



February 27, 2022

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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!

Please visit the church website: [www.firstpresevansville.com](http://www.firstpresevansville.com) to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

Please visit our Facebook page - [First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, Indiana](#). We hope you'll "like" us!

Please note that this service is being livestreamed on our website and Facebook page, and the recording will be posted to our [YouTube](#) channel.

### 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

"St. James Infirmary"

"Basin Street Blues"

arr. P. Severson

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#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One We come together, a community of faith.  
We have gathered to talk and listen to our God.

All **May our faces shine in anticipation.**  
**Our God has invited us to this moment of meeting.**

One We share in a new covenant of promise and hope.  
Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

All **We come with boldness to encounter our Creator.**  
**We assemble here, eager to be changed by God.**

One Our fears melt into awe and wonder before God.  
Our failures become opportunities for learning.

All **Let us praise God's holy name in chorus.**  
**Let us share in the glory of life. What a gift!**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN**

“Just A Closer Walk with Thee”

*Traditional*

Just a clos-er walk with Thee; Grant it, Je-sus, is my plea, *Fine*  
dai-ly walk-ing close with Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
I am weak but Thou art strong, Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;  
Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?  
When my fee-ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close with Thee.  
Who with me my bur den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
Guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore.

**\*THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

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

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion,  
the measure of our falling short.  
We have not loved as you command.  
We have not spoken truly.  
We have not cared for your creation, including ourselves,  
according to your will.  
What we intend, we have not pursued;  
what we mean to avoid, we embrace.  
Help us to know the mind of Christ,  
that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,  
our lives might come to honor you.

**\*THE SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENSSS**

**\*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

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalms 99

One The LORD is Sovereign; let the people tremble;  
the LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**All The LORD is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.**

One Let them confess the name of the LORD, which is great and awesome;  
the LORD is the Holy One.

**All "O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

One Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God,  
and fall down before the footstool of the Holy One.

**All Moses and Aaron among your priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon your name,  
they called upon you, O LORD, and you answered them.**

One You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**All O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.  
Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

## THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"Tin Roof Blues"

arr. P. Severson

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## THE SERMON

"Transformed"

the Rev. John VanderZee

# WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

## A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

### \*THE HYMN

"Down By the Riverside"

Traditional

Gon-na lay down my sword and shield down by the ri-ver - side,  
Gon-na walk with the Prince of Peace down by the ri-ver - side,  
Gon-na shake hands a-round the world, down by the ri-ver - side,  
down by the ri-ver - side, down by the ri-ver-side. Gon-na  
down by the ri-ver - side, down by the ri-ver-side. Gon-na  
down by the ri-ver - side, down by the ri-ver-side. Gon-na  
lay down my sword and shield down by the ri-ver-side, gon-na stu - dy  
walk with the Prince of Peace down by the ri-ver-side, gon-na stu - dy  
shake hands a-round the world, down by the ri-ver-side, gon-na stu - dy  
war no more. I ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more, I ain't gon-na  
stu-dy war no more, ain't gon-na stu - dy war no more.  
I ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more, I ain't gon-na  
stu-dy war no more, ain't gon-na stu - dy war no more.

### \*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 MORNING OFFERING**

The Invitation to the Offering  
"Indiana"

arr. P. Severson

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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Call to Prayer  
"Royal Garden Blues"  
The Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
The Spoken Prayers  
The Silent Prayers  
The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

arr. P. Severson

**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**

"When the Saints Go Marching In"

*Traditional*

Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the  
 Oh, when the sun be-gins to shine, oh, when the  
 Oh, when the trum - pet sounds its call, oh, when the

saints go mar - ching in, Lord, I want to be in that  
 sun be - gins to shine, Lord, I want to be in that  
 trum - pet sounds its call, Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber, when the saints go mar - ching in.  
 num - ber, when the sun be - gins to shine.  
 num - ber, when the trum - pet sounds its call. *Repeat verse 1*

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

"Alabama Jubilee"

arr. P. Severson

## Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher	the Rev. John VanderZee
Liturgist	Jessica Montgomery
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Purple Aces in the Hole	Ross Erickson, Wayne Jones, Thomas Josenhans, Kenneth Steinsultz, Tim Zifer

We welcome and thank the Rev. John VanderZee for leading our worship today. Now honorably retired with the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, John was a hospital chaplain for 35 years, most recently at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. Since retiring from IU Health, John has served as transitional pastor in Martinsville and Brownstown churches, and is now a life and leadership coach and sole proprietor of *Along the Way Coaching*. John is the father of Jenny Singleton and Sarah McKenney. He lives with his wife, Wendy, a retired hospice chaplain. They have three granddaughters, Annie, Maddie, and Lillie.

We also give a special welcome and thanks to *Purple Aces in the Hole* for leading our music 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](mailto:lora@firstpresevansville.com); 812-423-6297). We'll be in touch about the next new member class soon!

We will come together this **Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** to begin the season of Lent. We will celebrate 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** next **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.

Have you been struggling with how to **connect to First Pres online**? Struggle no more! Jerusha Van Camp welcomes your tech questions in a classroom format at **9:30 a.m. in Kerr Chapel on March 6 and 20**. If you have a specific question, let Jerusha know ahead of time by email or phone: 812-423-6297; [jerusha@firstpresevansville.com](mailto:jerusha@firstpresevansville.com).

**Sunday School** - it's not just for kids! Join Pete Ruthenburg and John Whinrey in the **"Bible Bunch" room at 9:30 a.m.** beginning next Sunday, March 6 as they lead the in-person class based on the PC(USA) Curriculum, *The Present Word*. Not able to join in-person? Longtime Bible Bunch teacher Jean Beckman leads an online session of the class **via Zoom on Sundays at 2:00 p.m.** If you would like to join this virtual class, email Jean Beckman at [jb37@evansville.edu](mailto:jb37@evansville.edu) to be added to the Zoom invitation list.

The Mission Committee, inspired by and in honor of Pastor Kevin, invites all to a **workday at Tri-State Food Bank on Saturday, March 12**. Their goal is 30 volunteers who will sort donations and prepare backpacks/boxes for the weekend backpack program, senior meals and mobile food distributions. Watch for a link to sign up directly on the Food Bank's website.

# Weekly Calendar

*Elder of the Week: Sue Schriber*

## **Sunday, February 27**

*Daily Reading: Psalm 139*

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

## **Monday, February 28**

*Daily Reading: John 1:1-18*

## **Tuesday, March 1**

*Daily Reading: John 1:19-28*

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teen Rehearsal
- 4:45 p.m. Handbells and Handchimes
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday**

*Daily Reading: Luke 18:9-14*

- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

## **Thursday, March 3**

*Daily Reading: John 1:29-34*

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

## **Friday, March 4**

*Daily Reading: John 1:35-42*

## **Saturday, March 5**

*Daily Reading: John 1:43-51*

# 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.*

### Class of 2022

Sue Korb  
Marilyn Kunkle  
Sarah Pearce  
Gina Ungar  
Kathryn Van Camp  
Sam Wolf

### Class of 2023

Tony Aiken  
Lisa Foerster-Daniels  
Abby Greenwell  
Jake Kohlmeyer  
Jessica Montgomery  
Tracy Shaw

### Class of 2024

Dick Bernhardt  
Jane Bernhardt  
Nancy Bizal  
Lisa Calvert  
MT Hallock Morris  
Glen Killion

## **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.*

### Class of 2022

Joan Fedor-Bassemier  
Mark Krahlung

### Class of 2023

Kristi Cirignano  
Jingle Hagey

### Class of 2024

Anne Asbury  
Dick Mahrenholz