



News & Notes

December 24, 2025

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Noblesville, IN



Christmas Eve Service—Tonight at 6 PM...

“This Strange and Wondrous Gift”

Pastor Gracie Payne

Message this Sunday...

“Every Ending Brings a New Beginning”

Deuteronomy 31:7-8; Hebrews 10:19-25

Bob Moore

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

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

November 2025 Income/Expense Report

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$295,240	\$272,068.04	\$279,395.01
Expenses:	\$295,240	\$289,236.20	\$304,805.96
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ (17,168.16)	\$ (25,410.95)

Remember in your Prayers...

- ♥ The Family of Bih Ndofor, on the passing of her mother.
- ♥ Rachel Morgan, recuperating from surgery.
- ♥ Kay Ziegler, at Ascension St. Vincent.
- ♥ Lamar Ziegler, on the passing of his aunt, Lois Templeton (99).
- ♥ Kay Ziegler, on the passing of her next older sister, Jeanne, she was 81.
- ♥ Bob Wesley, recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery at Hamilton Trace.



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

Wendy Bittle

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*

Ray Faust—*Harbor Manpor*

Barbara Landes

Carolyn & Joe McGinley—*Hamilton Trace*

Verna Merrell

Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough—*Five Star Residences of Noblesville*

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH
6:00 PM

JOIN US AT FPC IN A MEMORABLE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE ON
CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING AT
6:00PM.

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT THAT
SETS UP THE MYSTERY AND AWE
OF THE BIRTH OF OUR CHRIST!



Update on Interim Pastor...

Our session is pleased to announce that the **Rev. Kenneth Locke** has accepted our invitation to be our interim pastor. He will be sharing more about the interim process, its timeline and goals, after he arrives. For now, he wants us to know that he is genuinely excited about being with us, getting to know us and being a part of our ministry.

"Pastor Ken has not always been a pastor. In his time he has been a short-order cook, soldier, freight agent and worker in a handcrafted tile factory. Ordained in 1997, Pastor Ken has served two long-term, installed pastorates. First at the Rangeline Presbyterian Church of Lowell, IN (Lake County), and then at the Downtown Presbyterian Church of Nashville, TN. In 2015 he switched from installed to intentional interim/transitional ministry. As an interim pastor he has served churches in WV, KY, OH, IA, WI and IN. We are his 10th interim congregation and 3rd interim congregation in IN.

"Pastor Ken holds degrees from Ouachita Baptist University (BA, English), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (MA, English) and Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv). He lives in Beech Grove with his wife Elizabeth Lindsey and their basset, William. His first day with us will be January 12th."



No Nursery or Sunday School on December 28, 2025...

Nursery care, Rainbows/ Shooting Stars Sunday School classes will not be available on Sunday, December 28th. We look forward to see everyone back on January 4th!

2026 Giving Envelopes

The 2026 giving envelopes are now available by the back door on the table. ***Please take only one book per family.***



Do you like to do holiday baking, but always have too much?

Share a plate of cookies, bread, or other special treat with our neighbors in need. Double-wrap, label what is inside, even put a bow and nice card on it to lift someone's spirits during the Christmas Season. Place directly in the pantry or leave at the indoor collection zone and we will put it out for you. Thanks! the Mission Team

Adult Sunday School...

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**What did Mary Know?
When did She Know It?**

Mark Lowry Interview & Song

**SUNDAY MORNING IN THE
DOWNSTAIRS CLASSROOM
9AM**



Sunday School Christmas Calendar

Grades 6 - 8



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

Luke 2:14

Thank You from Last Bell...

Friends at First Presbyterian, we're so thankful for you and your faithful gifts to bless our youth!

Opening boxes from First Presbyterian is always a major event!

Thanks to your diligence in collecting coats and other items, packing them, and shipping them in good time, our Stop the Cycle families will be warm during the coming winter months. They'll be able to travel around the city more easily in cold weather and kids will be able to play outside. They won't need to spend their meager funds on expensive new coats, but can save those funds for other vital family needs.

Your financial gifts help us meet many other needs for these families, and for our orphaned students. We're so thankful for your genuine friendship in this Kingdom work!

Merry Christmas to each of you and your families,

The Last Bell Team



Mission Minute—December



You're Answering the Call—Thank You!

A heartfelt **thank you** to all who have donated non-perishable food and financial gifts to support our *Little Yellow Food Pantry*. Your generosity is helping neighbors who often fall through the cracks of traditional food assistance.

Thanksgiving week was a wonderful success—and with Christmas approaching, let's keep the momentum going!

- **Donate nonperishables** indoors or place them directly into the outdoor pantry.
- **Give financially** using the yellow envelopes in pew folders. Checks made out to *FPC* with “Food Pantry” in the memo line help fund monthly grocery trips.

Want to do more? Volunteer to restock pantry shelves, shop for groceries, or keep the storage area organized. Signups begin in January at the **Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall**.

We are deeply grateful to the FPC family for stepping up in this challenging season. Your kindness is making a real difference this holiday.