

October 2025 Income/Expense Report			
	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$268,400	\$250,524.07	\$258,660.75
Expenses:	\$268,400	\$257,374.25	\$278,611.12
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ (6,850.18)	\$ (19,950.37)
* Includes computer expenses and 1/2 of flooring.			

**POINSETTIA ORDERS**  
Poinsettias purchased in memory or in honor of loved ones are placed in the sanctuary on the Sunday before Christmas and left through the Christmas Eve Service. You may take your plant(s) home after the service on Christmas Eve. **If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, fill out the form on the table in the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering plate or give it to Jim Story. You can place your order, and pay later, if you don’t have the \$10 today. Make checks payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and put *Poinsettia* on the memo line. *The last day for orders is Sunday, November 30, 2025.***

**DECORATING THE CHURCH - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025**  
**Save the date! We will decorate our Church for Christmas on Saturday, November 29, 2025, 6:00 PM.** If anyone wants to decorate earlier that week (11/24-11/28), feel free to come in and put up your decorations!

**SHOW APPRECIATION TO OUR CHURCH STAFF...**  
Our paid staff works very hard to keep our Church running smoothly. We would like to give them an extra thank you during this giving season. This is your opportunity to show your appreciation for their continued dedication to our church. I ask you to consider a special gift this Christmas season. We would like to distribute this to the staff before Christmas. **It will be greatly appreciated if your gift is received by December 14th. Please use the staff bonus envelope, if you use giving envelopes, or there are envelopes at the back of the Sanctuary. Mark your checks with “staff bonus”.**  
Thank you so much! *Peggy Deakyne, Personnel & Nominating Elder*

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...**  
**THAT YOU MAY BE CERTAIN: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**  
**Join our Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9am Before Worship Service.**  
Now renowned singer/songwriter and gifted teacher Michael Card introduces you to the brilliant physician, slave, and world traveler who wrote the longest of the four gospels.

**HOLIDAYS ARE COMING. HELP FEED OUR YELLOW FOOD PANTRY!**  
For five years, FPC has partnered with **FeedingTeam.org** to serve neighboring families in our community who often fall through the cracks of traditional food assistance. Our little yellow pantry stands in our parking lot as a symbol of dignity, compassion, and community care. As the holidays approach, the FPC Mission Team invites you to help us keep it stocked:

- **Donate non-perishables** indoors or directly into the outdoor pantry.
- **Give financially using yellow envelopes in pew folders.** Checks to FPC with “food pantry” in the memo help fund monthly shopping trips.
- Volunteer just **one day a month** to help stock shelves or shop for groceries, with no long-term commitment—sign up at the welcome table or see Jennie Auble to get involved.

**FPC Family Silly Safari Christmas Party...**  
December 13, 2025, at 3:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, FPC  
RSVP at the Welcome Center.

NOVEMBER 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 7, 2025		
<i>Today</i>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
<i>Monday</i>		
<i>Tuesday</i>		
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
<i>Thursday</i>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<i>Friday</i>	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
<i>Saturday</i>	8:30 am	Aerobics
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—DECEMBER 7, 2025...**  
**A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2025, to dissolve our Pastoral Call with Pastor Eric, effective December 31, 2025.** We will be electing a new deacon, as well. Erin McGee, Lead Presbyter, Whitewater Valley Presbytery will be preaching during the service that day and will moderate the meeting.

**NO NURSERY / SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!**  
Nursery care, Rainbows / Shooting Stars Sunday School classes **will not be available TODAY in order for everyone to attend church in the sanctuary for Pastor Eric’s last Sunday in the pulpit.**

**SEARCH FOR AN INTERIM PASTOR UPDATE...**  
At a recent meeting of the Session on October 8, 2025, an interim search committee was elected by the Session. The members are: Paul Auble (co-chair), Bob Moore (co-chair), Laurie Szabo, Barb Runyon and Chris Swatts. Work has begun to create a job description for an Interim Pastor. ~Karen McCord, Clerk of Session

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

♥ Ray Faust, at Riverview Hospital.

♥ LeeAnn Stein, recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

♥ Lamar Ziegler, recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

♥ The family of John Thomas upon his passing.

Cards & Notes for John Thomas can be sent to:

Jane Hoover

5290 Arapaho Court

Carmel IN 46033

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

Wendy Bittle

Barbara Landes


Verna Merrell


Carol Stough—Five Star Residences of Noblesville

Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village

Carolyn & Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace

Rachel Morgan





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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

SESSION

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Karen McCord

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Christian Education

Evangelism

Finance

Mission

Planning

Personnel /Nom.

Properties

Clerk

Moderator

DEACONS

Susan Clark, Co-Moderator

Andrea Joines, Co-Moderator

Johnathan Baker

Anne Burress

Brenda Christian

Clint Gingerich


Gail Ratliff

Robin Rufatto

Joe Sullivan

Quinn Teague

Debbie Wilson



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

*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.*

## RINGING OF THE BELL

<b>† PRELUDE</b>	Aaron Kemp, organ
<i>“Little Drummer Boy / Pat-a-Pan”</i>	Arr. Diane Bish

**ADVENT READING** Reader: Karen McCord

L: We all know the story about the birth of Jesus. Most of us will spend not only large amounts of money but large amounts of time the month of December preparing for Christmas – buying gifts, going to parties, attending or participating in Christmas programs, decorating our homes and traveling to be with friends and family. But are we preparing our hearts for the real Christmas?

So, let's simplify what this big deal is all about. There was a baby born to Mary and Joseph in a manger, witnessed by several animals and sought out by shepherds and wise men who followed a star to Bethlehem. While we are at it, we can throw in a few angels to our story. Can we think of the power of God through these simple things? The "star" that led the shepherds and wise men, was no ordinary star; it lit up the whole sky above the manger. This star would guide all to God's gift to us but also provide HOPE to the world. As Rick Warren writes in "The Purpose of Christmas", this Christmas gift is *"first, the most expensive gift you'll ever receive; it is priceless (Jesus paid for it with his life) and second, it's the only gift you'll ever receive that will last forever..."* And with this star, appeared many angels declaring – This is good news!!

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE** Claudia MacRae  
L: We light this first candle of Advent, the candle of HOPE, to share God's good news of the birth of His Son just as the star did by illuminating the sky to show the way to Christmas for all Christians.

† OPENING HYMN *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* #244

**† PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Dear Lord, forgive us for elevating all our Christmas traditions higher than the real reason for the season. Help us to put Christ as our focal point not as an after-thought. Remind us that God's gift of His Son is the most important gift we will ever receive. Give us HOPE that we can, with our whole heart, prepare for Christ's birth. Amen.

**† WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (responsive)  
**L:** We are God’s people who are given the precious gift of God’s Son.  
**P:** Let us accept this gift and celebrate the birth of Christ!  
**All:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

† GLORIA PATRI words on screen

*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**                      *"Climb Ev'ry Mountain"*                      Chancel Choir

<b>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</b>	"What is Advent?"	Douglas
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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER** words on screen

**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 joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)*

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**HYMN OF PREPARATION**                      *"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*                      #633

<b>MESSAGE</b>	<b>FAMOUS LAST WORDS—Pt. 3</b> “Goodbye, Farewell and Amen!” Psalm 121:1-2; Matthew 5:14-16	Pastor Eric Gale
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† CLOSING HYMN *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* #426

## † BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**                      *"Sing to the Lord On High"*                      Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

†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.

Thank you to Claudia MacRae who is authoring our Advent Readings this season.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Psalm 121:1-2 (KJV)**  
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.  
<sup>2</sup>My help *cometh* from the Lord,  
which made heaven and earth.

**Matthew 5:14-16**  
“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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