

FPC NEW MISSION PARTNER

The FPC Mission Team is thrilled to announce a new mission partner, **Prevail, Inc.**, a Noblesville-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting adults, teens, and children who have experienced trauma from violent acts. Team members visited Prevail and were deeply moved by the powerful ways they empower and serve survivors of all ages. When we asked, *“How can FPC help?”*, the answer was simple: **Bottled water**. We made our first donation last spring and it’s time for another opportunity. We’re looking for **2–3 volunteers** to help transport **6–8 cases of bottled water** from Costco to Prevail a few times a year (typically on weekdays). Contact **Rita Popp** at **(317) 408-0554** to express interest. *Read more in this week’s News & Notes email and on the FPC website.*

CHURCH DIRECTORIES...

It is time to update the FPC church directory. If you are a member or a regular attendee, please stop by the Welcome Center before or after church to make any corrections or additions to the directory. If you do not have a picture in the current directory you can email a picture to bsrunyon@yahoo.com and I will make sure your picture is added.

SAMARITAN’S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY 2025...

Look for August school items On sale!

4x6”note books, Pens, Markers, Paper, Coloring books, Rubber bands, Big soft toy (fit in box) they call WOW items for the kids Puzzles Jump rope Girls jewelry rings Girls hair clips. Please keep God’s children in your hearts and prayers.

FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOORING...

Time is running out on our November 1st deadline to raise funds for our fellowship hall flooring. If you haven’t made a donation please prayerfully consider it, if you have thank you very much.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Our class will start a new series this coming week titled:

HEAVEN : WHO GOES THERE? WHO MAKES THE CUT?

DO YOU WANT TO GO?

This will be a most interesting discussion with support from ANDY STANLEY videos. So feel free to join us on this fantastic spiritual journey.

"THE CHOSEN" BIBLE STUDY

Bob and Trish Moore will be hosting a Bible based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We will be starting Season 5 of "The Chosen" small group on September 23rd. Anyone interested can contact Bob or Trish Moore (bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

SEPTEMBER 7 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Today	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Worship Committee
Monday	11:30 am	Men’s Luncheon at Perkins
	1:30 pm	Newcomer’s Club
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Tri Kappa
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Women
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
	6:00 pm	Family Game Night
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT...

Join us on Friday, September 12, 2025 for Pizza, Gams & Fellowship!

Time: 6-9 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Bring your favorite board game(s) to share.

Pizza & some games provided.

AFRICA BAGS...

We have just a few hand-made Africa Bags totes, purses and kitchen items left from the Red Geranium. All are crafted by women of Malawi and the money from sales will go directly back to them. Available TODAY after church in Fellowship Hall.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ **Dorothy Etchison**, has moved to a locked dementia unit at Independence Village in Carmel.
- ♥ **Carolyn McGinley**, recuperating from hip replacement surgery.
- ♥ **Helen LeCount**, recuperating from shingles.
- ♥ **Tanner Stein**, recuperating following a work-related accident.
- ♥ **Jennifer Linville** in Riverview Hospital.
- ♥ **Bill Linville**, undergoing new cancer treatments and watching over Jennifer.
- ♥ **Brandon Gore**, having neck surgery on 9/8/25.
- ♥ **Ed Andrews, son of Fran Andrews**, recuperating at home following successful kidney surgery.
- ♥ **Candi Wood, Marty Wood & family**, upon the passing of **Paul Wood**.

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

Wendy Bittle	Ray & Sherry Faust
Barbara Landes	Carolyn & Joe McGinley—Hamilton Trace
Verna Merrell	Rachel Morgan
Carol Stough—Five Star Residences of Noblesville	
John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel	



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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
COMMUNION SUNDAY

SESSION		DEACONS
Mark Wisely	Finance	Susan Clark, Co-Moderator
Barb Runyon	Evangelism	Andrea Joines, Co-Moderator
Jennie Auble	Mission	Johnathan Baker
Bob Moore	Planning	Anne Burress
Peggy Deakayne	Personnel /Nom.	Brenda Christian
Sue Jourdan	Properties	Clint Gingerich
Laurie Szabo	At Large	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Clerk	Robin Rufatto
Eric R. Gale	Moderator	Joe Sullivan
		Quinn Teague
		Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 COMMUNION SUNDAY		
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		Kendall Teague
RINGING OF THE BELL		
PRELUDE	Cheryl Mayhew, organist Will Thompson	
“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”		
† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)		Lay Leader: Robert D. Moore
L: We’ve come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born,		
P: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,		
L: whose presence never leaves us,		
P: and whose love for us never ceases.		
All: This is our God. Let us worship together!		(inspired by Psalm 139)
† OPENING HYMN	“To God Be the Glory”	#56
† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)		
L: Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything in us that offends You, and guide us on the road to life.		
(Ps. 139:23-24)		
All: O Lord, You have examined our hearts and know everything about us. You know when we sit down or stand up. You know our thoughts from afar. You see when we walk or lie down, You know every detail of our conduct. You even know what we are going to say before we say it. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too great for us to understand.		
(Ps. 139:1-3, 6)		
Cleanse us from hidden faults. Keep us from deliberate sins. Don’t let them control us. Then we will be free of guilt, and innocent of serious wrong-doing. Amen!		
(Ps. 19:12-14)		
† WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS (responsive)		
L: Listen to the promise of God:		
Those who love Me, I will deliver. I will protect those who know My name. When they call to Me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them, and show them my saving power.		
(Ps. 91:14-15)		
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!		
† 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	“With a Voice of Singing”	Chancel Choir
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	“Sarah Laughs”	Saddleback Kids
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)		
OFFERING		
Offertory	“Idilio”	Theodore Lack
† 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		

HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>“Breathe on me, Breath of God”</i>	#393
MESSAGE	IT WAS BY FAITH... “Sarah: The Patience of Faith” Hebrews 11:11; Genesis 18:9-15	Pastor Eric Gale
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER -Apostle’s Creed (Green hymnal-inside cover) -Prayer of Thanksgiving -Serving of the Elements -The Lord’s Prayer -Servers: Claudia MacRae, Quinn Teague, Kendall Teague, Brian Wuerch		
† CLOSING HYMN	<i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i>	#139
† BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>“Prelude and Fugue in C Major”</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
†Please stand if you are able. <i>Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.</i>		
* 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 Hebrews 11:11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. Genesis 18:9-15 “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. ¹⁰ Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.” ¹⁵ Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”		

MESSAGE NOTES
If Abraham is the Pioneer of Faith in the Bible, Sarah portrays the Patience of Faith... waiting on what we cannot see...something good, bad, or unknown. What we often do not realize is that developing patience through the process of waiting can be part of <u>God’s divine plan</u> and growing our faith. Thus was the experience of Sarah.
I. A patient faith is not a _____ faith!
II. A patient faith does not require _____!
III. A patient faith will prove itself through _____!
IV. A patient faith is always ready for a good _____!