



News & Notes

December 31, 2025

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Noblesville, IN



Communion Sunday

Message this Sunday...

“Symbols of Christmas—The Gospel of Matthew: The Visit of the Wise Men”

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Kevin Bausman

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

[Link to last Sunday's Service](#)

Remember in your Prayers...

- ♥ The Family of Bih Ndofor, on the passing of her mother, Helen Tabah.
- ♥ Rachel Morgan, recuperating from knee replacement surgery at Community North Rehab Unit.
- ♥ Kay Ziegler, at Ascension St. Vincent.



Remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*

Ray Faust—*Harbor Manpor*

Barbara Landes

Carolyn & Joe McGinley—*Hamilton Trace*

Verna Merrell

Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough—*Five Star Residences of Noblesville*

Send in your Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to the office:

(secretary@fpc-noblesville.org) *by 3:00 pm on Thursdays.*

If you have Pastoral Care Needs...

Please contact Jim Story—(317) 501-0314.

Undecorating the Church - Sunday, January 11, 2026...

We will take down the Christmas decorations next Sunday, January 11, 2026, following Fellowship Hour. Please stay and help undecorate the Church!

Update on our Interim Pastor...

Our session is pleased to announce that the **Rev. Kenneth Locke** has accepted our invitation to be our interim pastor. He will be sharing more about the interim process, its timeline and goals, after he arrives. For now, he wants us to know that he is genuinely excited about being with us, getting to know us and being a part of our ministry.

"Pastor Ken has not always been a pastor. In his time he has been a short-order cook, soldier, freight agent and worker in a handcrafted tile factory. Ordained in 1997, Pastor Ken has served two long-term, installed pastorates. First at the Rangeline Presbyterian Church of Lowell, IN (Lake County), and then at the Downtown Presbyterian Church of Nashville, TN. In 2015 he switched from installed to intentional interim/transitional ministry. As an interim pastor he has served churches in WV, KY, OH, IA, WI and IN. We are his 10th interim congregation and 3rd interim congregation in IN.

"Pastor Ken holds degrees from Ouachita Baptist University (BA, English), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (MA, English) and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv). He lives in Beech Grove with his wife Elizabeth Lindsey and their basset, William. His first day with us will be January 12th."

2026 Giving Envelopes

The 2026 giving envelopes are now available by the back door on the table. ***Please take only one book per family.***

Thank you from the Church Staff!

The Church Staff wants to thank you for the heart-felt gifts you so generously gave this Christmas season. It is a joy to serve this wonderful congregation! THANK YOU! —*The Church Staff*

Adult Sunday School...

This week we are studying “The Gospel of Luke—Somone had to tell it.”

Men’s Fellowship Luncheons

The FPC men’s luncheons are the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Sign up sheet will be on a clip board at the welcome center, or you can email Stephen at sacraig071347@gmail.com. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**

Ladies Luncheons

The FPC women’s luncheons are the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Sign up sheet will be on a clip board at the welcome center. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**

Thank You from Last Bell...

Friends at First Presbyterian, we're so thankful for you and your faithful gifts to bless our youth!

Opening boxes from First Presbyterian is always a major event!

Thanks to your diligence in collecting coats and other items, packing them, and shipping them in good time, our Stop the Cycle families will be warm during the coming winter months. They'll be able to travel around the city more easily in cold weather and kids will be able to play outside. They won't need to spend their meager funds on expensive new coats, but can save those funds for other vital family needs.

Your financial gifts help us meet many other needs for these families, and for our orphaned students. We're so thankful for your genuine friendship in this Kingdom work!

Merry Christmas to each of you and your families,

The Last Bell Team



Mission Minute—December



You're Answering the Call—Thank You!

A heartfelt **thank you** to all who have donated non-perishable food and financial gifts to support our *Little Yellow Food Pantry*. Your generosity is helping neighbors who often fall through the cracks of traditional food assistance.

Thanksgiving week was a wonderful success—and with Christmas approaching, let's keep the momentum going!

- **Donate nonperishables** indoors or place them directly into the outdoor pantry.
- **Give financially** using the yellow envelopes in pew folders. Checks made out to *FPC* with “Food Pantry” in the memo line help fund monthly grocery trips.

Want to do more? Volunteer to restock pantry shelves, shop for groceries, or keep the storage area organized. Signups begin in January at the **Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall**.

We are deeply grateful to the FPC family for stepping up in this challenging season. Your kindness is making a real difference this holiday.