



News & Notes

April 30, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Communion Sunday

Message this Sunday...

“Mystery and Understanding”

1 Peter 2:2-10

Pastor Ken Locke

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

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

Weekly Devotion....

Humility First

3 John 1-15

April 30, 2026

My Beloved –

Somewhere in your home, I bet you have an old photograph. It's fading fast. The faces are no longer clear. Someone used to know who they all were but now they can't remember. And yet, if you look at it long and thoughtfully, you begin noticing the family resemblance between them and you. And by listening closely, you can hear the echoes of long-ago conflicts, schisms and attempts at reconciliation. Echoes that sound distressingly familiar.

At just 29 words in the Greek text, Third John is the shortest book in our New Testament. And yet, it holds up a very large mirror with which we can examine our own time and actions. Namely, it invites us to consider both the benefits and consequences of our deeply felt religious convictions.

We don't know what issue is dividing Diotrephes and the elder, but perhaps we can have some compassion for them. We, too, have wrestled with the ambiguities of the human experience, been ensnarled in the tensions of our tradition, and likely been guilty of the same sins we perceive in our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When should the church, always loyal to the truth of Jesus, stand firm? When should we bend? Where should we draw the lines of faith and practice clearly and boldly? Where should they be blurred, bent, erased? There are no easy answers to these questions. Living as a Christian in the world has been, and always will be, inherently difficult for Christ's faithful followers.

Sometimes we, too, are just like Diotrephes and the elder: 180 degrees opposed to each other; our reach for the truth of Jesus exceeding the grasp of every one of us. This is not to say that we should be indifferent or uncaring about what separates us. These important questions often get at the very heart of what it means to be Jesus' follower.

Rather, we should grapple with such questions in community; bringing in those with whom we disagree and seeking genuine understanding between us. And most importantly, we should conduct ourselves with humility. Convinced that our arguments are sound and that our convictions are true, we must still acknowledge that, sinful and fallible human beings that we are, we may be wrong. As our Book of Order so nicely puts it, we believe that “there are truths and forms with respect to which men of good characters and principles may differ. And in all these we think it the duty both of private Christians and societies to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other” (F-3.0105).

Many years from now, when someone looks at our family photographs or at our church family photographs, will they hear the distant echoes of animosity and dissension? Or will they hear the sweet murmur of convicted Christians who chose to witness to Christ by getting along with each other?

May God’s peace be with us all,
Pastor Ken.



**Things I Wish All Congregations Knew,
Part II: Leadership, Change, Bowling &
Canoeing the Rockies!**

In this class we will talk about the role of leadership in organizational change, what 1950s bowling says about contemporary social cohesion, and how the Lewis & Clark expedition is a perfect paradigm for our time.

May 17th, Fellowship Hall, shortly after worship. Looking forward to seeing everyone! Pastor Ken.

March 2026 Income/Expense Report

	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$ 81,042.81	\$ 89,706.79
Expenses:	\$ 81,042.81	\$ 79,078.07
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 10,628.72

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received:

Kids—\$329 Adults—\$626

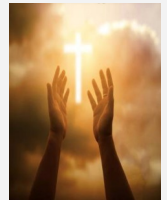
Easter Offering Received: \$811.80

Family Promise of Hamilton Co—\$405.90 Third Phase—\$405.90

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary — 112 Households online — 26

Remember in your Prayers...

- ▼ **Ray Faust**, at home under hospice care.
- ▼ **Karen McCord**, shoulder/arm injury.
- ▼ **Jan Bellis and family**, upon the passing of her husband, **Don Bellis**.



ARRANGEMENTS FOR DON BELLIS—Saturday, May 2nd

Visitation 11:00 am

Memorial Service 12:00 pm

Luncheon for family and friends after the service at First Presbyterian Church

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

Wendy Bittle

Joe McGinley—*Hamilton Trace*

Rachel Morgan

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*

Verna Merrell

Carol Stough—*The Crossings of Noblesville*

Keep up to date on the interim process at FPC.



[Click here](#)

Events for the Upcoming Week...



MAY 3 THROUGH MAY 10, 2026

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Worship Committee
	2:30 pm	Piano Recital
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
Tuesday	6:00 am	Primary Election
	7:00 pm	The Chosen Small Group
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	7:00 pm	Cinco De Mayo—Game and Taco Night
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

OFFICE NEWS

Have you noticed anyone new in the office? Barb Runyon and Janie Emerson will be job sharing the secretary duties each month. Nothing will change except the person at the desk and the voice on the phone.

May secretary—Barb Runyon

June secretary—Janie Emerson

It's not too late to pay your 2026 Per Capita?

Although the Church has paid the \$10,446.54 Statement, we only collected \$6,135.58 from members. If you have paid your portion, we thank you for your payment. If you have not, **individual per capita is \$46.02.** Please consider giving as soon as possible to help reduce the \$4,310.96 paid by the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org or 317.508.4411.

Help Host Fellowship Hour!

We are looking for volunteers to host Fellowship Hour after church! Hosting is a simple and meaningful way to serve—just bring some light refreshments, help set up, and tidy up afterward. You can sign up individually or with a friend or group. If you're willing to help create a welcoming space for fellowship, please consider signing up today! **If you have questions please see Catherine Burnside or Sondra Pearson in the kitchen or Barb Runyon at the Welcome Center.**

Adult Sunday School...

For **Sunday, May 3**, the class will begin a study of Lee Strobel's book, "**THE CASE FOR EASTER**". Did Jesus REALLY die on the cross. Did Jesus REALLY rise from the dead. What are the medical, historical and cultural truths revealed in the scriptures? Come and see!

The Chosen Small Group

Bob and Trish Moore are hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are starting back at the beginning with Season 1. We will watch an episode, and then follow with discussion. **The meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00.** New members are welcome to join us at any point in the series! If you are interested in joining, please email bob-trishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

FPC Church Roof Is Failing!

A capital campaign for a new \$60,000 (plus) roof will be starting immediately. Your help is very important in order to preserve the integrity of our beloved church. More information to come in the following weeks, but please consider how you may be able to financially help with this expense. If you have any questions concerning the roof or the capital campaign talk to Steve Runyon, Property Elder or Mark Wisely, Finance Elder.

Sunday Snuggles!

Our church family is growing, and with that comes the blessing of more little ones! We would love to have 1 more volunteer to cuddle and play with our youngest visitors and members. By serving in the nursery just once a month, you can make a big impact for our families! If you have a heart for kids and baby snuggles, please see Trish Moore or send an email to : bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Mother's Day Carnation Orders - THIS Sunday, May 3rd!

We need to get your orders in SOON!

You may pick up a form on the table at the back of the sanctuary to place your Mother's Day Carnation order. Please turn these in, with your check, by **Sunday, May 3rd**. You may give your order to Jim Story or put it in the offering plate.

Meet Your Deacon, THIS Sunday, May 3rd!

During Fellowship Hour

April Session Recap!

Meeting started with a welcome dinner for new members Jon and Maureen Schriebfeder. Pastor Ken is having a second class on leadership, organization anxiety, and how to be the church now that the landscape on which we are operating as radically changed on Sunday, May 17 immediately following fellowship hour. Presbyterian Women reported that the rummage sale brought in \$4,300. Deacons reported that the Meet The Deacon fellowship hour will be Sunday, May 3. Christian Ed reported that there is just one space left for the Performing Arts Camp in June. Worship reported that the annual outdoor service will be Sunday, June 7 at Forest Park , Shelter 3. Look for more information on the outdoor service coming soon. Mission reported that they have the largest group going to Henderson in June and various fund raising activities are planned for May. Planning reported that they are currently working on job descriptions for church staff. Properties reported that many small issues are being repaired throughout the church but the flat sections of the roof need to be replaced. They are currently looking at bids to replace the roof. More information to come in the next couple of months.

Men's Fellowship Luncheons

The FPC men's luncheons are the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Sign up sheet will be on a clipboard at the welcome center, or you can email Stephen at sacraig071347@gmail.com. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**



Ladies Luncheons

The FPC women's luncheons are the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Sign up sheet will be on a clipboard at the welcome center. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**

Stay Informed...

Do you want to know what is happening in the life of our church? Join our email list to get weekly updates on:

- Upcoming Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Spiritual Encouragement/ Sermon Highlights

Send your email information to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org. In addition, to receive important updates by text, text FPC to 317-537-0124.

Stay connected, stay inspired!

Purchases & Reimbursements...

If you make a purchase for the church, please turn in your receipts. Put them in an envelope and include your name & the purpose of the purchase. Place them in Robin's mailbox. If you want to be reimbursed for the purchase, use the forms in the payment voucher mailbox (top row, second from the right).

PAYMENT VOUCHER	
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1207 Corner St., Noblesville, IN 46060	
Date:	_____
Made Payable to:	_____
Invoice or Statement No.:	_____
Description of Purchase or Need:	_____
Total Amount Due: \$	_____
Category:	_____ Account: _____
Approved By:	_____ Amount: _____
<small>Only authorized Elders or Moderators may sign vouchers. Please attach to the original bill or invoice for processing and place in the Business Manager's mailbox.</small>	

Sunday School Calendar

Grades 6 - 8

~~MARCH
8
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

~~MARCH
15
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

~~MARCH
22
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

~~APRIL
12
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia~~

~~APRIL
19
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia~~

~~APRIL
26
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia~~

MAY
8
FELLOWSHIP HALL
6-8PM
Cinco de Mayo Game
Night

MAY
10
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
17
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
24
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
31
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia



FAMILY CINCO DE MAYO GAME NIGHT
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHIPS AND DIP
TO SHARE.** CHIPS AND SALSA AND
LEMONADE PROVIDED.

CINCO DE MAYO GAME NIGHT

Friday, May 8, 2026 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm |
Fellowship Hall, FPC

BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD GAME TO PLAY
AND JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AT OUR FPC
FAMILY GAME NIGHT.

Creative & Performing Arts Camp...

Camp will be held June 1-5

Registration is \$60 per child and will be open March 1st—May 17th

There is ONE spot left.

Volunteers are needed for camp, please consider giving a hour, a day, or a couple of days to the children. Contact Marlee Light at marleelight@gmail.com or stop by the Welcome Center.

2026 CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

REGISTER MARCH 1 - MAY 17



<https://forms.gle/iH2rSRiK4yiux2VK7>



JUNE 1 - 5, 10AM-4PM

MUST HAVE COMPLETED 1ST GRADE

\$60 PER CHILD DUE MAY 17 TO SECURE SPOT

MUST FILL OUT THE FORM LINKED FOR EACH CHILD

CONTACT US AT SUMMERCAMPFPC@GMAIL.COM

Mission Minute...

A Decade of Faithful Support for Last Bell Ministries



For over ten years, our congregation has supported Last Bell Ministries through financial gifts, donations of winter coats, clothing and basic needs, and two mission trips to Ukraine for English Camp. Most importantly, FPC has faithfully prayed for Last Bell Ministries and the people of Ukraine and continues to do so.

2026 has two great opportunities for you to continue to help our friends at Last Bell

The **“Sharing Our Love”** donation drive will focus on teens and young adult orphans and their families.

- Gently used or new, warm winter coats, shoes, and clothing.
- They love American fashions, especially hoodies and T-shirts with logos.
- There is also a love of baseball and softball, but no athletic equipment for those sports is sold in Ukraine.
- More info and a collection zone will be set up in Fellowship Hall early May. Items will be shipped to Ukraine in early fall.

Free Concert to Benefit Last Bell Ministries

Dr. Warren Fremling will be hosting a concert on **Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 in the FPC Sanctuary**

Mark your calendars for this wonderful benefit. Ask Warren or a mission team member how you can help with this special event.

FREE CONCERT
TO BENEFIT
 **UKRAINE**  **LAST BELL**
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY JUNE 14 4:00
Dr. Warren Fremling, Baritone and Philip Orem, Piano

For more information about Last Bell Ministries visit <https://lastbell.org/>

FPC "Spirit" Wear

T-Shirts & Quarter Zips



\$20 (\$22 for 2XL & 3XL)

T Shirts available in
Men's/Unisex
or Women's Cut
Sizes XS-3X



\$35 (\$37 for 2XL & 3XL)

Quarter Zips available in
Unisex Sizes Sm-3X

Jennie Auble
@Jennie-Auble



venmo

Orders taken through **May 3** at church or
online: <https://forms.gle/k4QFeiUmoph7tmHEA>

Payment: Checks made to **FPC**, Cash, or Venmo
or you may pay when shirts are delivered late May

Spirit Wear sales go toward the Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement

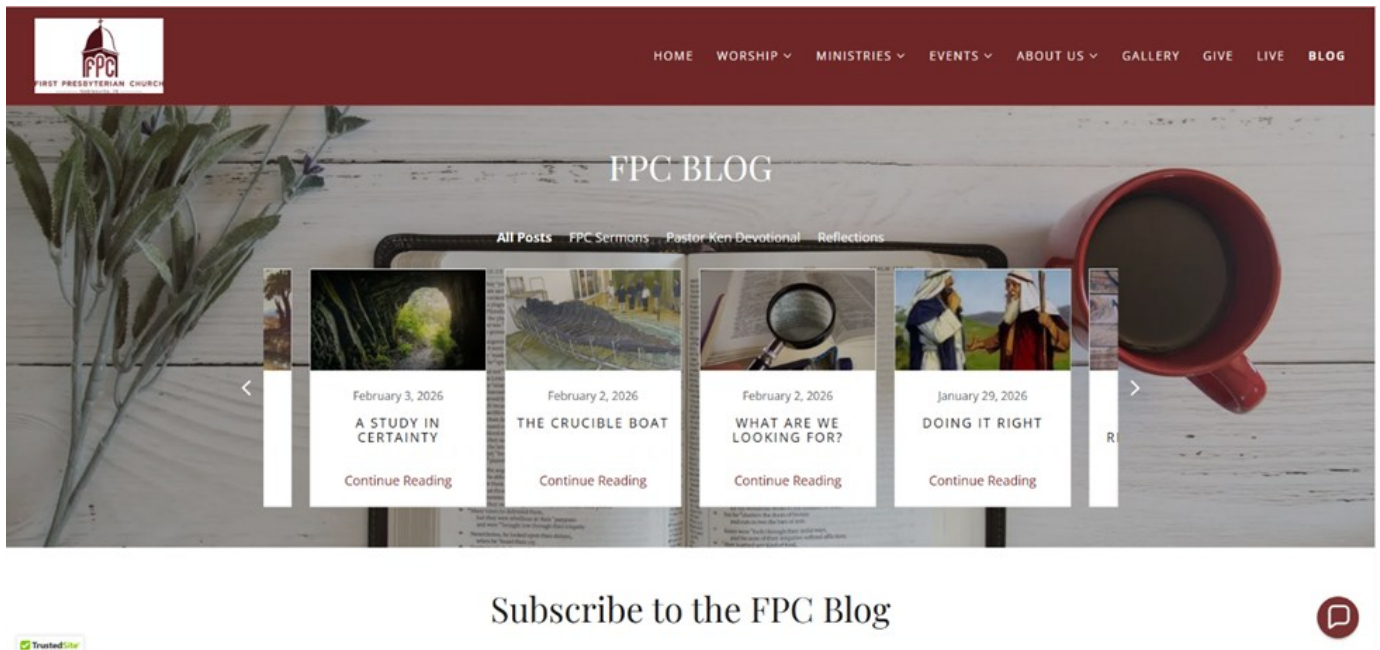
For more information or questions – Jennie @ 317-696-3843

FPC BLOG

If you have not visited our website lately, you're missing out! Along with weekly updates, announcements, sermon teasers, and an event calendar, **we've added a blog page.** Blogs are a type of regularly updated web page that provide insight into certain topics. The word blog is short for "weblog" (a combined version of the words "web" and "log").

A link to the blog page appears in the main menu of our website. Current topics include weekly devotionals by Pastor Ken, a written version of weekly Sunday sermons, Lenten and Advent readings, and a members category called "reflections". The devotionals and sermons also provide links to scripture references through Bible Gateway.

If you enjoy writing and would like to have your reflection included in the FPC blog, submit your piece to Brian Wuerch at brian.wuerch@fpc-noblesville.org. All submissions are subject to approval. An example has already been posted, so feel free to check that out here: <https://fpc-noblesville.org/blog>. HAPPY BLOGGING!



A Note From the Church Office— The Scammers are back!



Members of the congregation have received what looks like an email from our Interim Pastor, Ken Locke.

If you look at the email this is sent from, it shows a “gmail.com” address. **This is not an official FPC email. All emails from an FPC address will be from “*Person@fpc-noblesville.org.*”**

Please ignore & delete any emails from bad email addresses.

Thank you!