

**FPC NEW MISSION PARTNER**

The FPC Mission Team is thrilled to announce a new mission partner, **Prevail, Inc.**, a Noblesville-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting adults, teens, and children who have experienced trauma from violent acts. Team members visited Prevail and were deeply moved by the powerful ways they empower and serve survivors of all ages. When we asked, *“How can FPC help?”*, the answer was simple: **Bottled water**. We made our first donation last spring and it’s time for another opportunity. We’re looking for **2–3 volunteers** to help transport **6–8 cases of bottled water** from Costco to Prevail a few times a year (typically on weekdays). Contact **Rita Popp** at **(317) 408-0554** to express interest. *Read more in this week’s News & Notes email and on the FPC website.*

**SAMARITAN’S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY 2025...**  
*Look for August school items On sale!*

4x6”note books, Pens, Markers, Paper, Coloring books, Rubber bands, Big soft toy (fit in box) they call WOW items for the kids Puzzles Jump rope Girls jewelry rings Girls hair clips. Please keep God’s children in your hearts and prayers.

**FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOORING...**

**Time is running out on our November 1st deadline to raise funds for our fellowship hall flooring.** If you haven’t made a donation please prayerfully consider it, if you have thank you very much.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...**

Our class will start a new series this coming week titled:  
**HEAVEN : WHO GOES THERE? WHO MAKES THE CUT? DO YOU WANT TO GO?**

This will be a most interesting discussion with support from ANDY STANLEY videos. So feel free to join us on this fantastic spiritual journey.

**"THE CHOSEN" BIBLE STUDY**

Bob and Trish Moore will be hosting a Bible based on the popular television series "The Chosen". **We will be starting Season 5 of "The Chosen" small group on September 23rd.** Anyone interested can contact Bob or Trish Moore ([bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net)) for more information.

**ADDITION TO OUR VETERANS' DAY OBSERVANCE...**

There will be an addition to our Veteran’s Day observance this year, Sunday, November 9, 2025.  
**Immediately following the worship service, in the fellowship hall, each of our veterans will be awarded a Quilt of Valor!**

***This is being brought to your attention now as there is a way the congregation can be involved. Donations are needed to cover the cost of materials and machine quilting. That cost is \$150 for each quilt, a total of \$1800 for our twelve veterans.*** Those donations can be placed in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or sent to the church office, with a QOV designation. Any donations beyond the actual cost will be used for a project of the Session's choosing.

We're hoping our entire congregation, family members, and friends will be present for both the worship service and the Quilt of Valor ceremony.

AUGUST 2025 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT			
	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
Income:	\$214,720	\$219,218.47	\$196,590.24
Expenses:	\$214,720	\$213,522.70	\$223,379.01
(Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 5,695.77	\$ (26,788.77)

SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2025		
Today	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES...**

It is time to update the FPC church directory. If you are a member or a regular attendee, please stop by the Welcome Center before or after church to make any corrections or additions to the directory. If you do not have a picture in the current directory you can email a picture to [bsrunyon@yahoo.com](mailto:bsrunyon@yahoo.com) and I will make sure your picture is added.


REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

♥ Suzi Bell, in Riverview Hospital ICU.

♥ Bill & Jennifer Linville. Bill is undergoing cancer treatments, and Jennifer is at Harbor Manor.

♥ Dick & Jana Zeiler, as Dick continues through his long recuperation journey.

♥ Helen LeCount, recuperating from injuries from a recent fall and other issues.



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

Wendy Bittle

Ray / Sherry Faust

Jennifer Linville—Harbor Manor

Verna Merrell

Carol Stough—Five Star Residences of Noblesville

John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel

Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village

Barbara Landes

Carolyn & Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace

Rachel Morgan

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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

SESSION		DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Christian Education	Susan Clark, Co-Moderator
Barb Runyon	Evangelism	Andrea Joines, Co-Moderator
Mark Wisely	Finance	Johnathan Baker
Jennie Auble	Mission	Anne Burress
Bob Moore	Planning	Brenda Christian
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.	Clint Gingerich
Sue Jourdan	Properties	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Clerk	Robin Rufatto
Eric R. Gale	Moderator	Joe Sullivan
		Quinn Teague
		Debbie Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025		
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		PW Award
RINGING OF THE BELL		
PRELUDE	Cheryl Mayhew, organist "Be Still, My Soul" Jean Sibelius	
† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Lay Leader: Ann Green		
L: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord!		
P: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.		
L: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.		
All: Let us worship God together. (based on Psalm 113)		
† OPENING HYMN	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"	#682
† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) (inspired by Luke 16:1-13; Matthew 6:33)		
O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters." Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you, We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)		
L: "The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy". (James 3:17)		
P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we are given a new way to live. Let us accept God's grace, and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.		
(~ written by Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)		
† GLORIA PATRI	words on screen	
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.		
CHORAL ANTHEM	"The Splendor of His Holiness" (by Tom Fettke)	Chancel Choir
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	"The Promise of a Savior"	Saddleback Kids
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)		
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	“Preludio Religioso”	Beethoven
† 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		
HYMN OF PREPARATION	“Alleluia”	#189
MESSAGE	“What Does God Most Care About?” Isaiah 5: 20-23; 9:6-7	Pastor Eric Gale
† CLOSING HYMN	“He Leadeth Me”	#690
† BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Prelude in Classic Style”	Gordon Young
†Please stand if you are able.		
<hr/> 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.		
Pastor Eric will be on vacation September 22 <sup>nd</sup> through September 28 <sup>th</sup> . Filling the pulpit will be Reverend Gracie Payne, Associate Pastor Second Presbyterian Church.		

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 5:20-23 (NLT2)  
What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter. <sup>21</sup>What sorrow for those who are wise in their own eyes and think themselves so clever. <sup>22</sup>What sorrow for those who are heroes at drinking wine and boast about all the alcohol they can hold. <sup>23</sup>They take bribes to let the wicked go free, and they punish the innocent.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT2)  
For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen!

MESSAGE NOTES	
I.	The condition of our _____!
II.	How human beings _____ each other?
III.	The spread of the _____!