



February 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

**Let those who are able stand at this sign.*

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

THE INTROIT

"Simple Gifts"

Valerie W. Stephenson

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

- One Come near to one another and to our God.
Be still before the one who fulfills our hearts' desires.
- All **This is a time for meeting and greeting.**
This is the hour for quieting life's stresses and worries.
- One Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us.
God is our refuge in whom we trust.
- All **We believe God is here and will be known by us.**
Our faith nourishes us as we rest in God's care.
- One We are here to receive life in all its abundance.
God is providing for us and has a purpose for us.
- All **God raises us up and sends us forth.**
Surely God will help us wherever we go.

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 393**

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

*Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldoögelein, Memmingen ms.
Christopher Wordsword and Charles P. Price*

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
On you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth;
On you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
On you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven,
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

***THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways
or trusted your promises.

We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
we give only when we expect to receive.

Forgive us, Lord.

Fill our hearts with your selfless love.

Change our lives by your matchless grace.

These things we pray through Christ our Savior.

***THE SILENT CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

*Gloria Patri/Henry W. Greatorex
Trad. Liturgical Text*

Glory 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, amen.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Concerns of the Church

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to

keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

One Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

**All For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

One Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

**All Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

One Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
who will bring it to pass.

**All The LORD will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.**

One Be still before the LORD;
wait patiently for the LORD.

**All Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**

One Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

**All For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

One In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

**All But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.**

One But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD,
who is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**All The LORD will help them and rescue them;
the LORD will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because in the LORD they seek refuge.**

THE ANTHEM

"I waited for the Lord" from *Hymn of Praise*

Felix Mendelssohn

*I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.
O blest are they that hope and trust in him.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you

lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

THE SERMON

the Reverend Susan McGhee

“Restoration Software”

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 300

They'll Know We Are Christians/Peter Scholtes
Peter Scholtes

“They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love”

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

- *The Apostle's Creed*

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at <http://firstpresevansville.com/giving/>

The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Old Hundredth
Thomas Ken*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Prayer of Dedication

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Spoken Prayers

One God in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

The Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**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.**

WE DISPERSE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

***THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 316**

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

*Twenty-Fourth/Lucius Chapin
Latin text, 8thC*

**Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.**

**Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son.
As members of each body joined, in him we are made one.**

**Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.**

**Let us forgive each other's faults awe we our own confess,
That we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.**

**Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name;
Our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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***THE RESPONSE**

“Siyhamba”

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos’.

Traditional South African

We are marching in the light of God.

***THE POSTLUDE**

“Celebration No. 3 in F”

Michael R. Keller

Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher the Reverend Susan C. McGhee
Liturgist Michael Thissen
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Mark G. Fox, director

The flowers today are given by Martha Goldman to the glory of God and in memory of Jean and Don Korb’s wedding anniversary.

We welcome and thank Susan McGhee, the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for leading our worship today.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

First Pres is grateful to be able to continue **in-person worship**. If you’re joining us in-person, please wear a mask, use sanitizer, and maintain social distancing. We ask everyone to wear masks so that those who are unable to be vaccinated are protected while we are together.

During this time of loss, the **Elders and Deacons** of First Presbyterian Church **are available** for your questions and concerns. Please don’t hesitate to be in touch with your Deacon or any of the Elders either directly or via the church office if you have a need.

Are you interested in **learning about First Pres** and/or how to become a member? Please make sure we have **your contact information**, specifically your email address. It’s as easy as contacting the church office (lora@firstpresevansville.com; 812-423-6297). We’ll be in touch about the next new member class soon!

Mardi Gras is just around the corner! Next **Sunday, February 27**, the Reverend John VanderZee will be our guest preacher and we will welcome “Purple Aces in the Hole” to our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Their Dixieland music will fill the service and set a joyous mood for Transfiguration Sunday. Join us!

We will come together on **Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** to begin the season of Lent. We will celebrate of Communion and receive the mark of the cross in ashes. Please join us as we observe a turning point in our worship year on **Ash Wednesday**.

The First Pres Music Department is pleased to announce a **Soup and Bread Sale** on **Sunday, March 6**. Soups will include split pea, lentil, chili, taco soup, broccoli cheese, and many more for **only \$10/quart**. First-come, first-served sales will take place at 9:30 and 11:30 that morning, following each worship service. All proceeds help our musicians attend summer music camps.

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Bonnie Rinks

Sunday, February 20

Daily Reading: Psalm 46

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Session Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 1:30 p.m. Bible Bunch (online)
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teen Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Handbells and Handchimes
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Monday, February 21

Daily Reading: Mark Matthew 5:1-12

- 10:00 a.m. Mission Committee (online)

Tuesday, February 22

Daily Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 23

Daily Reading: Matthew 5:21-26

Thursday, February 24

Daily Reading: Matthew 5:27-37

- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 25

Daily Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

Saturday, February 26

Daily Reading: Matthew 6:1-6

First Presbyterian Church Officers

2022 Session – First Presbyterian Church

As in all Presbyterian congregations, the Session is the leadership team or governing board of the church, responsible for all areas of the church's life and ministry. It includes the pastor and three classes of elders serving three-year terms of service, all elected by the congregation.

Class of 2022

Jill Griffin
Dan Korb
Bonnie Rinks
Sue Schriber

Class of 2023

Mark Fox
Sue Hartig
Michelle Haywood
Gerald Summers

Class of 2024

Casey Calvert
Ronda Hurt
Gary Morris
Michael Thissen

the Reverend Larry Langer serves as Moderator.

2021 Board of Deacons – First Presbyterian Church

In Presbyterian congregations, Deacons are ministers of sympathy, witness and service, after the example of Jesus. At First Pres, they are involved in congregational care, hospitality and fellowship, and bereavement. Deacons also serve in three classes for terms of three years each. Deacons are elected by the congregation and accountable to the Session.

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2022 Board of Trustees – First Presbyterian Church

The Trustees at this church are responsible for managing and investing the church's endowment and trust funds and providing for the church's appropriate insurance coverage. They serve in three classes for three-year terms. Trustees are elected by the congregation and accountable to the Session.

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