



Connecting all people to God's love and purpose

9:00 a.m. Downtown @ 179 South Indiana Street
11:00 a.m. @ Joe's Kids (1692 W. Lake Street)

**September 8, 2024 ~ 9:00 a.m. Combined Worship Downtown
Rally/Homecoming Sunday ~ Communion Sunday**

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 7:24-30 (New Living Translation)

Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn't keep it a secret. Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit, and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter.

Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates."

"Good answer!" he said. "Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter." And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

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Thank you for joining us in person and in virtual worship today!

Let us know you joined us for worship today (regular attendees and guests) by completing the Welcome to Warsaw First UMC! card provided. Guests are asked to complete so we may add you to our weekly updates for church activities. Or, if virtual attending, by sending us a comment. Large-print worship folders are also available; please see an usher.

Statistics from last week:

Attendance: 9:00a 95 in person; 102 Virtual / 11:00a 34 in person; 104 Virtual

Weekly Giving*: \$7,289 (*Monday thru Sunday receipts and online giving)

Missions: 3rd Quarter Mission: JOE's Kids YTD: \$1,069.06

Feed My Sheep/Salvation Army Choice Food Pantry: \$40 monetary and 357 items

Town Hall Meeting immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Then stay for lunch and socializing with your church family. Let's kick off the new church year with joy!

Music Ministry—Rehearsals starting this week: Sanctuary Choir and Ginn Handbells (9:00a service) —Wednesday evenings downtown sanctuary— Handbells at 6:00p and Choir at 7:00p begin September 4! Praise Team (11:00a service) on Thursday evenings at 7:00p at Joe's Kids begin September 12. Anyone interested in participating with your voice or musical instrument, please join us. Questions, contact Music Brian (Brauchla) at music@warsawfumc.org or jot your interest down on the Sunday comment card!

Beginning September 15 Existing Sunday School classes resume. And, new classes are being offered for multigenerational groups. A list of opportunities are included in today's worship folder. Please note these groups all meet in the church building.

Children's Choir and Bells ~ rehearsals begin September 15. Claire Elliott is again leading our children in praise to God!

September 21 ~ 10:00a—2:30p ~ Soul Care Retreat... Route to Renewal takes place at Celebration UMC (1289 S 250 E, Winona Lake). Pastor Cindy Gackenhimer is the speaker. The event is hosted by the United Women in Faith North District. Registration forms are at the usher stations.

Reminder — ***Making Sense of the Bible*** begins Mondays, September 24-November 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Led by Pastor Bill Kaster). Register at the church office and request a book.

Greeters are still needed for the 9:00a Worship Service. Please see Ann Baker or indicate your interest on the Welcome Card. Deb Mangas has graciously agreed to call and schedule those who volunteer to serve. Please, say YES!

College addresses — please send your college student's address to the office!

3rd Quarter Mission



At JOE's Kids, "special children receive physical, occupational, and speech therapy in order to help them reach their maximal level of independence in the areas of gross motor skills and mobility, fine motor skills, sensory processing, self-care, feeding and swallowing, and speech and language. . . . Appropriate therapy from a young age can have a profound impact on a child's development and ability to function independently later in life." Care is provided to children (from birth to 18 years) with a wide variety of diagnoses including autism, sensory processing disorder, hypotonia, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome as well as many other genetic and developmental disorders. Joe's Kids is a non-profit organization that is able to bill Medicaid and commercial insurances for services; however, those amounts do not cover all of the operating costs of providing services. Donations will assist families with the financial burden of caring for their special children.

Ongoing prayers for...

Our Church	Clara Griner
Pastor Brian and Family	Richard Sisk
Our church family in long-term care facilities or home-bound.	Rose Ann McCammon
Our students and Educators	Jeanne DeWilde
Our Country, Military Personnel	Maureen Mauzy
All healthcare workers, First Responders	Bonnie Jarboe
Unspoken prayers	Ava W.
Betty Ferguson	Sue Pyle
Mary Read	Lois Smith
Judy Drudge	Delores Adams
Priscilla Conley	Jason Seiffert
	David Long
	Sandy
	Cathie Kammer

Community:
First Christian Church

Prayer requests: Contact the church office (574-267-6933) or Richard and Sue Balke (574-267-3787)
Pastoral Care: If you would like a pastoral visit in emergency, sickness, hospital, or just to talk, please contact the church office at 574-267-6933. *After hours: Pastor Brian at (863) 257-0244*

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Scheduled for this week (as of 9/4/2024)

Monday—September 9

9:30a Women's Monday Bible Study
—Parlor

1:00p Ministry Team—Boardroom

6:30p Cub Pack 3731—Fellowship Hall, LL-2,
LL-3, Room 202

7:00p Boy Scout Troop 0730—Room 303

Tuesday—September 10

1:00p Chicks w/Sticks—Parlor

5:00p Balke Prayer Group—Parlor

5:30p Girl Scout Troop 0158—Room 203

6:00p Balke Small Group—Parlor

Wednesday—September 11

11:00a Community Kitchen & Closet

1:30p Wednesday Small Group—Parlor

6:00p Ginn Handbell Choir-Alcove 3rd Fl.

7:00p Sanctuary Choir—Sanctuary

7:00p Lambda Chi—Parlor

Thursday—September 12

8:00a Men's Bible Study/Pastor—Zoom

9:00a Men's Bible Study/Becknell—LL-2

9:30a Bible Study/Rees—Parlor

7:00p Pastor's Bible Study—Zoom

7:00p Praise Team @ Joe's Kids

Friday—September 13

6-9p Youth Network @ Celebration UMC

Saturday—September 14

Sunday—September 15

9:00a Worship Downtown
179 S. Indiana Street

10:00a Children's Choir/Bells Rehearsals

10:00a 1st Families Programs
Parent Group (Rm 303), Youth (Rm 101),
Upper and Elementary (Rm 202, 203),
Preschool/Baby (Rm 201)

10:00a Fidelity Sunday School—LL-2

10:00a *Let's Talk About It*—Parlor

10:00a Art & Prayer—Room 302

11:00a Worship @ JOE's Kids
1692 W. Lake Street

7:30p AA Sunday Night Big Book—LL-3

Birthdays coming up...

9/9 Peggy Rees

9/10 Steve Kesler

9/12 Meghan Ciula

9/13 Diane Wulliman

9/17 Jackie Bergen

If you find your name is not appearing on the birthday list, that means it is missing on the church records. You need to get that information to Ann in the office!

AA Support Group Meetings:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. LL-3

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. LL-3

Friday, 7:30 p.m. LL-3

Saturday 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Sunday 7:30 p.m. LL-3

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Friday 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

**The People of God at Worship ~ 9:00 a.m.~ September 8, 2024
Rally/Homecoming Sunday Combined Worship**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE Pastor Brian Smith
PRELUDE Richard Dick
*OPENING PRAYER Pastor Diane Quance
*HYMN No. 57 verses 1, 2, 3, 7 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation response in bold) Eric Shafer

Today we all come to worship together united as one body in Christ.

We come desiring to connect all people to God's love and purpose.

We have a common mission.

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We don't all look alike, think alike or always agree.

But can we not all love alike?

Indeed we can. And we hold certain core beliefs together with other Christians in this place of worship and around the world.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ.

The only son of God born to Mary, the virgin mother. Truly human and truly divine.

He became a sacrifice for each one of us when He died on the cross.

That we might be forgiven of all our sins and become true children of God.

We believe he rose from the dead and went up into heaven to take his rightful place at the right hand of the Father.

We believe He will come again and all the world will see Him in His glory.

Together we believe in the gift of the Holy Spirit sent to be our comforter and our guide into all truth.

We invite the Holy Spirit into our worship and our fellowship here today.

We believe there is one holy church no matter how we may have tried to create divisions.

One baptism unites us all no matter if we have been sprinkled, dunked, immersed or washed. We are all forgiven of our sins.

We believe in the resurrection of the body.

And we believe in life forever with our triune God.

So let us rally together today around the things we believe.

Let us connect in worship through our love for one another and our desire to praise and glorify our God.

And all God's people say

AMEN!!!

CHORAL ANTHEM

O, that I Had A Thousand Voices

~by Jay Althouse

*GOSPEL READING (on folder cover) ~ Mark 7:24-30 (NLT)

Eric Shafer

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri, Hymn No. 70

Glorify 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.

PRAYER HYMN No. 454

Open My Eyes, that I May See

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Pastor Brian

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mandy Bailey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

MESSAGE

Scraps

Pastor Brian

HOLY COMMUNION (responses in bold)

Pastors Brian and Diane

Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our sins before God and one another: Holy God, we have promised to love you with heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

We confess to you and to each other that we break the promises and violate this covenant of love. We confess that we are diminished by pride and separation. We acknowledge divisiveness and we admit our failures in our mission of justice and love. Merciful God, forgive us. In Jesus Christ, transform our hearts to obey your commandments, restore our love for one another, and proclaim your glory. Ever living God, our Judge and Healer, have mercy on us. Lord, Have Mercy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Everyone who is in Christ has become a new creation. The old is gone, the new has come. God through Christ, has reconciled the world and gives us the ministry of reconciliation. Friends, believe the Good News that comes from God: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

God be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to God,

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise,

All praise to you, God our Creator, for by your Word and Spirit you made the heavens and the earth, filled them with life and declared everything good. All praise to you, God our Redeemer, for sending prophets, apostles, teachers, and martyrs, inspired by your Spirit to speak the word of life, and when the time was right, for becoming fully human in Jesus Christ. All praise to you, God our Helper; as wisdom, you inspire us to speak the truth; as power, you strengthen us to do justice. With your sons and daughters of faith, in all times and places, and with all the heavenly host, we praise you with joy.

Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest!

Loving God, in gratitude we remember that on the night before the crucifixion, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks to you broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks, gave it to them and said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." In gratitude for what Christ has done for us, we proclaim our hope.

Dying you destroyed our death; rising you restored our life; Jesus, come in glory.

Holy God, send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ. Through this meal unite us with the risen Christ so that we may give ourselves for the life of the world. Through us bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Give us the power to work for justice that all the world may be filled with peace and joy. This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer you, eternal God, through Jesus Christ, in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

The bread we break is the communion of the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one Body for we all share in the one bread.

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

We who are many are one Body for we all share in the one cup.

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Pastor Brian

*Doxology, Hymn No. 94 (together)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*HYMN No. 147

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Pastor Diane

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine into all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Assisting in worship today:

Greeters: Bill and Stephanie Booth

Ushers: Michael Gough, Troy Turley, Kevin Gough

Sound: David Bailey

Video Streaming: Finn Bailey

Radio Ministry: Flyn' Brian—WIOE

Communion servers:

Ed and Lu Christoffel, Jeanne DeWilde, Duane and Shawn Patterson, Krystal Smith

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit Divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. *(Refrain)*

The purple headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky. *(Refrain)*

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. *(Refrain)*

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who made all things well. *(Refrain)*