

CHOIR REHEARSAL...

The next choir rehearsal is **Thursday, January 9, 2025**, and first choir Sunday in 2025 is Sunday, January 12, 2025.

GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2025 giving envelopes are now available on the table in Fellowship Hall by the stairs. Please take only one book per family and only take if you are going to use as we only ordered a limited amount.

MISSION MINUTE

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

...For the generous financial contributions and food donations you provided to support our little yellow pantry. The much-needed staples and goodies brought smiles and hope to visitors in need.

...For the generous Christmas Eve offering that will be split between the Cooper House and Family Promise. Please check the bulletin board to learn more about these local organizations that impact the lives of families in need.

...For the interest in Henderson Settlement Work Camp. Wow, we have 26 people interested in going down June 22-26.

LADIES LUNCHEONS

The next FPC women's luncheon will be the **3rd Monday of January (1/20/25) and February (2/17/25) at 11:30 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.**

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY 2025

We are hoping you can join us each month, by remembering the children around the world! **January will be concentrating on toiletries. Combs, hair clips, wash cloths, toothbrushes, ribbons for the hair, kids tops, hats.** Anything you can find! Lots of items on sale! Keep "God's kids" in prayers and on your shopping list. Blessings!

JANUARY 5 THROUGH JANUARY 12, 2025

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:30 am	Undecorate the Church
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30 pm	New Officer Training
	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Women
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
Saturday	8:15 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

UNDECORATING THE CHURCH - TODAY!

We will take down the Christmas decorations TODAY, following Fellowship Hour. Please stay and help undecorate the Church! With everyone's help it won't take long!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joe McGinley, recuperating from surgery at IU Health.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES...

To the family of **Susie Dawes**, on her recent passing.

Service will be at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 8, 2025.

Calling is from 11 AM to 12 PM.

Service begins at 12:00 PM.

There will be a meal in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities, especially during this Advent season:

Wendy Bittle	Dorothy Etchison — <i>The Lodge</i>
Ray / Sherry Faust	Helen Klucznik
Barbara Landes	Carolyn McGinley — <i>Hamilton Trace</i>
Verna Merrell	Rachel Morgan
Jane Rowley	
Carol Stough — <i>Five Star Residences of Noblesville</i>	
John Thomas — <i>The Barrington of Carmel</i>	



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JANUARY 5, 2025 COMMUNION SUNDAY

ELDERS

Mark Wisely	Finance
Barb Runyon	Evangelism
Jennie Auble	Mission
Laurie Szabo	Clerk
Stephen Craig	Planning
Dick Zeiler	Personnel /Nom.
Sue Jourdan	Properties
	Christian Education
	Worship
Eric R. Gale	Moderator

DEACONS

Jake Light, Moderator
Johnathan Baker
Susan Clark
Brenda Christian
Karen Perkins Gale
Clint Gingerich
Andrea Joines
Fran Oakley
Joe Sullivan
Quinn Teague
Diane Widdifield



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 5, 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

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist

James Denton

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Jeremiah 31:7-9)

L: Praise God! For God is gathering His people together.

P: From near and far we come together—the wounded and the whole, the weak and the strong— seeking God’s presence, God’s forgiveness, and God’s direction for our lives.

(Christine Longhurst, re:Worship)

Lay Leader: Fran Oakley

† OPENING HYMN

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

#259

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Jesus, lover and friend, we confess the difficulties we experience in living as you lived and loving as you loved. We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news momentarily grabs our attention. We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly. We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness. Forgive us! Amen!

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: Hear again the good news: Because of the riches of God’s grace: in Jesus we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses—all gifts of God’s generous and amazing grace.

P: 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Virgin Mary Had One Son"

Warren Fremling

(Spiritual)

vocal & guitar

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

UPDATE FROM THE GIDEONS

Bill Koss

OFFERING

Offertory

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Lani Smith

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

"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

#282

MESSAGE

"When Bad People Get Their Way—Pt. 1"

Pastor Eric Gale

Psalm 37:1-7

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: Clint Gingerich, Susan Clark, Joe Sullivan, Claudia MacRae

† CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

#271

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"St. Anthony’s Chorale"

Frank Josef Haydn

†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.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 37:1-7 (NIV)

1 Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;
2 for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.
3 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.
5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:
6 He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

MESSAGE NOTES

Years ago Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote a very popular book titled, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." Couldn't we just turn that around and write a book called, "When Good Things Happen to Bad People"? Let's take what this Psalm calls "the wicked" and put it into the context of what we observe today, while at the same time remembering our ultimate trust is always in God and His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Trust in the Lord and...

I. Do not envy the _____! (vv. 1-2)

A. Why do people do _____ or _____ things?

1. They are nice and have good _____!

2. They evaluate good and evil with _____!

3. They do not pursue _____!

II. Do _____! (vv. 3)

III. Take _____ in Him! (vv. 4)

IV. Commit _____ you do to the Lord. (vv. 5-6)