

“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.”

— John Wesley

Dear God,  
Help me to revel in the good you have given me to do.  
Show me all the ways I can do it, all the different  
times and places I can do it,  
With all the people I can do it,  
Beginning with this congregation.  
For you have given me a gift for the common good.  
Amen.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ... All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12

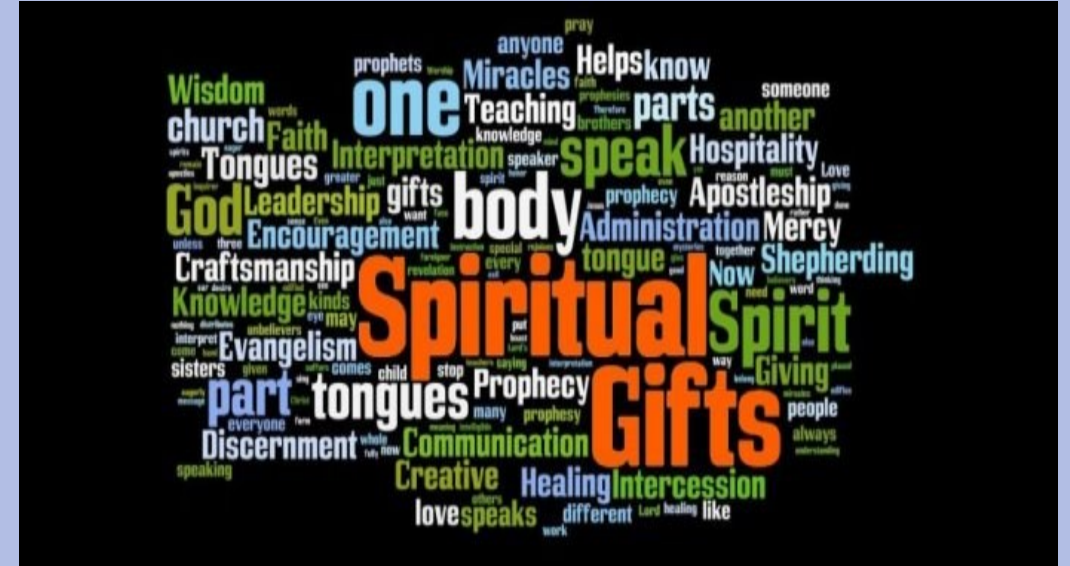
Questions for reflection:

What do I do that gives me joy?

Are there tasks in the life of the church I really like doing?

## 2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 19, 2025



First Presbyterian Church  
220 North Cullen Street - Rensselaer, Indiana 47978  
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**Rev. Dr. Michelle J. Bartel, Preaching**  
**Tony Butler, Liturgist**  
**Stephanie Davisson, Accompanist**

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Sunday Offering: \$1,080.00

Pastor: Rev. Michelle J. Bartel, Ph.D.

Director of Music: Stephanie Davisson

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Maintenance/Housekeeping: Pat McKinney

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If you would like a child's folder or a wireless hearing assistance device, let the usher know.

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.

Lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,

for ever. Amen.

# Noodles and Doodles

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Church Calendar		
Sunday, Jan. 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship <b>Annual Cong. Meeting</b> (following the service)
Monday, Jan 20	9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Church Office Open
<b>MLK Jr., Day</b>	9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.	Talk-to-a-Lawyer Day (lounge)
Tuesday, Jan. 21	9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	3:30 p.m.	Dance Magic
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday, Jan. 22	9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
	5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Thursday, Jan 23	9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Church Office open
Saturday, Jan. 25	7:00 p.m.	AA – Alcoholics Anonymous (Lounge)
Sunday, Jan. 26	9:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary) <b>Installation of New Session</b> Fellowship after the service

Announcements:

The church office will be open from 9:00pm-4:00pm Mon.-Thurs.  
Talk-to-a-Lawyer Day will be on MLK, Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 20th from 9:00am-3:00pm in the lounge.  
Bible study will meet at 4pm  
The youth will meet on Wednesday from 5:00-6:30pm  
The Annual Congregational Meeting will follow the service today.  
The Installation of the new Session will be next Sunday.

Rensselaer, IN	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	9:30 A.M.
2nd Sunday after Epiphany January 19, 2025 ☩ Please stand in body or spirit		
Prelude		
Welcome		Rev. Michelle Bartel
Call to Worship (based on Psalm 36):		Tony Butler
Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens! <b>People: Your faithfulness to the clouds!</b> Leader: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; <b>People: your judgments are like the great deep;</b> Leader: you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. <b>In all your power you love your whole creation.</b> <b>Come, let us worship the Lord!</b>		

☩ Hymn of Praise    #12    *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession:  
**You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we confess we are often reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable to us and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we often hide our light under a bushel and in neglect we do not rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Let your joy be our strength and help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service.

People: Alleluia, Amen.

✠ Response #581 Gloria Patri

Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading Psalm 36:5-10 p. 510 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11 p. 93 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 p. 174 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Spirit for the Common Good

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Hymn of the Word #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (we use “debts and debtors” in the prayer)

The Offering  
(The Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plates on the pedestals either before or after Worship.)

✠ Doxology #607 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know that what we think is plain is beautiful potential to God. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

✠ Hymn of Sending #733 We All Are One in Mission

✠ Benediction

Congregational Response # 765 May the God of Hope Go with Us

Postlude

-Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), Assurance of Pardon, Prayer of Confession (adapted) written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.