



# **SOCIAL STORY**

VENUE

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN THEATRE**

**Sensory Friendly Performance**



# Theatre

**I am going to see a play by Fort Wayne Youththeatre. It is at First Presbyterian Theatre.**

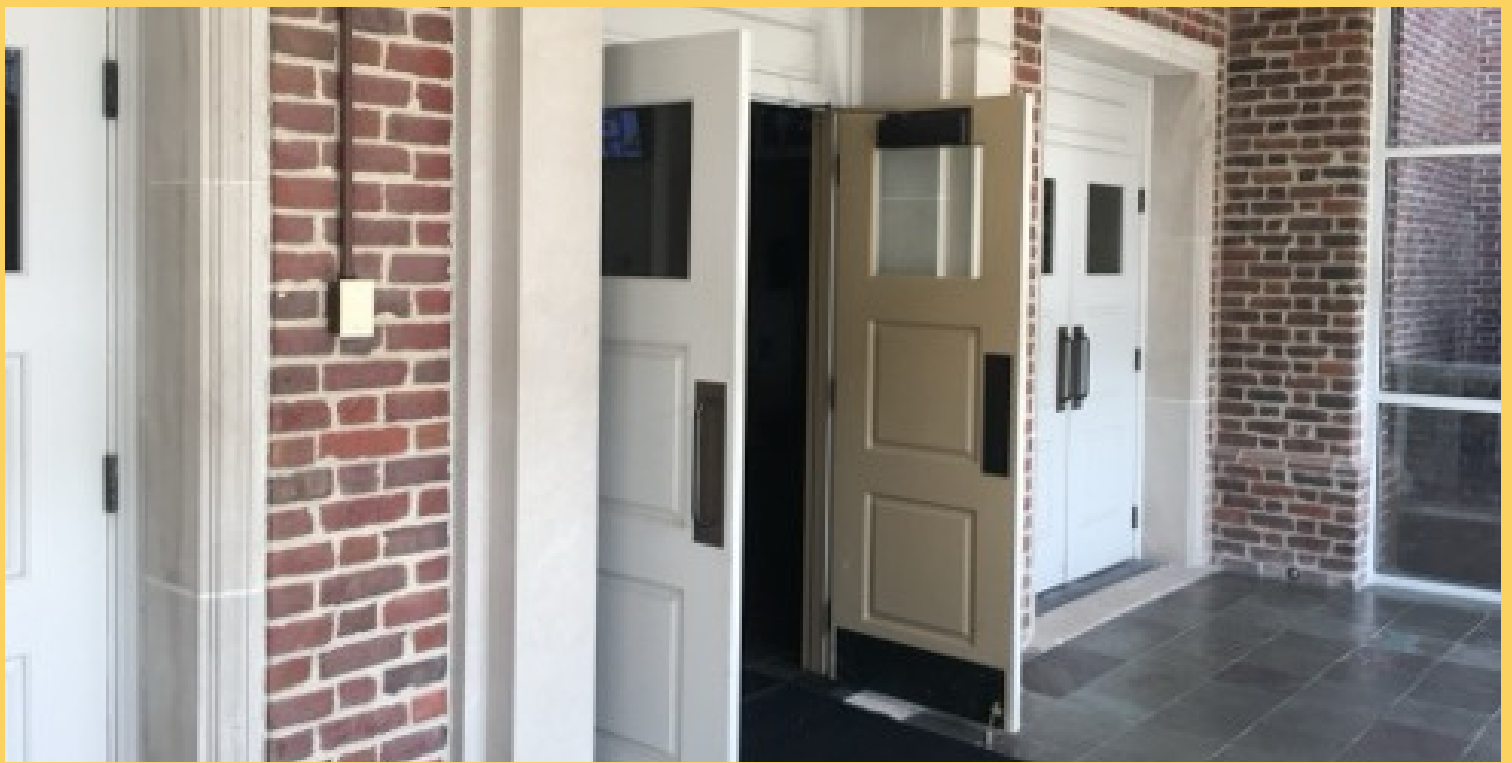
**Here is the building. This is what I will see from the outside.**



# Parking

**This is where we can park our car.**

**The lot is right next to the building.**



# Entrance

**There is one way to get into the building.**





# Upstairs Lobby

**Once you get into the building, you will be in the Upstairs Lobby.**



# Tickets

**I may have to stand in a line to get my ticket for the show.**





# McKay Hall

**During the show, I can use McKay Hall to take a break.**

**I should find McKay Hall before I go down to the theatre.**



# Finding the Theatre

**The theatre and theatre lobby are in the lower part of the building.**

**There are two ways to get downstairs to the theatre.**

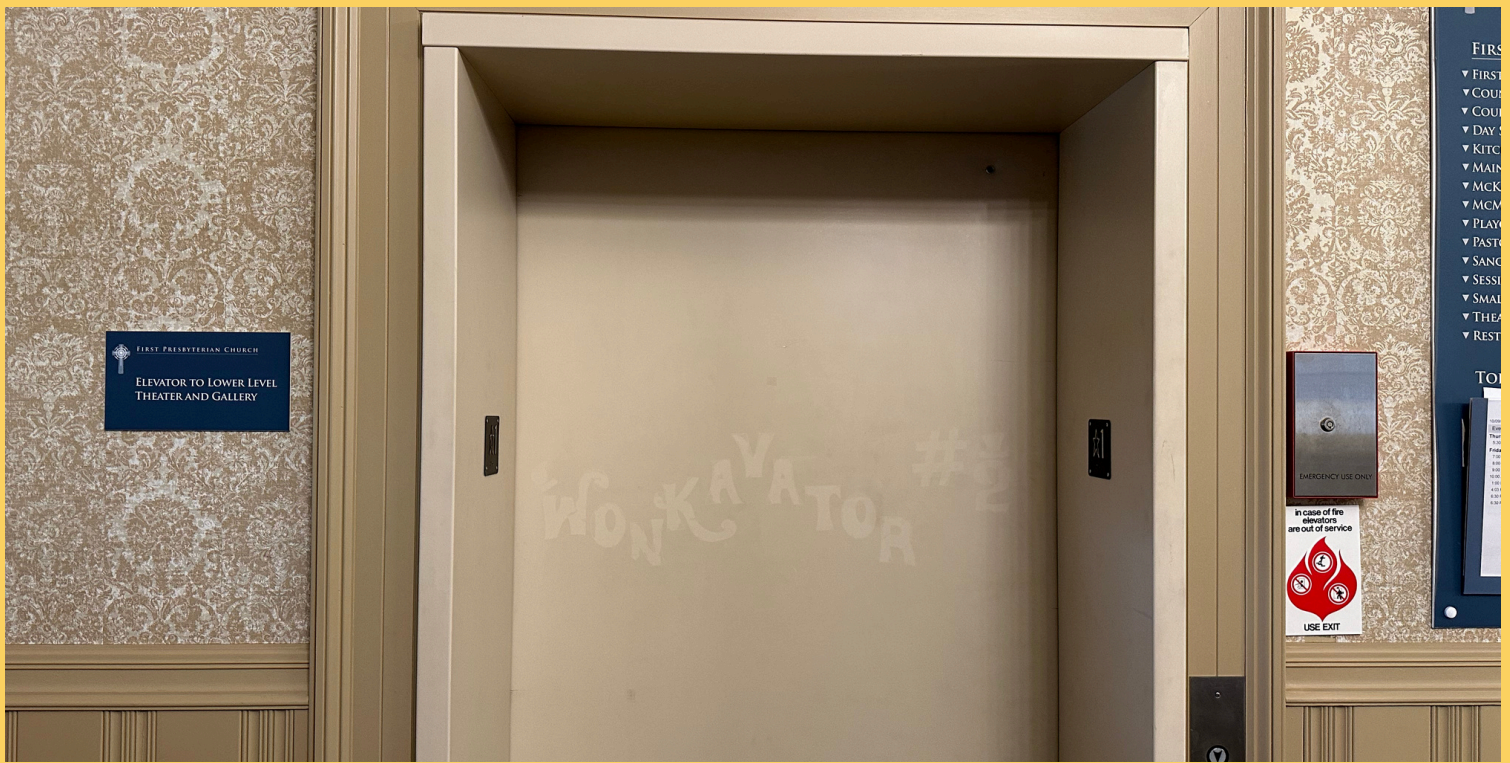




# Option #1

## The Steps

**I can take steps to walk down to the theatre lobby.**



# Option #2

## The Elevator

**I can take the elevator down to the theatre lobby.**





# Theatre Lobby

**Once I get downstairs, I will be in the theatre lobby.**

**This is where I can wait to enter the theatre when it is time for the show.**





# Theatre Lobby

**I will see an area serving concessions and a little store. There will be benches to sit on and there will be art on the walls to look at. I can sit here and wait until the doors to the theatre open.**





# Restrooms

**There is a short hallway that will take me to the restrooms.**

**The women's restroom is at the end of the hall.**



# Restrooms

**The men's restroom is up the stairs at the end of the hallway.**

**I can use the restroom before, after, or during the show.**





# Family Restroom

**If I need a private or family restroom, I can take the elevator up to the Upstairs Lobby.**



# Theatre Usher

**When it is time to enter the theatre, I will give my ticket to an usher at the door.**

**They will give me a program for the play. This will have information about the show inside to read.**





# The Performance

**Now I am ready to enter the theatre. The ushers have “opened the house,” which means it is time to go into the theatre.**

**In this theatre, the audience sits in the seats facing the stage.**



# Choosing a Seat

**When I walk into the theatre, I will be able to pick a seat to sit in.**

**I can be as close or as far away from the stage as I want to be.**



# During the Show

**The lights dim when the show is ready to start. I may hear announcements or music.**

**If the show sounds are too loud, I can cover my ears.**





# During the Show

**If I need a break during the show, I exit to the theatre lobby or McKay Hall.**

**If something is funny, I am allowed to laugh. If something is scary, it is okay to gasp.**





# Intermission

**Some shows have a 10-15 minute break called intermission. If the show I'm attending has intermission, I can remain in my seat, stand up and stretch, or walk to the theatre lobby.**



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**Intermission is a busy, crowded time. I may have to wait in lines to leave the theatre, to enter the restroom, or to get a snack.**

**Ushers will announce when it's time to go back to my seat.**





# After the Show

**When the show ends, I can clap and cheer to show my appreciation for the actors onstage and technicians backstage.**



# Leaving

**I will exit out the doors of the theatre into the theatre lobby.**

**Once I am out of the theatre, I can take the steps or the elevator to go back to the Upstairs Lobby.**





# THANK YOU

**My day at the theatre is over!**

**Fort Wayne Youtheatre is happy that I came to see the show.**

**I know I am welcome to come back to the theatre again in the future.**



**Questions?**

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**We are excited to see you at the show!**