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MISSION STUDY SURVEY #1

The Mission Study Team has developed two surveys for our congregation to complete. These surveys are an important part of helping us understand who we are as a congregation and where God may be leading us in the future. **Every member’s input is important. Please take a few minutes to complete the first survey** and prayerfully share your thoughts. Your participation will help shape the future of our church. **This Sunday and next Sunday (10/11) survey #1 will be attached to the Live Sunday Service email and the survey will be in the next two News and Notes (10/8 and 10/15).** There are paper copies of survey #1 at the Welcome Center.

OCTOBER HENDERSON MISSION TRIP

This is a second opportunity for any FPC fellowship persons or friends to SERVE at the Henderson Settlement this year. **Six of our members are signed up and ready to serve at the Henderson Settlement in October: Lamar and Kay Zeigler, Dave and Karen McCord, Claudia MacRae, and Brian Clifford.** Keep these 6 in your thoughts and prayers.

“THE CHOSEN” SMALL GROUP

Bob and Trish Moore will be hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are now on Season 2. We will watch an episode and then follow with discussion. **The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.** New members are welcome to join us at any point in the series! If you are interested in joining, please email bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

PARKING LOT – CLOSED!

Please be advised that our church parking lot will be **closed for resealing and painting** on Wednesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 14. During this time, please use the street parking area and allow extra time to find a parking space. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we make these improvements to our parking lot.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult class will continue their series on Samuel. Everyone is welcome to join.

STAY INFORMED

Are you receiving the weekly FPC News and Notes? If not, please email secretary@fpc-noblesville.org so you can be added. **If you are receiving the weekly News and Notes,** take a few minutes and find out what is happening at FPC-Noblesville and in our community.

URGENT: HELP CARE FOR OUR RIVERWOOD NEIGHBORS

We need your help! If you would be willing to prepare meals, volunteer your time, or assist in coordinating this ministry, **please contact Sue Jourdan.** We are also collecting \$20 gift cards to local restaurants that can be distributed directly to Riverwood residents, giving them another option for meals while they work toward returning home. This is an opportunity for us as a church family to put our faith into action and show the love of Christ to our neighbors when they need it most. **Every meal, gift card, and helping hand can make a difference.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

We still need a few specific items for the shoeboxes. **Please check the list of items needed in the current News and Notes.**



GIVE ONLINE
THROUGH TITHE.LY

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary — 131; Households Online — 24

OCTOBER 4 THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2026

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Worship Committee Meeting
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd Center
	12:30 am	Planning Committee Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bridge Group
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
	6:30 pm	Historical Society Meeting
Wednesday	ALL DAY	Parking Lot Sealing
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Date Change)
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
	1:00 pm	Tim Nash Funeral Service
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:15 am	Pitch-in Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Deacons Meeting

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Audio / Video Team:	Nathan Roe & Clint Gingerich
	10/11 – Jake Light & Nathan Roe
Nursery:	Barb Runyon & Ann Green
	10/11 – Susie Zabel & LeeAnn Stein
Lay leader:	Susie Zabel
	10/11 — Robin Ruffato
Fellowship hour:	Sandi Blackburn & Adult Sunday School
	10/11 – Birthday Sunday & Mission Team
In the office:	Oct: Barb Runyon & Janie Emerson
	secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ Ed and Judy Adams, on the passing of their youngest son, John.
- ♥ Tena Nash, on the passing of Tena’s husband Tim. Funeral Service will be on October 10 at FPC-Noblesville.
- ♥ Judith Drysdale, slow recovery from knee replacement surgery, but doing better.

Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle	Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village
Barbara Landes	Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace
Verna Merrell	GG Nash – The Crossings of Noblesville
Rachel Morgan	Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville



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OCTOBER 4, 2026
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SESSION	DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Anne Burress
Barb Runyon	Jill Casper
Mark Wisely	Cheryl Ditzler
Jennie Auble	Brenda Christian
Bob Moore	Clint Gingerich
Peggy Deakyne	Andrea Joines
Steve Runyon	Linda Melton
Rick Mayhew	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Robin Rufatto
Ken Locke	Quinn Teague
	Debbie Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 4, 2026
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 before worship.

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE “Open Our Eyes” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Bob Cull

† CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Leader: Susie Zabel
L: We gather with hope in our hearts,
P: for something happens here that teaches us God is present.
L: We know this place is sacred,
P: for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.
L: We gather with joyful praise,
P: for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful. God is present among us, God is the center of our living, God is forever faithful to us. Together, we worship our awesome God.

† OPENING HYMN “Come Thou Almighty King” #8

† CALL TO CONFESSION
L: God’s law is right and just, offering us wisdom and enlightenment.
P: Yet we ignore the importance of God’s law in our lives and persist in our own ways. In humility, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
L: God of the law, We do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken.
P: We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins are too many to name.
L: God of mercy, forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer.
P: God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.
(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE
L: Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love; God’s grace is unending. Beloved in Christ, we are forgiven.
P: Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
L: Being at peace with God, let us also be at peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!
(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you)

† 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. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM “At His Name” Chancel Choir
Arr. Joel Raney

God’s Word is Proclaimed

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20 OT pg. 66
New Testament Lesson: Matthew 21:33-41 NT pg. 24

HOMILY “What's A Law For?” Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God’s Word

SACREMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God: You led your people out of slavery in Egypt and gave them the gift of your commandments. Still, you call us to follow your way of truth and life. Therefore, we praise you.
P: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: You sent Jesus, your own beloved Son, to announce the coming of your kingdom. Though the world rejected him, he did not reject us.
L: Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
P: Let us know Christ, in the sharing of his sufferings and in the power of his resurrection from the dead, so that we may become the people you have called us to be. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
-Servers: Paul Auble, Jake Light, Gregg Swanson, Mark Wisely

CLOSING PRAYER
L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace.
P: Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray by saying: 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

OFFERING
OFFERTORY “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Helen Howarth Lemmel

† DOXOLOGY Words on screen
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

† CLOSING HYMN “Battle Hymn of the Republic” #56
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

† BENEDICTION
L: Let all God’s people say,
P: Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE “The Solid Rock” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. William B. Bradbury

†Please stand if you are able.

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

- * Please sign and date the attendance pad.
- * Be sure to silence your cell phones.
- * We have a fully staffed Nursery available for newborn through 2 years old. Located in the upstairs hallway (nearest the back door), the 2nd door on the left. A changing table is available in the Nursery, as well.

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
20 Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

¹²Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. ¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, ‘You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.’ ²⁰Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.

Matthew 21:33–41
³³ ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’