

**2024 HENDERSON SETTLEMENT WORK CAMP**

Save the Date! The 2024 Henderson Settlement Work Camp is scheduled for June 23-27, with optional extension through the 29th. Anyone wanting information, please sign up at the Welcome Center to have materials emailed to you.

**FPC PERFORMING ARTS CAMP 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Presbyterian Women is offering scholarship money for FPC Member's children who are regular FPC church attenders. If you would like to apply for a scholarship to go towards paying for your child's fee to attend The Performing Arts Camp 2024, please submit a request in writing to [tmcdermand@comcast.net](mailto:tmcdermand@comcast.net). All requests need to be submitted by 5-1-24. Please contact Trisha McDermand 317-514-8623 if you have any questions regarding scholarships for FPC's Summer Camp.

**CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS CAMP AT FPC—"LET'S ROCK"**

June 3-7 10:00 - 4:00 (lunch provided). \$50 for first child, \$40 for each additional child. Children must be between kindergarten through 8th grade. Create, sing, and play your way to a fantastic summer experience! Art projects will be taken home at the end of camp! Registration begins March 3. Registration is limited to 50 campers and the spots are filling up quickly. Register soon so you don't miss out on all the fun! We can't wait to see you on June 3rd! Learn more and register at [www.fpc-noblesville.com](http://www.fpc-noblesville.com)

**THE CHOSEN-SEASON 2 BIBLE STUDY**

We will be hosting a Bible study based on "The Chosen" Season 2, April 9-May 28. Each week we will watch an episode followed by discussion. We will meet Tuesdays at 7pm at:

17709 Arryne Drive West, Noblesville, 46062.

Please see Bob or Trish or contact [bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE—APRIL 20TH, 2024, 8 AM - 2 PM**

The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8 AM - 2 PM.

We'll be needing "rummage" and Workers.

**PLEASE DON'T BRING ANYTHING TO THE CHURCH, AT THIS TIME!!!!**

More information will be coming soon!

**TIRED OF A DIRTY CAR?**

**LET THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN HELP**

During the Month of April, the Presbyterian Woman will be selling \$11 car wash coupons good for Crew Car wash locations.

Tickets will be on sale in Fellowship Hall following the Sunday service. The proceeds from the fundraiser will help with local missions.

Thank you for your support.

**FAMILY TACO & GAME NIGHT**

Join us on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, from 6-9 pm for Tacos, Games & Fellowship. Bring your favorite board game to share. Tacos and games provided.

**APRIL 14 THROUGH APRIL 21, 2024**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
	7:00 pm	Bible Study—The Chosen
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am	Men's GBR
	8:30 am	Women's GBR
	7:00 pm	SESSION
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Rummage Sale
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:30 am	Deacon's Meeting

Flowers today are in Loving Memory of Cathy Meyer Sherman, past FPC Elder, Women's Association worker, NHS Band Mom extraordinaire, and dear friend to our family. Given by Moffett Craig

**SR 32 ROAD CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED!**

Please see the News and Notes for more information.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**


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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

**APRIL 14, 2024**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Judy Bunch, recuperating from a fall.  
Tyler & Anna Mechem and Family, upon the passing of Anna's step-mother, Leslie Reed, in Virginia.



The people of Taiwan, as they deal with the aftermath of a large earthquake and the aftershocks.  
The leaders of Israel, as they make decisions in the war with Hamas.

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

Wendy Bittle	Susie Dawes—Allisonville Meadows
Dorothy Etchison—The Lodge	Ray / Sherry Faust
Helen Klucznik	Barbara Landes
Carolyn McGinley—Hamilton Trace	Rachel Morgan
Verna Merrell	Ruth Anne Nunamaker
Jane Rowley	John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel
Carol Updegraff—Waterford Place Health Campus, Kokomo	

**ELDERS**

Mark Wisely  
Barb Runyon  
Jennie Auble  
Laurie Szabo  
Stephen Craig  
Dick Zeiler  
Sue Jourdan  
  
Eric R. Gale

Finance  
Evangelism  
Mission  
Clerk  
Planning  
Personnel /Nom.  
Properties  
Christian Education  
Worship  
Moderator

**DEACONS**

Jake Light, Moderator  
Johnathan Baker  
Susan Clark  
Brenda Christian  
Karen Perkins Gale  
Clint Gingerich  
Andrea Joines  
Fran Oakley  
Joe Sullivan  
Quinn Teague  
Diane Widdifield



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
APRIL 14, 2024

*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

April Birthdays  
Jennie Auble: Henderson Settlement

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Cheryl Mayhew, organ  
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"  
Martin Luther

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Lay Leader: Ann Green

L: We have come to worship God, the living God,

**P: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

L: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**P: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

L: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**All: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!**

† HYMN

"He Lives" #368

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people. We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness. We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control. We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires. We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven. Forgive us, we pray. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom. Amen.**

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)

L: The God of our Lord Jesus Christ blesses us and calls us "kingdom people."

**P: In the name of the reigning Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

~ from the Ministry Matters website

† 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

"Creation is Telling"  
(Craig Courtney & Pamela Martin) Chancel Choir

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY CELEBRATION

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

Ed Adams

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.)*

OFFERING

"My God and I"

I. B. Sergei

DOXOLOGY

***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" #393

MESSAGE

GOD BEHIND THE SCENES: THE STORY OF ESTHER Pastor Eric Gale  
"Introduction to Esther"  
Esther 4:14-16

† CLOSING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #139

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Chorus of Praise" Roger C. Wilson

† 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.

SCRIPTURE

Esther 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup>For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

<sup>15</sup>Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup>"Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

MESSAGE NOTES

Major Players in Esther:

K\_\_\_\_\_ X\_\_\_\_\_ -King of Persia

V\_\_\_\_\_ -Queen of Persia and Xerxes first wife

H\_\_\_\_\_ -anti-Semitic Prime Minister of Persia

M\_\_\_\_\_ -a righteous Jewish man, raised Esther following the death of her parents

E\_\_\_\_\_ -the "star" of this story, a Jewish woman who became queen of Persia

Main themes in Esther:

1. God loves the \_\_\_\_\_ people!

2. The danger to those who harbor \_\_\_\_\_ !

3. God does not require great \_\_\_\_\_ because of His all-powerful \_\_\_\_\_ !

4. Serving God may put our personal \_\_\_\_\_ at risk!

5. God places us at a certain \_\_\_\_\_, at a certain \_\_\_\_\_, for a certain \_\_\_\_\_ !