

MAY HOPE CHEST

The Center for Women and Families

Kentuckiana's Domestic Violence
+ Rape Crisis Center

1301 Akers Avenue, Jeffersonville

1-2 New Car Seats (transition, ages 1-4)

1 New Booster Seat (ages 5-8 yrs)

Kroger Gift Cards (gas, food, etc.)

Tissues

Young Boys' Clothes (ages newborn-5)

Newborn Size Diapers

Pull Ups 2T, 3T, 4T

***Donations of cash/check may be put
in Hope Chest pew envelopes.***

Thank you for helping !

Learning to Live Unafraid

We live in a world filled with anxieties and fears—fear of crime, race, terrorism, and politics; fear of failure, disappointing others, insignificance, and loneliness; fear of change, missing out, and finances; fear of aging, illness, and dying; fear that the world is ending, and even fear of the Lord. How can we face our fears with hope and live with courage in uncertain times? How can we live unafraid? What does Scripture tell us?

Come to the Chapel (elevator 2B) at 9:30 on Sunday morning and join the conversation. Let's face our fears with faith, examine our assumptions in light of facts, attack our anxieties with action, and release our cares to God to find peace, even in uncertain times.



First Presbyterian Church

Jeffersonville, Indiana

We are disciples of Jesus Christ who love and serve others.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Welcome

Revelation 7:12

One: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God

All: forever and always. Alleluia! Amen.

Prelude

Power of the Cross

arr. Jason Payne

Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

*Call to Worship

based on John 10:22-30

One: Awake! Rise up! The Good Shepherd calls.
There is much to be done in the Lord's name today.

All: We will listen to the Shepherd's voice and follow.

One: The Shepherd will lead you beside waters of rest,
restore your souls, and show you the paths of righteousness.

**All: We will open our hearts to the Good Shepherd who walks
with us and guides us.**

*Music

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Hymn #240

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First Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours: 1:30—5:30pm / Tuesday - Friday

Bridge Pastor—Rev. Karen McDonald Smith

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Clerk of Session—Beth Snyder

Church Office—Volunteers

Custodians— Rule 62 Cleaning LLC

Today's Liturgist—Ken Deaner

Today's Ushers:

Rodney Smithey, Eric Moore, Ford Miles, Jerry Robertson

***Call to Reconciliation** **Isaiah 53:5-6**
(A moment for silent, personal confession)

***Prayer of Confession**
God, your presence fills our lives and declares your love for us. Yet, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, following the desires of our own hearts and neglecting the needs of our neighbors. When trouble comes and adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are. Forgive us, we pray. Take away our sin. Still our hearts. Restore our souls. Lead us in the paths of righteousness. Nourish and anoint us with goodness and mercy. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

***Words of Grace**
One: Even in the darkest valley, though death’s shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God comforts and shelters us, as Christ extends a loving hand of forgiveness to us.
All: God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. We give thanks for God’s love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

***Response to God’s Grace** **Be Not Afraid**
Hymn #243

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***Passing of the Peace**
One: ... The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also, with you.
(Please share signs of Christ’s peace with those around you.)

Special Music **Sarabande**
Trish Read, Oboe; Kevin Vest, Piano Arcangelo Corelli

Sunday, May 11
Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School in the Chapel
10:30 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Equal Exchange
MOTHER’S DAY BLESSINGS!

Monday, May 12
3:00 PM Spiritual Seekers in the Agape Room
6:30 PM Christian Education Committee meets

Tuesday, May 13

Wednesday, May 14
4:30 PM Mission & Outreach Committee meets

Thursday, May 15

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17
8:30 AM Men’s Breakfast at Panera
9:30 AM Indoor Farmers’ Market

Sunday, May 18
Fifth Sunday of Easter & Presbyterian Heritage Sunday
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School in the Chapel
10:30 AM Worship Service
2025 Endowment Dedication with 195 lbs. of Food for CLM
11:30 AM Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Announcements

Older Adult Group

The new Older Adult Group is suggesting a trip to a theatre in Louisville for its meeting in May. The Bunbury Theater at 604 S. Third St. (Henry Clay Building) will present a matinee performance of “Doubt: A Parable” on Sunday, May 25 at 2 p.m. This small theatre (144 seats) is an easy carpool drive from the church with convenient parking right across the street. Please purchase your advance ticket for \$23.72 (senior citizen rate) at www.bunburytheatre.org. Tickets are \$30 on that day (if not sold out). The play, set in 1964, revolves around Father Flynn, a progressive and beloved priest, and Sister Aloysius, a rigid school principal. If you have any questions or need help, please call Debbie Cover or Judy Behringer, who will be attending. (Some of us will probably bring a brown bag lunch to church that day.)

195 Pounds of Food

In May, First Prez will celebrate 195 years of ministry in Jeffersonville, IN! At their April meeting the Session decided one way members will be asked to celebrate this occasion will be to collect 195 lbs. of food for the Center for Lay Ministries food pantry. First Presbyterian is one of the original Clark County faith congregations to organize and serve on the board of the CLM. Food items needed include; soups, spaghetti noodles and sauce, peanut butter and canned meats. They cannot accept dented cans or expired items. Please bring items to the atrium for collection. Thank you for helping!

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

The time for our 2025 Offering of Letters is drawing near. Last year our total of letter writers rose to 18, and our number of letters rose to 34. We’d like to do even better this year, because the need is great. Our focus this year is on maternal and childhood nutrition, both at home and abroad. As Congress considers the Farm Bill for this year, dramatic slashes in programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) are on the table, possibly subjecting millions of people across our country to hunger. This Sunday a Minute for Mission in worship will ask you to consider writing a letter on behalf of hungry people. On May 18, you may stay after worship to write a legislator. Paper, postage, envelopes and our Indiana and Kentucky Senators’ and Representatives’ addresses will be provided.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 10:22-30

New Revised Standard Version

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Common English Bible

One: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Inclusive Discipleship

Rev. Karen McDonald Smith

***Music**

For All the Faithful Women

Hymn #324 (verses 1, 3, 4)

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***Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; Jesus Christ is our Lord and our God. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:1-6, Mark 16:9, Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22:13, John 20:28

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Bread for the World
Rev. Dr. Jeff Cover

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Music

***Doxology**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Hymn #232 (verse 4)

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, Good Shepherd, Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service for the good of the world. Joyfully, we give thanks for our life in you and pray in the name of Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

***Music**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn #39

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***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Thine Is the Glory
arr. Robert MacDonald

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

We welcome all people to worship God with this community of faith. If you have questions, or if we could provide any assistance, please let us know. We trust that you will be blessed, and we look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Ministry of Friendship Sheets are in the red folders at the end of the pews. Please record your attendance by completing all of the information requested. We would like to stay in touch with you!

Online Worship: Warmer weather is here, and some folks will be traveling on Sundays or taking times of relaxation with family and friends.. Please stay in touch with what’s happening in your church each week by downloading the bulletin in the Presbygram or on the website <http://www.1stprez.org> and watch the worship service.

