an email from our Interim Pastor, Ken Locke.

If you look at the email this is sent from, it shows a “gmail.com” address. **This is not an official FPC email. All emails from an FPC address will be from “*Person@fpc-noblesville.org.*”**

Please ignore & delete any emails from bad email addresses.

Thank you!