

SPECIAL CLASS FOLLOWING WORSHIP—TODAY!!!!

Pastor Ken Will teach a class "Lifecycles of the Church" in Fellowship Hall TODAY following the service.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you have not received your statement, please contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org.

2026 PER CAPITA REMINDER—Collected to date: \$4,553.38 out of \$10,446.54
If you have already paid your portion, we THANK YOU for you timely payment. If you haven't, could you please kindly submit your Per Capita for 2026 portion as soon as possible, we would greatly appreciate your giving. Remember, the Per Capita for 2026 is \$46.02 per member.

If you have any questions regarding the Per Capita, please feel free to contact Robin at 317.508.4411.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Today the Adult Class will view video 5 of Max Lucado's "What Happens Next" series. This video covers the Second Coming of Christ, Battle of Armageddon and the Millennial Kingdom

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 bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

MISSION FAIR

Thank you to everyone who visited last Sunday's Mission Fair. The team appreciated the opportunity to share highlights of our mission partners and answer questions about the organizations we support through service, collections, and financial gifts. If you were unable to attend or just want more information on how to get involved through volunteering, please visit the mission bulletin board near the entrance or speak with a team member.

Jennie Auble, Rita Popp, Kristin Roe, Sherry Minton, Ann Crispin, Debbie Wilson, & Kelly Wuerch

2026 CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

Camp will be held June 1-5. Registration is \$60 per child and will be open March 1st—May 17th.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Money collected from the children's fish banks and individual congregation contributions directly funds three vital programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People (SDOP). Based on the miracle of the loaves and fish, they remind believers that when small gifts are offered to God, they can be multiplied to feed many. All donations should be returned to church by Sunday, April 12.

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.

February 2026 Income/Expense Report		
	2026 Budget	2026 Actual
Income Received:	\$ 54,028.54	\$ 58,058.90
Expenses:	\$ 54,028.54	\$ 40,421.79
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 17,637.11

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary—108; Households Online—25

MARCH 22 THROUGH MARCH 29, 2026

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	11:15 am	Usher Training
	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
Tuesday	7:00 pm	The Chosen Small Group
Wednesday	8:30 am	Women's GBR Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men's GBR Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL – Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

All infants-teens are invited to be a part of our Palm Sunday parade to walk through the sanctuary waving palm branches ---just like the crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem! Little ones are welcome to be carried/accompanied by a parent. We will gather at the back of the sanctuary at 9:50 AM to receive instructions/palms. If you have any questions, contact/see Trish Moore (bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net, 614-746-3987).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ Bill Linville, dealing with multiple health issues.
- ♥ The Family of Carolyn McGinley (wife of Joe McGinley), upon her passing. Arrangements will be forthcoming.
- ♥ Jan McConnell, recuperating from a fall.
- ♥ 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 28th, 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 28th at 2:30pm at Mount Hope Cemetery, (411 North Grant Street, Peru, IN 46970)

A THANK YOU...

I want to thank all of the church members for the cards, letters and prayers concerning my health issues. Your thoughts and prayers are most appreciated.
~Mike Maloney

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

Wendy Bittle
Ray Faust—Harbor Manor
Joe McGinley—Hamilton Trace
Rachel Morgan
Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village
Barbara Landes
Verna Merrell
Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville



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Ken Locke, Interim Pastor

**MARCH 22, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

SESSION	DEACONS	
Laurie Szabo	Christian Education	Anne Burress
Barb Runyon	Evangelism	Jill Casper
Mark Wisely	Finance	Cheryl Ditzler
Jennie Auble	Mission	Brenda Christian
Bob Moore	Planning	Clint Gingerich
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.	Andrea Joines
Steve Runyon	Properties	Linda Melton
Karen McCord	Clerk	Gail Ratliff
Rick Mayhew	Worship	Robin Rufatto
Ken Locke	Moderator	Quinn Teague
		Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship, Rummage Sale, Bible Study—Catherine Byrnside

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Cheryl Mayhew, organist
Gertrude Haupt Richolson
“At the Cross”

LENTEN READING—WEEK 5 Lay Leaders: Azenwi & Lum Ndofor
L: Faith. Do we have faith in God’s word? If we have faith and God tells us what He plans to do, can we believe Him? In the book of Ezekiel, Ezekiel was filled with the spirit of God and was lifted up and placed in a valley filled with bones. There were so many very dry bones that Ezekiel didn’t have faith that God could bring them back to life. Let’s get real here. If we were told that something that was very dead could come to life; we would think we were reading a science fiction/ horror novel (like Frankenstein) not a Bible scripture. God asks Ezekiel if he has faith that He, God, can breathe life into these bones. Ezekiel responds by telling God that He is the only one who can answer that. God commands Ezekiel to tell the bones to listen to God’s word and they will be brought back to life. God tells Ezekiel that he and they will know that I am the Lord. Similarly, God shows Ezekiel, through a prophesy, that God will do the same for the people of Israel, who are considered dried up and without a future. So, likewise, do we have faith that God will bring us back to life through His salvation?

Now, we can also look at the story of Jesus resurrecting Lazarus in the book of John. We have the case of both his disciples and that of Martha and Mary, Lazarus’s sisters, who needed to have faith in Jesus. When Jesus learned that Lazarus was ill, He told his disciples that they needed to return to Judea. The disciples feared for Jesus (because the people of Judea wanted to stone Him) and they didn’t have faith in what was going to happen. In the course of Jesus and the disciples traveling to Judea, Lazarus had died and had been buried for 4 days. When arriving, Martha greets Jesus with scorn because she felt that if Jesus had come earlier, her brother would still be alive. Jesus reminds her that she needs to have faith because He is the resurrection and the life. Martha admits that she knows that Jesus is the Messiah and if Jesus asks God to bring her brother back to life, He will. Then Mary greets Jesus with the same sentiment as her sister but falls to the feet of Jesus, weeping. He weeps with her and sees that the Judean people were also weeping. So Jesus acknowledges their faith and shows them the glory of God through the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus. In today’s society, would it take a miracle for us to have faith in God?

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLE

L: We extinguish this fourth candle of Lent to acknowledge that Jesus is the Messiah and we have faith in Him.

(extinguish candle)

† OPENING HYMN “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” #288

† CALL TO CONFESSION

L: We come to our time of confession, afraid to share the inner doubts of our hearts with God.

P: But our faith teaches that God is loving and wants to forgive our sins.

All: With courage born of faith in God’s eternal love, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving Father, forgive us when we question Your power and Your ability to save us when we sin. Help us to see that faith in You will ensure us eternal life in Your Kingdom. Remind us to have faith because there are times when we are weak and need to trust Your Word. Show us Your peace and give us strength to believe in You. Amen .

(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Lord, sometimes it is hard for us to have faith when so many things in our lives are dismal.

P: We desire to have full faith in You.

L: Let us celebrate the glory of God through faith, belief and trust in Your Word.

P: We want to come to You in faith, knowing You are our salvation.

All: In Jesus Christ we are saved. Thanks be to God!

† 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 “Jesus Gentle Lamb” Chancel Choir
(Lloyd Larsen)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Ken Locke
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER words on screen
(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)

OFFERING

Offertory “The Way of the Cross” Julius Benedict

† Doxology words on screen

† Prayer of Dedication

L: God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts.

P: May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1–10 Old Testament pg. 806

New Testament Lesson: John 11:1–6, 17-45 New Testament pgs. 104-105

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #316

SERMON “Rose-Colored Glasses!” Pastor Ken Locke

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

L: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

P: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

New Members: I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

New Members: I do.

Will you be Christ’s Faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

New Members: I will, with God’s help.

† APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

---, you have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

New Members: I will, with God’s help.

† CLOSING HYMN “Go with Us, Lord” #535
(sing twice)

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Paean” George Blake

† 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.

MESSAGE NOTES