

NEW MEMBER/INQUIRERS CLASS

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville or would you like more information about our church? The fall New Member/Inquirers class will be on **Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 am in the church library**. At the class you will be able to ask questions about our church and meet other leaders. If you would like more information before the class or would like to sign up, please contact Barb Runyon at bsrunyon@yahoo.com or call/text 317-407-4170.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Administrative Assistant - Whitewater Valley Presbytery is seeking a full-time Lead Administrative Assistant to provide essential administrative leadership and support for the Presbytery’s staff, committees, congregations, and ministries. For more information on position details, requirements, and how to apply see this week’s News and Notes.

WESTMINSTER CIRCLE

Circle is now meeting on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 pm. We are studying the Hebrew names of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with us during a Sunday service this Summer, **please contact Cynthia Fremling at (847) 293-7306 or cfremling@comcast.net**.

CHOIR WILL BE BACK SOON...

Hard to believe but summertime is almost over and choir season will begin again in just a few weeks. **Choir will begin rehearsing regularly on Thursday nights beginning September 3. The Choir will return to singing in service the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 13 this year.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - “AUGUST - TOYS”

Thank you for your donations for Christmas Shoebox Ministry in July! You all did a great job! The month of August we are continuing to give, but now concentrating on toys! Jump ropes, stuffed animals, chawks, dolls, things you are lead to buy for boys and girls 2-14 We have new suggestions hanging on our tree. (Keep in mind the shoebox size) God bless you for giving to this wonderful ministry!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

The Adult class will continue their series on Samuel. Everyone is welcome to join.

TIME TO UPDATE THE FPC CHURCH DIRECTORY!

In **August** we will be updating the FPC church directory. If you have any changes in your contact information or if you would like to add a picture or even change the picture that is currently in the directory—email all changes to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org.

MISSION STUDY TEAM UPDATE

With our Session's guidance, the Congressional Mission Study Team has been assembled and had their first meeting. Members are Sherry Faust, Jake Light, Paul Auble, and Mark Boxberger. Pastor Ken will serve as the convener and guide. You can read more about the team’s progress in the recent News and Notes.

OMS – BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

Please pray for Lamar Ziegler and Sue Jourdan as they travel with 7 other members of Men for Mission to Londrina, Brazil from August 21-30, 2026. Read about their trip in the most recent News and Notes.

JULY 2026 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT			GIVE ON-LINE THROUGH TITHE.LY:
	2026 Actual	2025 Actual	
Operating Income:	\$ 169,647.60	\$ 196,149.90	
Operating Expense:	\$ 186,318.48	\$ 186,682.40	
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (16,670.88)	\$ 9,467.50	

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary — 126; Households Online— 27

AUGUST 16 THROUGH AUGUST 23, 2026		
Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Commissioning of OMS Brazil Mission
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
	11:30 am	Women’s Lunch – Perkins
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Tuesday		
Wednesday	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

AUGUST 16, 2026	
Audio / Video Team:	Clint Gingerich & Brian Wuerch 8/23— Nathan Roe & Clint Gingerich
Nursery:	LeeAnn Stein & Trish Moore 8/23— Laurie Szabo & Jennie Auble
Lay leader:	Moffitt Craig 8/23— Kregg Swanson
Fellowship hour:	Gail Ratliff and Linda Rosen 8/23— Pastor Ken Locke in Honor of his Ordination on 8/18/1997
In the office:	August & September —Barb Runyon secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS	
♥ Elizabeth Story, in a car accident and has a broken wrist, will need surgery.	
♥ Jeri Griffith, for continued prayers for healing.	
♥ Larry Grabb, at Hines VA Rehab hospital to help him function more independently.	
♥ Bill Linville, continued cancer treatment.	
♥ Tim Nash, in ICU at Riverview Hospital.	
♥ Bill McConnell, husband of Jan McConnell, recuperating at home, continued prayers for healing.	
Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:	
Wendy Bittle	Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village
Barbara Landes	Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace
Verna Merrell	Rachel Morgan
Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville	



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AUGUST 16, 2026
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SESSION		DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Christian Education	Anne Burruss
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
Rick Mayhew	Worship	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Clerk	Robin Rufatto
Ken Locke	Moderator	Quinn Teague
		Debbie Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2026

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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.

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Ye Servants of God”

Cheryl Mayhew, Organist

Arr. Roger C. Wilson

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Leader: Moffett Craig

L: The Lord is good, and greatly to be praised.

P: Honor and majesty bow before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

L: Give unto the Lord the glory due him: bring an offering and come into God’s presence.

P: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: all the earth shall show God awe and respect. Together, we worship our praiseworthy God!

† OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

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† CALL TO CONFESSION

L: We call to God, saying, “Have mercy on us!”

P: We call to God, saying, “Lord, help us!”

L: We call to God even in the midst of our sin, knowing that God is gracious and just.

P: We call to God, saying, God forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy God, we know you desire that we live together in love and harmony.

You want us all to be cared for and have all that we need.

P: We confess that with our hands and our feet, in our hearts and in our minds, we have oppressed the powerless. We have made fun of those who are different. We have eaten our fill while others have gone hungry. We have kept our hands in our pockets when others needed a hand up.

L: We are ashamed of our actions, and we beg your forgiveness and mercy.

Restore us to a right relationship with you and with all our sisters and brothers.

P: God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy. Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

P: In Jesus Christ we have been forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Being at peace with God, let us also be at peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you)

† 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Goodness of God”

Gail Ratliff, Mezzo-Soprano

(Brian and Jen Johnson)

Linda Rosen, Piano

God’s Word is Proclaimed

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-15

Old Testament pg 42

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Old Testament pg 686

SERMON

“WWJH/WWJS”

Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God’s Word

COMMISSIONING TO MISSIONARY SERVICE

L: The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

P: The grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God’s grace. By God’s grace we are saved and empowered to grow in faith, committing our lives in ways that serve Christ.

L: God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

L: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

L: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God’s help.

L: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

L: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, relying on God’s mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God’s help.

L: Do we, the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, confirm the call of God to our sister and brother as missionaries in the service of Jesus Christ?

P: We do.

L: Will we support and encourage them in this ministry?

P: We will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

L: Faithful God, we thank you for leading our sister and brother to this time and place. Bless their ministry as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

P: Return them to our loving presence safely, full of your Spirit and encouragement for the work of your Kingdom. Amen.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

L: Beloved, you are commissioned to service as missionaries from this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

P: May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being – spirit, body and soul – free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

“You Are Holy”

(Imboda & Rhoton)

Johnathan Baker, Tenor

Kendall Teague, Soprano

Cheryl Mayhew, Piano

† 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

L: God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness.

P: As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

“God Will Take Care of You”

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† BENEDICTION

L: Let all God’s people say,

P: Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE

“Recessional”

Robert J. Hughes

†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.