

## SCRIPTURES & MESSAGE NOTES (continued)

### Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.<sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Prepare for the Lenten Season beginning with our **Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM.**

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Today, the Adult Class will continue the 6 part study "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado. Max says "What happens in the later days will make more sense once you know what God promised in the early days". The class discussion will center on what early promises of God have not been fulfilled and why?

### 2026 HENDERSON SETTLEMENT MISSION TRIP

**Join us for a Christ centered adventure at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, from June 21–25.** This all ages mission trip combines hands on service with the joy of traveling and serving together. Volunteers take part in home repairs, community outreach, and time with local families—work that helps meet basic needs in Appalachia and creates opportunities for better lives. Last year, twenty adults and children from our FPC family joined the team, and we're excited to see who God brings along this summer. Whether you're repairing a porch, assisting with outreach projects, or simply offering a listening ear, every task makes a meaningful impact. Longtime volunteers Kay and Lamar Ziegler, who have served for 42 consecutive years, still describe the experience as deeply rewarding and full of unexpected moments of joy.

**Jennie Auble and Lamar Ziegler will be available during Fellowship Hour today to answer questions for those new to trip. Returning volunteers, please pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center so we can reserve your housing.**

### 2026 CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

Camp will be held June 1-5. Registration is \$60 per child and will be open March 1<sup>st</sup>—May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### FPC BLOG...

Check out our Blog page on the 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.

## FEBRUARY 8 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2026

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Deacon's Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	1:30 pm	Newcomer's Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm	Tri Kappa
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am	Women's GBR Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men's GBR Reunion Group
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am	Aerobics
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

### FAMILY BINGO NIGHT...

**Friday, February 20, 2026—6-9 pm**

Pizza Dinner 6-7 pm

Bingo starts at 7 pm

### 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you have not received your statement, please contact Robin Story at [robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org](mailto:robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org).

### 2026 PER CAPITA REMINDER

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, we are required by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to pay annual per capita dues each year per member. **For 2026, that amount is \$46.02 per member.** The per capita is our shared gift providing primary support of the operating ministry of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. These are dues that we are required to pay and it is an **expense that equates to approximately \$12,000 each year from our operating budget** receiving only about 25% from members. We pay these dues in March whether the money has been received by our members or not. **If you could faithfully pay your portion of the per capita by March 1st, that would be greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Robin.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ Wanda Davis, mother of Micael Davis, in the hospital.
- ♥ Don & Raelene Barnes, twin brother & sister-in-law of Dolores McNabb, both have cancer and Don is in hospice.
- ♥ Maria Wuerch (Brian & Kelly's daughter-in-law) is 8 months pregnant with preeclampsia and will be delivering early.
- ♥ Lindsay Westerman (Brian & Kelly Wuerch's niece) has upcoming surgery to remove several large masses.
- ♥ Mike Maloney, husband of Rita Popp, recuperating at home.
- ♥ Bill Linville, awaiting a liver transplant.
- ♥ Don Bellis, receiving hospice care at home.



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

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| Wendy Bittle                              | Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village |
| Ray Faust—Harbor Manor                    | Barbara Landes                        |
| Carolyn & Joe McGinley — Hamilton Trace   |                                       |
| Verna Merrell                             | Rachel Morgan                         |
| Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville |                                       |



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ken Locke, Interim Pastor

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

### SESSION

Laurie Szabo	Christian Education
Barb Runyon	Evangelism
Mark Wisely	Finance
Jennie Auble	Mission
Bob Moore	Planning
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.
Steve Runyon	Properties
Karen McCord	Clerk
Jim Story	Worship Coordinator
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



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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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Birthdays

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Celebration Medley"

Cheryl Mayhew, organist  
Arr. by Don Wyrtzen

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: In a world that rewards selfishness,

P: it is wise to hoard resources, foolish to share.

L: In a world built on violence,

P: it is wise to be suspicious, foolish to risk compassion.

L: But God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world:

P: Greed will not serve us in heaven. Self-preservation will not save us in the end.

L: So we will choose to be foolish; we will choose the way of love.

All: Together, we foolishly worship our all-loving God.

† OPENING HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

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† CALL TO CONFESSION (responsive)

L: God has told us what is good, what is required:

P: Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God.

L: These commands are so simple, yet we know we have not always followed them.

P: Aware of our sins, we confess them to God and one another.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

L: Merciful God, we fail to do what is right.

P: Instead, we pursue evil and do not speak the truth.

L: Even when we try our best to be faithful, still we turn away from you.

P: Forgive us, accept us, and redeem us, that we may seek to do what you call

good. God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.

(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)

L: Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption, is the one who judges us.

P: Christ is the one who was born for us and forgives us with abundant love.

L: We will boast of all the good God has done for us!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI

words on screen

CHORAL ANTHEM

"In This Very Room"

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)

OFFERING

Offertory

† Doxology

† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"My God and I"

I. B. Sergei  
words on screen

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MESSAGE

"Our Counterintuitive God"

Pastor Ken Locke

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Old Testament pg. 866

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

New Testament pg. 166

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

New Testament pg. 4

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Elders: Steve Runyon, Laurie Szabo, Peggy Deakyne

Deacon: Jill Casper

L: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

P: There are different ways of serving God, but is the same Lord who is served.

L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

P: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

L: Together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

L: We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord.

P: Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

L: Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Clerk: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville now ordains Jill Casper to the office of deacon, and Steve Runyon to the office of elder, and installs them to active service on their respective boards.

The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained: elders Laurie Szabo & Peggy Deakyne.

† CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

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† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The Old, Old Story Medley"

Arr. by Harold DeCou

†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.

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Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

<sup>6</sup> 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one <sup>29</sup> might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> He is

the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in <sup>31</sup> the Lord.'