

GREAT BANQUET GATHERING IS TUESDAY!
The Great Banquet Gathering is this Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share, meat and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Jim Story.

PEW PADS NOW HAVE TITHE.LY
Pew pads now have the Tithe.ly QR code for your convenience.

OCTOBER HENDERSON MISSION TRIP
This is a second opportunity for any FPC fellowship persons or friends to serve at the Henderson Settlement this year. The trip will be from October 18-23. The Henderson Settlement work camp mission trip is a First Presbyterian Church sponsored work trip, but the workload is light for persons with limited physical strength and endurance. **You can pick up a registration packet at the Welcome Center or use the link in the current News and Notes.**

“THE CHOSEN” SMALL GROUP
Bob and Trish Moore will be hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are now on Season 2. We will watch an episode and then follow with discussion. **The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning September 15th.** 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Thanks for all the wonderful donations for the month of August!
September we will keep the toys coming. Look for summer end sales!
Thank you for spending a few dollars, each month, to make this ministry such a huge success for all of God’s children’s happiness!

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

STAY INFORMED
Are you receiving the weekly FPC News and Notes? If not, please email secretary@fpc-noblesville.org so you can be added. **If you are receiving the weekly News and Notes,** take a few minutes and find out what is happening at FPC-Noblesville and in our community.

“SEND THE LOVE” LAST BELL WINTER WEAR COLLECTION
It is time to sort, pack, and ship the donated winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, boots, and shoes we started collecting back in May. **The mission team needs help setting up items on the balcony after church TODAY and sorting/packing items on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd or Thursday, Sept. 24th.** Contact Jennie Auble at 317-696-3843 or aublej@comcast if you’d like to help.

URGENT: HELP CARE FOR OUR RIVERWOOD NEIGHBORS
We need your help! If you would be willing to prepare meals, volunteer your time, or assist in coordinating this ministry, **please contact Leann Stein or Sue Jourdan.** We are also collecting \$20 gift cards to local restaurants that can be distributed directly to Riverwood residents, giving them another option for meals while they work toward returning home. This is an opportunity for us as a church family to put our faith into action and show the love of Christ to our neighbors when they need it most. **Every meal, gift card, and helping hand can make a difference.**

AUGUST 2026 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT			GIVE ONLINE
	2026 Actual	2025 Actual	THROUGH TITHE.LY:
Operating Income:	\$ 198,133.02	\$ 219,218.47	
Operating Expense:	\$ 216,604.34	\$ 213,522.70	
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (18,471.32)	\$ 5,695.77	

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary — 131; Households Online — 24

SEPTEMBER 20 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2026		
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School today
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	11:15 am	Deacon’s Meeting
	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
	11:30 am	Women’s Luncheon - Perkins
Tuesday	6:00 pm	New Member Dinner
	7:00 pm	Session
	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Great Banquet Gathering
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Mission Study Presentation

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026	
Audio / Video Team:	Brian Wuerch & Rick Mayhew 9/27 – Clint Gingerich & Brian Wuerch
Nursery:	LeeAnn Stein & Trish Moore 9/27 – Laurie Szabo & Jennie Auble
Lay leader:	Linda Rosen 9/27 — Claudia MacRae
Fellowship hour:	Robin Rufatto & Andrea Joines 9/27 – All Youth
In the office:	Sept—Barb Runyon & Oct – Janie Emerson secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS	
♥ Ed and Judy Adams, on the passing of their youngest son, John, on 9/17/26.	
♥ Jason Story, back in hospital for 2-5 days due to complications from hernia surgery on Monday.	
♥ Tena Nash, on the passing of Tena’s husband Tim. Celebration of Life will be on October 10 at FPC-Noblesville.	
♥ Judith Drysdale, recovering from knee replacement surgery.	
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	GG Nash – The Crossings of Noblesville
Rachel Morgan	Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville



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SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SESSION	DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Anne Burress
Barb Runyon	Jill Casper
Mark Wisely	Cheryl Ditzler
Jennie Auble	Brenda Christian
Bob Moore	Clint Gingerich
Peggy Deakayne	Andrea Joines
Steve Runyon	Linda Melton
Rick Mayhew	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Robin Rufatto
Ken Locke	Quinn Teague
	Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
17TH 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 “This Is My Father’s World” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Franklin L. Sheppard

† CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Leader: Linda Rosen

L: The wilderness is still.

P: The hungry are left empty.

L: The cracked earth crumbles.

P: The thirsty are crying for mercy.

L: The Promise Keeper pulls them close.

P: God, hear us now.

L: Water is flowing.

P: The Holy One has heard.

L: A feast from heaven.

P: The Holy One is providing, now and always. Together, we worship our constantly providing God!

† OPENING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” #686

† CALL TO CONFESSION

L: We try to live our lives in a manner worthy of Christ.

P: We try to stand firm in God’s spirit.

L: But our human self-interest gets the better of us.

P: In humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace.

P: We believe ourselves more deserving than others, nursing our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show.

L: Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold.

P: Help us know we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: God’s grace is boundless, poured out freely for one and all.

P: We receive this gift of forgiveness, trusting God to transform our lives! We believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”
Chancel Choir

God’s Word is Proclaimed

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16:2–15 OT pgs. 62-63

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 20:1–16 NT pgs. 21-22

HYMN OF PREPARATION “O Jesus, I Have Promised” #676

SERMON “Being ----- Like God!” Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God’s Word

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 “Take My Life” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Benton Price

† 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: Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.

P: Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Speak To Me” #667

† BENEDICTION

L: Let all God’s people say,

P: Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE “The Majesty Of God” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Mary Elizabeth Dexter

†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.

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 16:2-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ ⁸ And Moses said, ‘When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.’

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.”’ ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.”’

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Matthew 20:1–16

20 ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” ⁷ They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” ¹³ But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’