

NEW MEMBER/INQUIRERS CLASS

Are you interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville or would you like more information about our church? The fall New Member/Inquirers class will be on **Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 am in the church library**. At the class you will be able to ask questions about our church and meet other leaders. If you would like more information before the class or would like to sign up, please contact Barb Runyon at bsrunyon@yahoo.com or call/text 317-407-4170.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Administrative Assistant - Whitewater Valley Presbytery is seeking a full-time Lead Administrative Assistant to provide essential administrative leadership and support for the Presbytery’s staff, committees, congregations, and ministries. For more information on position details, requirements, and how to apply see this week’s News and Notes.

WESTMINSTER CIRCLE

Circle is now meeting on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 pm. We are studying the Hebrew names of God. If you would like more information, contact Catherine Byrnside at nobleswynd@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL MUSIC

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with us during a Sunday service this Summer, **please contact Cynthia Fremling at (847) 293-7306 or cfremling@comcast.net**.

CHOIR WILL BE BACK SOON...

Hard to believe but summertime is almost over and choir season will begin again in just a few weeks. **Choir will begin rehearsing regularly on Thursday nights beginning September 3. The Choir will return to singing in service the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 13 this year.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - “AUGUST - TOYS”

Thank you for your donations for Christmas Shoebox Ministry in July! You all did a great job! The month of August we are continuing to give but now concentrating on toys! Jump ropes, stuffed animals, chawks, dolls, things you are led to buy for boys and girls 2-14 We have new suggestions hanging on our tree. (Keep in mind the shoebox size) God bless you for giving to this wonderful ministry!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

No adult Sunday School today. The class will resume next Sunday, August 30. The Adult class will continue their series on Samuel. Everyone is welcome to join.

TIME TO UPDATE THE FPC CHURCH DIRECTORY!

We are in the process of updating the FPC church directory. **If you aren’t currently in the directory, have any changes in your contact information, or if you would like to add a picture or even change the picture that is currently in the directory**—email all changes to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org.

OMS – BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

Please pray for Lamar Ziegler and Sue Jourdan as they travel with 7 other members of Men for Mission to Londrina, Brazil from August 21-30, 2026. Read about their trip in the most recent News and Notes.

STAY INFORMED

Take a few minutes and read about the Red Geranium Artisan Market, ways to help our community after the flooding, and the August Session meeting in the current News and Notes.

JULY 2026 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT			GIVE ON-LINE THROUGH TITHE.LY:
	2026 Actual	2025 Actual	
Operating Income:	\$ 169,647.60	\$ 196,149.90	
Operating Expense:	\$ 186,318.48	\$ 186,682.40	
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (16,670.88)	\$ 9,467.50	

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary — 120; Households Online — 25

AUGUST 23 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2026		
Today	9:00 am	NO Adult Sunday School – will resume next week (8/30)
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
	6:30 pm	Bridge Group
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
Wednesday	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday	4:30 pm	Mission Study Team Meeting
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

AUGUST 23, 2026	
Audio / Video Team:	Nathan Roe & Clint Gingerich 8/30— Jake Light & Nathan Roe
Nursery:	Laurie Szabo & Jennie Auble 8/30— Robin Story & Karen Perkins-Gale
Lay leader:	Kregg Swanson 8/30— Paul Auble
Fellowship hour:	Pastor Ken Locke in Honor of his Ordination on 8/18/1997 8/30— Alto Section of Choir
In the office:	August & September —Barb Runyon secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ **Jana and Dick Zeiler**, on the passing of Jana’s father, John Shoaf.
- ♥ **Judith Drysdale**, will be having left knee replacement on 9/1 at Riverview.
- ♥ **Elizabeth Story**, in a car accident, had surgery on her wrist on Friday, August 14.
- ♥ **Jeri Griffith**, for continued prayers for healing.
- ♥ **Larry Grabb**, at Hines VA Rehab hospital to help him function more independently. He will be home on Friday, August 21, a week early.
- ♥ **Bill Linville**, continued cancer treatment.
- ♥ **Tim Nash**, in ICU at Riverview Hospital.
- ♥ **Bill McConnell, husband of Jan McConnell**, recuperating at home, continued prayers for healing. Meal train information for McConnell family in the current News and Notes.

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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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SESSION

Laurie Szabo	Christian Education
Barb Runyon	Evangelism
Mark Wisely	Finance
Jennie Auble	Mission
Bob Moore	Planning
Peggy Deakne	Personnel /Nom.
Steve Runyon	Properties
Rick Mayhew	Worship
Karen McCord	Clerk
Ken Locke	Moderator

DEACONS

Anne Burress
Jill Casper
Cheryl Ditzler
Brenda Christian
Clint Gingerich
Andrea Joines
Linda Melton
Gail Ratliff
Robin Rufatto
Quinn Teague
Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 23, 2026

13TH 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Jon Schreibfeder
Jennie Auble

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
"Be Still My Soul" Arr. Jean Sibelius

† OPENING PRAYER Lay Leader: Kregg Swanson
L: Son of God, Son of Man, you offered your body on the cross.
P: Help us to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving, that we may be transformed and reformed by your word, in the name of our Sovereign Lord, Christ Jesus. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #43

† CALL TO CONFESSION
L: Though we seek the will of God, we are still finding ourselves conforming to this world, instead of being transformed into God's image.
P: Let us seek forgiveness for having turned away from justice and mercy. God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
P: Almighty God, When faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble. We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, and our station more than we fear disappointing you. Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk for what we know is right. God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.
(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE
L: If God was not on our side, we could not stand to face God's judgment. But God is with us, always faithful, as we seek to live in peace.
P: In the name of 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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" Tom Baird, Baritone
(by Geoffrey O'Hara) Cheryl Mayhew, Piano

God's Word is Proclaimed

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 1:8—2:10 Old Testament pg 49
New Testament Lesson: Romans 12:1—8 New Testament pgs 161-2

HYMN OF PREPARATION "O Jesus, I have Promised" #676

SERMON "A Short Lesson on Etiquette" Pastor Ken Locke

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 joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)

OFFERING
OFFERTORY "Spiritual Medley" Kendall Teague, Soprano
(Arr by Bill Wolaver) Cheryl Mayhew, Piano

† 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: Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
P: Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN "Rise Up, O Church of God" #433

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

POSTLUDE "Allegro" George F. Handel

†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.

*The Church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 1:8-2:10
8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. 15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' 17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' 20 So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Romans 12:1-8
1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.