SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10
The word of the Lord came to me, saying, [5]"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

[6]"Alas, Sovereign Lord," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

[7]But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. [8]Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

[9]Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. [10]See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Luke 4:16-30
He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, [17]and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

> [18] *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,*
> *because he has anointed me*
> *to proclaim good news to the poor.*
> *He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners*
> *and recovery of sight for the blind,*
> *to set the oppressed free,*
> [19] *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

[20]Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. [21]He began by saying to them, *"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

[22]All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

[23]Jesus said to them, *"Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' "*

[24] *"Truly I tell you,"* he continued, *"no prophet is accepted in his hometown. [25]I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. [26]Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. [27]And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."*

[28]All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

AUGUST 2025 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
Income:	$214,720	$219,218.47	$196,590.24
Expenses:	$214,720	$213,522.70	$223,379.01
(Deficit)/Surplus:		**$ 5,695.77**	**$ (26,788.77)**

SEPTEMBER 28 THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2025

Today	*10:00 am*	*Worship*
	11:15 am	*Fellowship Hour*
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	*8:30 am*	*Men's Great Banquet Reunion Group*
	8:30 am	*Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group*
Thursday	*7:00 pm*	*Choir Rehearsal*
Friday	*9:00 am*	*Shepherd's Center*
Saturday	*8:30 am*	*Aerobics*
Sunday	*9:00 am*	*Adult Sunday School*
	10:00 am	*Worship*
	11:15 am	*Fellowship Hour*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **Joey Moyer, son of Doug & Ann Moyer**, recuperating following a bout with covid and pneumonia.
- **Suzi Bell,** in Riverview Hospital.
- **Bill & Jennifer Linville.** Bill is undergoing cancer treatments and Jennifer is at Harbor Manor.
- **Dick & Jana Zeiler,** as Dick continues through his long recuperation journey.
- **Helen LeCount,** recuperating from injuries from a recent fall and other issues.

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

Wendy Bittle
Ray / Sherry Faust
Jennifer Linville—*Harbor Manor*
Verna Merrell
Carol Stough—*Five Star Residences of Noblesville*
John Thomas—*The Barrington of Carmel*
Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*
Barbara Landes
Carolyn & Joe McGinley – *Hamilton Trace*
Rachel Morgan

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

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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

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Cheryl Mayhew, organist
"Stand Up For Jesus" Lani Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Lay Leader: Bob Moore
L: We meet in the name of God,
P: Creator of the Universe, Source of true humanity, Father of all.
L: We meet in the name of Jesus,
P: Word made flesh, Savior of fallen humanity, Lover of all.
L: We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,
P: Lord and giver of life, Midwife of new humanity, Inspirer of all.
L: Come then, Eternal God,
P: Be present here, befriend us here, renew us here.
L: Let us worship the Living God!

† OPENING HYMN *"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated"* #597

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive) (by Walter Brueggemann)
L: You are the God from whom no secret can be hid,
P: And we are a people with many secrets, that we want to tell for the sake of our lives, that we dare not tell because they are deep and painful. But they are our secrets… and they count for much; they are our truth… and rooted deep in our lives.
L: You are the God of all truth, and now we bid you heed our truth, about which we can no longer bear false witness…
P: The truth of grief unresolved, the truth of pain unacknowledged, the truth of fear too child-like, the truth of hate, as powerful as it is deep, the truth of being taken advantage of, and being used, and manipulated, and slandered.
L: We trust the great truth of your wondrous love, but we will not sit still for it, until you hear us.
P: Our truth – heard by you – will make us free. So be the God of all truth, even ours, we pray in the name of Jesus, who is your best kept secret of hurt. Amen.

† WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)
L: The truest thing about us is that we are created in God's own image and loved beyond measure. Because of this great love, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May this truth tutor us in sharing grace.
P: Thanks be to God!

† 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 *"What Grace is Mine"* Chancel Choir
(by Kristyn Lennox Getty and Tom Fettke)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Gracie Hellweg Payne
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

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)

OFFERING
Offertory *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* Donald Lee Moore
† 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 *"Into My Heart"* #485

MESSAGE Pastor Gracie Hellweg Payne
"Reformed and Reforming"
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 4:16-30

† CLOSING HYMN *"The Church's One Foundation"* #401

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Come With Rejoicing"* R.S. Morrison

†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.

We welcome Pastor Gracie Hellweg Payne, Associate Pastor for Engagement, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, to the pulpit today while Pastor Eric is on vacation.
Gracie is a graduate of Indiana University (B.A. Communications, English) and Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.). Gracie previously served as the Associate Pastor of Young Adult Engagement and a Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry at Second, as well as in congregations in Carlisle, PA and Dayton, NJ. She also apprenticed with 1001 New Worshiping Communities, interned at the Office of the General Assembly, and completed Clinical Pastoral Education at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Gracie is married to Christian Payne; the couple met while working in Pennsylvania and married in 2017.

Gracie loves returning to the ballet studio, gardening, needlepointing, reading novels and poetry, and going on walks with her husband, Christian, and dog, Xylo.

MESSAGE NOTES

- Jesus' preaching in the synagogue reminds us to treasure the sacred gifts of scripture and tradition while not forsaking the challenging ways these teachings might call us to grow and change. Jesus models engaging the world, ourselves, and one another with openness to the present work of the Spirit.

- Jesus declares, "Today this scripture has been _____ in your hearing."

- Our tradition teaches that we are "reformed and always reforming according to _____."

- We are called to be mindful of the _____ we follow.

- Consider this week:
  - How might you get in on the *fulfilling* work of Christ?
  - What voices *guide* you most these days? Which ones spur you on in the faith Jesus articulates and which point you down other paths?