

L: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
I will, with God’s help.

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 “He Is So Precious to Me” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Charles H. Gabriel

† **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**

† **CLOSING HYMN** “Take My Life and Let It Be” #597

† **BENEDICTION**
L: Let all God’s people say,
P: Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE “Song of the Faithful” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Robert J. Hughes
†Please stand if you are able.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments

MISSION STUDY TEAM PRESENTATION
Today after worship the Mission Study Team will have a presentation on **Noblesville – Our Town**. Get a snack and enjoy the first presentation by the Mission Study Team.

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.

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 — 112; Households Online — 11

SEPTEMBER 27 THROUGH OCTOBER 4, 2026		
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School today
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Mission Study Team Presentation 2
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
	6:00 pm	Bridge Group
Tuesday		
Wednesday	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
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Sunday	11:15 am	Worship Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
Audio / Video Team: Clint Gingerich & Brian Wuerch
10/4 – Nathan Roe & Clint Gingerich
Nursery: Laurie Szabo & Jennie Auble
10/4 – Barb Runyon & Ann Green
Lay leader: Claudia MacRae
10/4 – Susie Zabel
Fellowship hour: All Youth
10/4 – Sandi Blackburn
In the office: Oct – Janie Emerson & Nov – Barb Runyon
secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS	
♥ Ed and Judy Adams , on the passing of their youngest son, John. Celebration of Life will be on September 29 at Mt Olive United Methodist Church.	
♥ Jason Story , recovering at home from hernia surgery and additional hospitalization.	
♥ Tena Nash , on the passing of Tena’s husband Tim . Celebration of Life will be on October 10 at FPC-Noblesville.	
♥ Judith Drysdale , slow recovery 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 27, 2026
18TH 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 Deakyne	Andrea Joines
Steve Runyon	Linda Melton
Rick Mayhew	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Robin Rufatto
Ken Locke	Quinn Teague
	Debbie Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
18TH 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 “Take the Name Of Jesus with You” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Stewart Landon

† OPENING PRAYER Lay Leader: Claudia MacRae
L: God of living water, we gather, thirsting for you.
P: Your well is deep; your spring is constantly flowing.
L: Complete our joy; refine our desires.
P: Fill our cup with love for one another as we travel your paths of salvation. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN “All the Way My Savior Leads Me” #680

† CALL TO CONFESSION
L: God does not take pleasure in our suffering or delight in our failures but urges us to turn back to God’s way and find eternal life.
P: Let us make our confession and be the people God wants us to be.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
L: Holy God, we confess to you: We are not of the same mind.
P: We do not share the same love.
L: We act in selfish ambition, looking out for ourselves before concerning ourselves with others. To be blunt, we do not embrace the humility of Jesus Christ.
P: Loving God, forgive us. Continue working in us, empowering us to serve each other as you served us, and reflect your glory in this world. God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.
(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE
L: When we lift up our souls to God, God does not put us to shame.
P: God forgives us, leads us in the truth, and guides us to what is right.
L: Beloved, declare again the good news of the Gospel.
P: 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 “I’m Goin’ Up” Chancel Choir
Arr. Mary McDonald

God’s Word is Proclaimed

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 OT pg. 64
New Testament Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32 NT pgs. 23-24

HOMILY “No Testing Required!” Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God’s Word

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

L: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Hear also these words from Holy Scripture:
L: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.
P: The promise is for you, for your children and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

L: Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us and seals us, to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ’s ministry of love, peace, and justice.

L: Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.
Elder: On behalf of the session, I present Reagan Zepp to receive the sacrament of Baptism and be received as a member of this congregation through proclamation of faith. I also present Ben Sandahl to be received as a member of this congregation by reaffirmation of faith.

L: Reagan, do you desire to be baptized?

I do.
L: Reagan and Ben, relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith?

I do.
Elder: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Reagan and Ben by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

P: We do.
L: Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.
Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.
Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
I will, with God’s help.
Water is poured into the font.

L: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.

P: In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning.

L: You led Israel out of slavery through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the Promised Land.

P: In the waters of Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life.

L: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Spirit to move over this water, that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM

L: Reagan, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made you a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

P: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

L: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

P: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.

† APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.