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MISSION STUDY SURVEY #1

The Mission Study Team has developed two surveys for our congregation to complete. These surveys are an important part of helping us understand who we are as a congregation and where God may be leading us in the future. **Every member’s input is important. Please take a few minutes to complete the first survey** and prayerfully share your thoughts. Your participation will help shape the future of our church. **Survey #1 is attached to TODAY’S Live Sunday Service email and the survey will be in next week’s News and Notes (10/15).** There are paper copies of survey #1 at the Welcome Center. Survey 1 due Sunday 10/18.

OCTOBER HENDERSON MISSION TRIP

Six of our members are signed up and ready to serve at the Henderson Settlement October 18-23: Lamar and Kay Zeigler, Dave and Karen McCord, Claudia MacRae, and Brian Clifford. Keep these 6 in your thoughts and prayers.

“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 evening at 7:00pm.** 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.

PARKING LOT – CLOSED!

Please be advised that our church parking lot will be **closed for painting** on Wednesday, October 14. During this time, please use the street parking area and allow extra time to find a parking space. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we make these improvements to our parking lot.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult class will begin an 8-week series on **Deborah the only female judge in the book of Judges**. Everyone is welcome to join.

HOLIDAY CHEESEBALLS ARE COMING SOON!

Roll into the holidays with the FPC Mission Team’s Annual Holiday Cheese Ball Sale! Perfect for parties, gifts, or just treating yourself, our homemade favorites are back: Classic Bacon & Onion, Vegetarian, and the sweet Chocolate Chip Dessert. Sample during Fellowship Hour on Nov. 1, pre-order Nov. 1–15, then pick up on Nov. 22 after church. Still just \$12 each, frozen, and ready when you are. Every cheeseball supports FPC mission projects.

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 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. **Every meal, gift card, and helping hand can make a difference.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

We still need a few specific items for the shoeboxes. **Please check the list of items needed in the current News and Notes.**



GIVE ONLINE
THROUGH TITHE.LY

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary — 111; Households Online — 13

OCTOBER 11 THROUGH OCTOBER 18, 2026		
TODAY	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Pitch-in Fellowship Hour
Monday		Columbus Day
	11:30 am	Men’s Lunch at Perkins
	1:30 pm	Newcomers Club
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
	6:30 pm	Tri Kappa
Wednesday	ALL DAY	Parking Lot Painting
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	PW Coordinating Meeting
	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

OCTOBER 11, 2026	
Audio / Video Team:	Jake Light & Nathan Roe 10/18 – Quinn Teague & Jake Light
Nursery:	Susie Zabel & LeeAnn Stein 10/18 – Trish Moore & Robin Story
Lay leader:	Robin Ruffato 10/18 — Paul Auble
Fellowship hour:	Mission Team Pitch-in & Birthdays 10/18 – DESPERATLY NEEDING HOST
In the office:	Oct: Barb Runyon & Janie Emerson secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

♥ Bob Zabel, surgery this past Monday, October 5.

♥ Judith Drysdale, slow recovery from knee replacement surgery, but doing better.

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

Wendy Bittle	Dorothy Etchison— <i>Independence Village</i>
Barbara Landes	Joe McGinley – <i>Hamilton Trace</i>
Verna Merrell	GG Nash – <i>The Crossings of Noblesville</i>
Rachel Morgan	Carol Stough— <i>The Crossings of Noblesville</i>



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OCTOBER 11, 2026
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SESSION		DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Christian Education	Anne Burress
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

OCTOBER 11, 2026

20TH 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 October Birthdays

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE “Aria” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. George F. Handel

† CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Leader: Robin Rufatto
L: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God’s creative power!
P: Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.
L: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.
P: In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.
L: Rejoice in the goodness of God.
All: Praise God for God’s complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN “Rise Up, O Church of God” #433

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
P: With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know—we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.
(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE
L: God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth generation those who walk in God’s ways. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God’s people. God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life.
All: Let us rejoice in God’s mercy.

† 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM “Thy Word” Chancel Choir
Arr. Smith/Grant/Schrader

God’s Word is Proclaimed

TIME WITH CHILDREN
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 48:10-11 OT pg. 678
New Testament Lesson: Romans 5:1-3; I Peter 1:6-7 NT pg. 155 &232

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Cares Chorus” #627
Sung twice

MESSAGE “Look Beyond the Waves to the Horizon”
Andriy Pankyeyev, Last Bell Ministries, Director

We Respond to God’s Word
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 your joys and concerns brief. This is a time for prayer.)

OFFERING
OFFERTORY Meditation on “Blessed Assurance” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Stewart Landon

† 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. As you are generous, we want to be generous too.
P: 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 HYM “How Firm a Foundation” #408

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

POSTLUDE “Trumpet Air” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Henry Purcell
†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

Isaiah 48:10-11

¹⁰ See, I have refined you but not like silver; I have tested you in the furnace of adversity. ¹¹ For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for why should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

Romans 5:1-3

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,

Main Scripture: 1 Peter 1:6–7

⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

We welcome to the pulpit this morning Andriy Pankyeyev. Andriy is the Ministry Director for Last Bell Ministries, an organization supported by our church which serves orphaned youth in transition to adulthood in Zhytomyr, Ukraine. He's joined by his wife Oksana, who directs a Last Bell program for orphans who've become parents, as well as Andriy Balanchuk and Yulia Nesterenko. Andriy and Oksana began as house parents with Last Bell in 2007 and raised their two children (now adults) in community with orphaned young people. Yulia joined Last Bell's staff in 2010 as a mentor serving orphaned students. When the war began, and the other staff members in her department evacuated, Yulia stayed on as department director and helped rebuild the staff. Andriy Balanchuk joined Last Bell in 2024 as Operations Director.

Please join the Mission team for an informal ‘meet and greet’ with Andriy & Oksana as they host the Fellowship Hour with a pitch-in lunch immediately after the service. All are welcome!!! It’s also October birthday Sunday so there will be cake too!