

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you have not received your statement, please contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org.

2026 PER CAPITA REMINDER—Collected to date: \$4,553.38 out of \$10,446.54
If you have already paid your portion, we THANK YOU for you timely payment. If you haven't, could you please kindly submit your Per Capita for 2026 portion as soon as possible, we would greatly appreciate your giving. Remember, the **Per Capita for 2026 is \$46.02 per member.**

We will be paying this invoice by the end of March and would like to decrease the difference as much as possible before then. **Regardless if the funds are received, we have to pay the full amount.**

If you have any questions regarding the Per Capita, please feel free to contact Robin at 317.508.4411.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS – DUE MARCH 15TH!

This year we are again offering the option of purchasing different types of plants for Easter. We will be ordering a limited number each of **Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths, and Lilies.** These plants can be taken home and planted in your garden following the Easter Service.

You may use the form on the table at the rear of the sanctuary to place your Easter Plant order. Please turn these in, with your check, by March 15th. You may give your order to Jim Story or put it in the offering plate.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Today we will watch video 4 of Max Lucado's "WHAT HAPPENS NEXT" series. This video covers the Wedding of the Lamb and the Tribulation Period.

THE CHOSEN SMALL GROUP

Bob and Trish Moore are hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are starting back at the beginning with Season 1. We will watch an episode and then follow with discussion. **The meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00.** New members are welcome to join us at any point in the series! If you are interested in joining, please email bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

SPRING CLEANUP – SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026; 9 AM - NOON

Spring cleanup will be **Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9-noon** with a sloppy joe lunch immediately following. If you have any questions - contact Steve Runyon at sdrunyon@yahoo.com.

CARD MAKING CLASS

Interested in learning a new technique for card making? Join us Wednesday, **March 18th at 11:30 in fellowship hall.** You will make 3 greeting cards using decorative paper napkins. Supplies provided. **Cost of class \$10.** Pre-register at the Welcome center or contact Marlynn Story (jimlynnstory@comcast.net) or Sue Jourdan (sjbutterflylady@gmail.com)

MARCH IS MISSION MONTH!

Each week in March we'll spotlight mission-based organizations supported by FPC. **Sunday, March 15** The mission team will host a **Mission Fair during Fellowship Hour.** Table displays will be set up for you to learn about all our missionaries and organizations we support. Team members will be on duty to share information and answer questions. Fellowship Hour snacks will be provided by the mission team – Feed your mind & your stomach!!

2026 CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

Camp will be held June 1-5. Registration is \$60 per child and will be open March 1st—May 17th.

February 2026 Income/Expense Report		
	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$ 54,028.54	\$ 58,058.90
Expenses:	\$ 54,028.54	\$ 40,421.79
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 17,637.11

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary—114; Households Online—22

MARCH 8 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2026

Today	8:30 am	New Members Meeting
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Congregational Meeting / Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Deacon's Meeting
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
	1:30 pm	Newcomer's Club
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mission Team Meeting
	7:00 pm	The Chosen Small Group
Wednesday	8:30 am	Women's GBR Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men's GBR Reunion Group
	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Women
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
	9:00 am	Spring Clean-Up
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour / Mission Fair

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—TODAY

A Congregational Meeting, to elect a new Elder is scheduled for this morning, during the worship service.

INQUIRERS/NEW MEMBERS MEETING—THIS MORNING!

The spring Inquirers/New Members class will be this morning, before worship service. This is an informative class to ask questions about FPC Noblesville and to meet many of the current leaders.

SPECIAL CLASS FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON MARCH 22, 2026...

Pastor Ken Will teach a class "Lifecycles of the Church" in Fellowship Hall following the service on **March 22, 2026.**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ **Bill Linville**, dealing with health issues.
- ♥ **The Family of Carolyn McGinley (wife of Joe McGinley)**, upon her passing. Arrangements will be forthcoming.



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

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| Wendy Bittle | Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village |
| Ray Faust—Harbor Manor | Barbara Landes |
| Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace | Verna Merrell |
| Rachel Morgan | Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville |



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ken Locke, Interim Pastor

**MARCH 8, 2026
 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

SESSION

Laurie Szabo	Christian Education
Barb Runyon	Evangelism
Mark Wisely	Finance
Jennie Auble	Mission
Bob Moore	Planning
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.
Steve Runyon	Properties
Karen McCord	Clerk
Jim Story	Worship Coordinator
Ken Locke	Moderator

DEACONS

Anne Burress
 Jill Casper
 Cheryl Ditzler
 Brenda Christian
 Clint Gingerich
 Andrea Joines
 Linda Melton
 Gail Ratliff
 Robin Rufatto
 Quinn Teague
 Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

March Birthdays

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Olivet”

Cheryl Mayhew, organist
Roger C. Wilson

LENTEN READING—WEEK 3

Lay Leader: Mark Wisely

L: Trust. Can we trust God? Trust is so tied to belief and truth, as discussed in our first two Lenten readings, but it also involves being reliable, having the ability to be strong and just. When Moses was leading his people into the desert, as written in the book of Exodus, as commanded by God, did Moses trust God? Yes, but his people did not. Where they camped there was no water and they were complaining and begging for water because they were thirsty. The people wanted to test God to provide water but also Moses’s judgement in leading them away from Egypt. Moses prayed to God and He commanded Moses to gather his leaders as a witness to strike the rock at Mount Sinai so water would flow freely. Do we question our trust in God and ask Him if He is with us or not?

The book of John gives us another example of God’s living water and this time it is Jesus that is the one who is thirsty. Jesus asks a Samaritan woman at the well if He could have some of her water. There was no trust there as she explained that because she was a Samaritan and Jesus was a Jew, she wasn’t allowed to use the same utensil to give Jesus water. Jesus asks her to trust Him for He could give her God’s living water. She continues to question Him and He continues to prove to her who He is. The Messiah.

She finally believes that He is Jesus and is reliable because He revealed many things about her. She, in turn, leaves her jug and returns to the village with the news of Jesus’s presence by the well. But just as in their initial meeting, when His disciples returned, they express their prejudice. They question why Jesus would even accept water from a Samaritan let alone engage in a conversation with her. Does our prejudice prevent us from sharing the Word of God? Do we not trust others to help us or give us confidence when praising the Lord? Do we not trust ourselves to love God as much as He loves us?

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLE

L: We extinguish this third candle of Lent to indicate our desire to trust in God completely.

(extinguish candle)

† OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#356

† CALL TO CONFESSION

L: We come to worship God knowing we have sinned, both against God and one another. But we come to worship certain that our God who loves us will not condemn but rather forgive our sins. With confidence, let us ask God to forgive both our sins and those who have sinned against us.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, why is it so hard for us to trust? Forgive us when we try to test You by demanding You change something in our lives. Help us to rely on Your plan for us, for we should trust You explicitly. Remind us that You are our strength and we can trust and lean on You when we are weak. Show us Your grace when we don’t behave as we should or don’t share Your wonderful Word. Amen

(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Lord, we acknowledge that we, as humans, have so many trust issues in our own lives so how can we feel that we can trust You, God?

P: We do acknowledge that we have trouble trusting those around us let alone You, Lord.

L: Let us take this time to ask God for strength, to not question His profound wisdom, or His ability to help us when needed.

P: We want to believe and trust in God and realize that all God wants us to do is to come to Him in faith and love.

All: In Jesus Christ we are saved! Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI

words on screen

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Calvary”
(arr. Michael Larkin)

Chancel Choir
Kendall Teague, flute;
Cheryl Mayhew, piano

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER

words on screen

(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)

OFFERING

Offertory

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

† Doxology

words on screen

† Prayer of Dedication

L: God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts.

P: May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Old Testament pg. 64

New Testament Lesson: John 4:5-42

New Testament pgs. 94-95

MESSAGE

“Are You Thirsty?”

Pastor Ken Locke

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT NEW OFFICER

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICER

Clerk: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of First Presbyterian Church-Noblesville now ordains to the office of elder Rick Mayhew and installs him to office on our session.

(...)

Clerk: Do we, the members of the church, accept Rick as elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

P: We do.

Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who is alone Head of the Church?

P: We do.

† CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#281

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Celebration”

James Denton

†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.

MESSAGE NOTES