

9:00 Modern Service October 26, 2025



First Pres Maumee
LOVE FIRST

Current Series: *KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE*

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Are you new to First Pres? We'd love to get to know you. Connect Cards are available in the pews. Please place your completed card in the offering plate.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Open & Mark your Bibles: Luke 24:1-8 (p. 1060), Acts 1:6-11 (p. 1090), Ephesians 1:18-23, p. 1173

Hymnal: No. 471; No. 858; No. 899; No. 181; No. 217

GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER

Song of Proclamation, No. 471: "There is One Gospel"

Welcome

Pastor Clint Tolbert

Song of Exhortation & Proclamation, No. 858: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD

Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All: Forgive us, Lord. By the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us from sin to new life, that we may serve You in joy and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your name. It's in his Christ's holy and powerful name that we pray.

(Silence for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

Song of Prayer, No. 299: "Show Us Christ" (verse 1)

Children's Church Sending

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Lament, No. 899: "Is He Worthy"

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-8 (p. 1060); Acts 1:6-11 (p. 1090)

Erin Funk

Sermon: "Rose Again, Ascended, and Reigns" (Ephesians 1:18-23, p. 1173)

Pastor Clint Tolbert

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

Song of Response, No. 181: "In Christ Alone"

Offering & Your Giving at Work

Prayers for God's 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Song of Proclamation, No. 217: "All Glory Be to Christ"

GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN

Charge and Blessing

WORSHIP NOTES

PRAYER

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with us, so that others can be in prayer with you, please fill out one of our prayer cards (found in the pews or the prayer room) and bring your completed card to one of our prayer team members in the prayer room. To learn and pray in greater detail for those who are named in the service, please visit *"First Pres in Prayer"* in the FYI Newsletter.

GIVING

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. One of the ways we respond to Christ's call to discipleship is by returning some of the financial provision that God has provided to us. Please make your tithes and offerings for the work of the church by giving as the plates are passed, mailing a check to the church office, or by using the "give" button at the top right-hand corner of the church website. A QR code is also available on the giving card in the pews.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY

Children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join our teachers for Children's Church (a time for child-engaging worship activities). We will send the children off following our song of prayer (*Show Us Christ*) prior to the sermon. They will return after the sermon. If this is your child's first time in Children's Church, please go with them to meet our teachers. The nursery is staffed during the entire service for infants through age three.

FLOWERS

This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God, in honor of Rose Wulff, by her daughters Diane, Debbie, and Denise.

Sermon Notes: October 26, 2025

Ephesians 1:18-23 (Luke 24:1-8; Acts 1:6-11)

"Rose Again, Ascended, and Reigns"

Main Points

- Even as Jesus reigns, he allows evil to exist for a time so that people might come to acknowledge Jesus as Savior and Lord.
- While he waits, Jesus exercises his powerful reign through his Church.
- We, the Church, have “resurrection power” available to us, but must choose to use it by faith.

Other Scripture Referenced

- **Romans 5:12 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-26**
- he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. - **1 Corinthians 15:3-7**
- The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. - **2 Peter 3:9**

Helpful Quotes and References

- “Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed.”
- John Stott

Application

- Each morning this week, say: 'Jesus is risen. Jesus reigns. Jesus is with me.'

Nicene Creed Memorization

As we reflect on the scriptures behind the statements of the Nicene Creed this fall, we're encouraging our congregation to memorize the creed.

This week, here is the portion to focus on:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. **On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***