



FPCSB

April 2026

TOWER BELL

MISSION STATEMENT

*As disciples of Christ,
First Presbyterian Church exists:
to let people know that they matter to God,
by showing them that they matter to us,
in order that they may let
others matter to them.*

MATTHEW 25

*By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation,
we are becoming a more relevant
presence in the world. We recognize
Christ's urgent call to be a church of
action, where God's love, justice and
mercy shine forth and are contagious. And
we rejoice how our re-energized faith can
unite us for a common and holy purpose:
our common identity to do mission.*

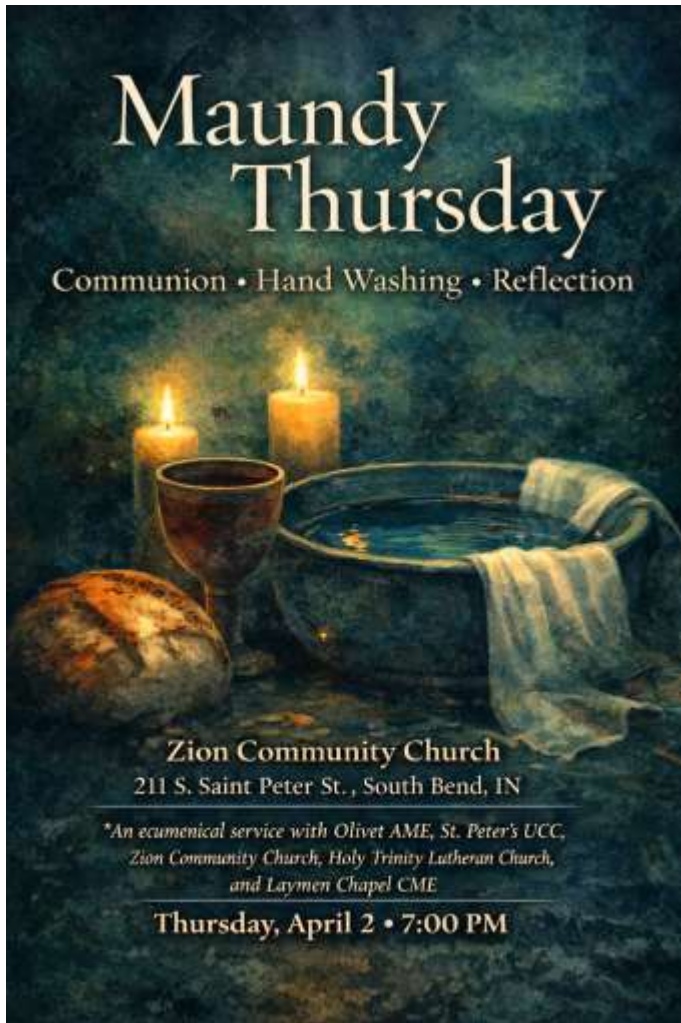
VISION STATEMENT

*As a caring community with a
commitment to Christian social justice,
we will create transformational space
to provide access to resources and
forge relationships with community
service and arts organizations.*



Happy Easter

**First Presbyterian Church of Downtown South Bend
Holy Week & Easter Schedule**



**Friday, April 3 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Good Friday: Stations in the Street Walk
through Downtown South Bend**

Walk through the streets of downtown South Bend, stopping at places of healing and hope as well as sites of despair and death in our community. Join us for a two mile, two hour, loop starting and ending at:

First Presbyterian Church [Parking lot behind building], 333 W. Colfax Avenue, South Bend
All ages welcome. No registration. No charge.



**Sunday, April 5 – 9:45 a.m.
Easter Sunday Service
With Jennifer Burns Lewis**

Celebration of 2026 Graduates



If you have someone graduating from high school or college, please let the church office know by Sunday, April 26 so we can order yard signs and send invitation to a celebration.

At this point, we are only aware of three high school graduates:

**Scott Kelso
Trinity Academy
&
Amelia Wenkus
Adams High School**

**Ben Hewitt
Riley High School**

Are there others?

**And,
please save the date!**

**Sunday, June 7, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Social Hall**

Come for cake & best wishes!

Congratulations!

Several friends of First Presbyterian Church of South Bend have recently welcomed new babies.

Eliza Jane Bikowski was born March 11, 2026

to

Erik and Amanda English Bikowski

Grandmother is Kathleen English

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Petra Vivian Rashcka was born March 12, 2026

to

Adam and Jena Chapman Raschka

Grandparents are Ali Henderson and Dan Chapman

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Theodore James Brode was born March 13, 2026

to

Linnie LaMaster and Michael Brode

Grandparents are George and Jennifer LaMaster.





“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven”...

... “A time to be born”...

...“A time to love”...

The Presbyterian Church of Edwardsburg, MI, FPC Mishawaka,
Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

... “A time to grieve”...

... “A time to heal” ...

Jennifer Brittain, Kevin Dreyer, Van Gates, Scott Kelso, Sally Schlobohm, Joann Sporleder

...and friends of FPC...

Karen Blackley, Maggie Dyszkiewicz, Ann Schwarz, Michelle Scott, Mike Skaggs,
Emily Thompson, Vicki Toothaker, Ethan Wadzinski, Sharon Walbert

...“A time to die”...

... “and a time for peace”...

Those serving in our military & their families, those who serve our community:
teachers, police officers, fire fighters, emergency responders, healthcare workers, postal service
employees, grocery store workers, and elected officials. Victims and families of gun violence.

“Lunch Bunch”

Every third Thursday of the month

Allie’s Café

2323 E Mishawaka Ave, South Bend, IN 46615

We have a continuous reservation for 12.

Smock Senior Ministries Cluster

First Presbyterian Elkhart, Goshen, Mishawaka, South Bend & Sunnyside

May Outing

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 - 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**The History Center including Copshaholm – The Oliver Mansion
The Studebaker Museum**



Schedule

10:00 A.M. - Meet @ The History Center

Entrance & Free Parking – 897 Thomas Street, South Bend, IN 46601

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10:15 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. - Tour first floor of Copshaholm – The Oliver Mansion

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11:10 A.M. - 12:10 P.M. - Tour The Studebaker Museum

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12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. - Lunch

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1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M. - Tour The History Museum

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Browsing & shopping – on your own – after tours!

Cost & Reservations

\$10.00 per person for admission, tours, and lunch!

Reservations – by Sunday, April 22 - to:

Phyllis Wezeman - phylliswezeman1@gmail.com or 574-302-1556

Mission of the Month – April

Please come to a Packing Party

Sunday, April 19, 2026

11:00 a.m. - immediately following worship

Social Hall

Lunch provided

Please plan to stay for lunch, immediately following worship on Sunday, April 19. We'll gather in the social hall to hold a party to pack pads – made at the recent event at Indiana University South Bend as well as by churches around the country. In addition, our own sewing group has made pillowcase dresses and handmade toys for our ministries in Malawi for us to send, too.



Lunch will be provided.

Your help is needed – and appreciated.

*Happy
Birthday*



April Malindima	04/04
Joann Sporleder	04/04
Ken Wezeman	04/04
Douglas MacGregor	04/06
Tessa Ziwawo	04/12
Emmanuel Mwachande	04/24

You're Invited to Celebrate Phyllis Vos Wezeman's Big Birthday!



Around the World in 80 Chocolates

Phyllis has been to 80 countries & eaten chocolate in most of them!

Open House

Saturday, May 2, 2026

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[2:00 p.m. - Chocolates from around the World activities; 3:30 p.m. - Chocolate Favorites game]

- + Light Lunch
- + Chocolate Creations
- + Malawian Munchies

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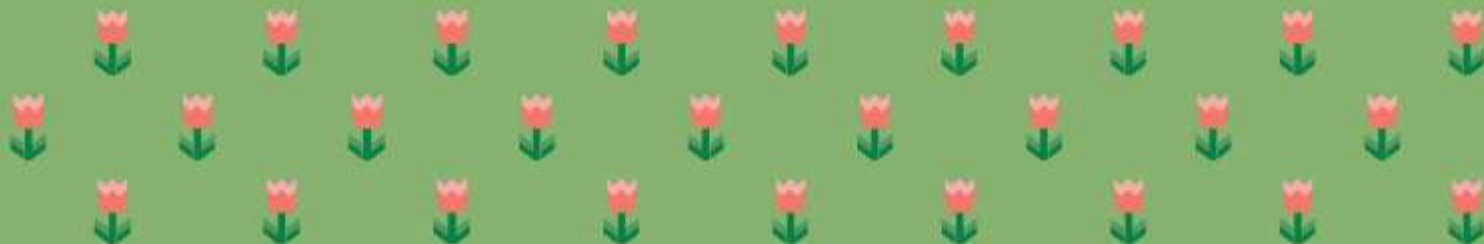
South Bend, IN 46601

[Park behind building; Enter Social Hall door]

RSVP [Yes or No] by Saturday, April 25:

By email - phylliswezeman1@gmail.com

By phone or text - 574-302-1556



Presence over Presents

No gifts, but donations to Malawi Matters' "80 Reasons to Celebrate - 80 Leaders to Train" Campaign appreciated. For further information, scan the QR Code to view the Malawi Matters brochure.

You can donate online by scanning the QR code below, or mail checks to:

Malawi Matters Inc.
P.O. Box 11694
South Bend, IN 46634
www.malawimatters.org



OR Bring 1 or more items for "Birthday Cake Kits" for local agencies:

- box of birthday candles
- box of cake mix [standard size - 13.25 ounce]
- can of frosting
- jars of sprinkles



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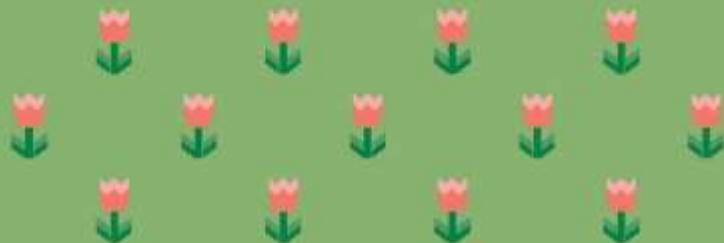
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Directions and Parking Instructions

First Presbyterian Church
333 W. Colfax Avenue
South Bend, IN 46601

Enter through William Street alley and park behind the church building. Enter through the Social Hall door with the green awning.



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First Presbyterian Church of South Bend—We welcome all visitors! Visit our website: www.fpcsouthbend.org



**Join Us For Worship
on Sunday Morning
@ 9:45**