



# News & Notes

December 4, 2025

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Noblesville, IN



Communion Sunday / 2nd Sunday of Advent

## Message this Sunday...

“Be Brave and Have Hope”

Isaiah 40:3-5; Matthew 3:1-12

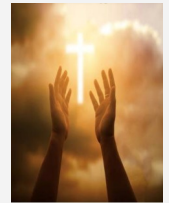
**Reverend Dr. Erin McGee**

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

[Link to last Sunday's Service](#)

## Remember in your Prayers...

- ♥ **Curtis Bittle**, eye problems.
- ♥ **Ray Faust**, at Riverview Hospital.
- ♥ **LeeAnn Stein**, recuperating from knee replacement surgery.
- ♥ **Lamar Ziegler**, recuperating from knee replacement surgery.
- ♥ **The family of John Thomas** upon his passing.



### Our Deepest Sympathies...

To the **family of Michael Rogers** upon his passing.

### Arrangements for Michael Rogers...

Visitation will be held on **Friday, December 5, 2025, from 4pm – 8 pm EST** at **Conkle Funeral Home, 76 N. Avon Ave., Avon, IN 46123.**

The funeral service will follow on **Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 11:30am EST** also at **Conkle Funeral Home in Avon**, concluding with an interment ceremony at **West Ridge Park Cemetery, 9295 W. 21st St. Indianapolis, IN 46234.**

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to **Indy Hoor Flight** in Michael's honor: <https://www.indyhonorflight.org>.

### Remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

**Wendy Bittle**

**Dorothy Etchison**—*Independence Village*

**Barbara Landes**

**Carolyn & Joe McGinley**—*Hamilton Trace*

**Verna Merrell**

**Rachel Morgan**

**Carol Stough**—*Five Star Residences of Noblesville*

## Congregational Meeting—December 7, 2025...

A **Congregational Meeting**, to dissolve our **Pastoral Call with Pastor Eric**, effective **December 31, 2025**, is scheduled for **Sunday, December 7, 2025**. We will be electing a new deacon, as well. **Erin McGee**, Lead Presbyter, **Whitewater Valley Presbytery** will be preaching during the service that day and will moderate the meeting.

## Last Chance for Poinsettia Orders...



Poinsettias purchased in memory or in honor of loved ones are placed in the sanctuary on the Sunday before Christmas and left through the Christmas Eve Service. You may take your plant(s) home after the service on Christmas Eve.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, fill out the form on the table in the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering plate or give it to Jim Story. You can place your order and pay later if you don't have the \$10 today. Make checks payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and put *Poinsettia* on the memo line. ***The last day for orders is Sunday, December 7, 2025.***

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## Show Appreciation to our Church Staff...

Our paid staff works very hard to keep our Church running smoothly. We would like to give them an extra thank you during this giving season. This is your opportunity to show your appreciation for their continued dedication to our church. I ask you to consider a special gift this Christmas season. We would like to distribute this to the staff before Christmas. **It will be greatly appreciated if your gift is received by December 14th.** Please use the staff bonus envelope, if you use giving envelopes, or there are envelopes at the back of the Sanctuary. Mark your checks with "staff bonus".

Thank you so much! *Peggy Deakyne, Personnel & Nominating Elder*

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## Giving Tree 2025

Please take a moment and stop by the 2025 Giving Tree! It is beautifully decorated and is full of gift tags. This year, FPC is assisting five families for the Christmas season. If your heart leads you, choose a tag (or two), purchase the gift on the tag, wrap it and return it to church by Sunday, December 21. The families will be here that day to pick up the gifts. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. FPC's support of these families truly reflects our spirit of giving and love of community.

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## In Case You Missed It....

If you missed the farewell video for Eric, here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/k5bfeQm88ms>

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# FPC Family Silly Safari Christmas Party...

You're invited to  
**FPC Family  
Silly Safari  
Christmas Party**

**December 13 | 3:30pm | 2025**

Fellowship Hall, FPC

RSVP at the Welcome Center

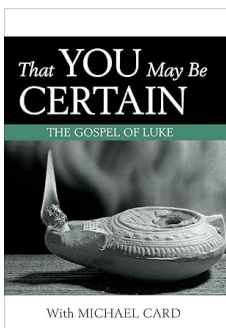


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## Adult Sunday School...

**THAT YOU MAY BE CERTAIN: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**

**Join our Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9am Before Worship Service**



Now renowned singer/songwriter and gifted teacher Michael Card introduces you to the brilliant physician, slave, and world traveler who wrote the longest of the four gospels. Roam with Michael across the ancient Roman Empire, visiting such places as Capernaum, Mount Tabor, the Mamertine Prison, and the Circus Maximus. Witness the ongoing political and cultural drama in the days of the Caesars. And feel the amazement of the people in Luke's gospel as they encountered firsthand the Messiah of Israel. In four parts, *That You May Be Certain* takes you on an unforgettable journey through the Gospel of Luke that will help you know Jesus more intimately and ground your faith in the gospel.

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# Sunday School Christmas Calendar

Grades 6 - 8

DEC

**7**

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Communion Sunday*

DEC

**13**

3:30 - 5:30 PM

*Silly Safari*

DEC

**14**

DURING SERVICE

*Sunday School*

DEC

**21**

DURING SERVICE

*Sunday School*

DEC

**24**

6:00 PM

*Christmas Eve Service*

DEC

**28**

DURING SERVICE

*Sunday School*

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on  
earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:14

## Mission Minute - October



### Holidays are coming. Help feed our yellow food pantry!

For five years, FPC has partnered with **FeedingTeam.org** to serve neighboring families in our community who often fall through the cracks of traditional food assistance. Our little yellow pantry stands in our parking lot as a symbol of dignity, compassion, and community care.

As the holidays approach, the FPC Mission Team invites you to help us keep it stocked:

- **Donate non-perishables** indoors or directly into the outdoor pantry.
- **Give financially using yellow envelopes in pew folders.** Checks to FPC with “food pantry” in the memo help fund monthly shopping trips.

#### Want to do more?

Volunteer just **one day a month** to help stock shelves or shop for groceries, with no long-term commitment—sign up at the welcome table or see Jennie Auble to get involved.



# Hamilton County Community Band Christmas Concert

## Sunday, December 7, 2025, 5:00 PM

### at Hamilton Heights High School



Conductor Brian Swart and the Hamilton County Community Band are busy preparing for their annual Christmas concert. **Hamilton Heights High School** will host the program at **5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2025**, in the High School Auditorium. This annual tradition is always a great way to kick off the holiday season with family and friends.

**The concert is free to the public** and will feature familiar holiday gems like Robert Allen's "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays", "Feliz Navidad", arranged for concert band by Chris Sharp, and Gustav Holst's "A Holst Christmas". The program will wrap up with "Stars and Stripes for Christmas", a Robert E. Foster arrangement based on the famous John Philip Sousa march.