



April 3, 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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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 WORSHIP GOD

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

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Andante in F minor"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

THE INTROIT

"Standing in the Need of Prayer"

Afro-American Spiritual

Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not the elder, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One We are ambassadors for Christ.

All God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

One We gather as God's beloved family to worship God and offer praise.

All Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 664

"Morning Has Broken"

Bunessan

Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken like the first morning; Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!**

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***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Why are you so extravagant, O God?
We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced,
accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies.
Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?
Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess:
where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy,
where peace is found in suffering,
where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure.
Show us again what matters.
Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance,
that we, too, might be generous with our love.**

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE KYRIE . . . no. 551**

"Lord, Have Mercy"

*Land of Rest; arr. Richard Proulx
Traditional Liturgical Text*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One Our claim to forgiveness rests entirely in God's claim on us.
Jesus Christ restores us to life. Say it with joy!
All In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 437**

"You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!"

*Wayfaring Stranger/ Appalachian Folk Melody
Traditional Liturgical Text*

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

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THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greeting Among the People of God
The Concerns of the Church
The Minute for Mission

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalm 126

One When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
**All Then our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
One Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
**All The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**
One Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.
**All Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

THE ANTHEM

“Great is Your Faithfulness”

Helen Williams

*The Lord has done what God purposed, God has carried out God's threat;
As God ordained long ago, God has demolished without pity;
God has made the enemy rejoice over you, and has exalted the might of your foes.
Cry aloud to the Lord! O wall of daughter Zion! Let tears flow down like a torrent day and night! Give yourselves no rest,
your eyes no respite. Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches begin!
Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord!
Lift your hands to God for the lives of your children. Great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in God.'*

THE LESSON

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

THE SERMON

Rev. Sammie Smith

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO A HOLY LENT

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 201

"A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar"

How Can I Keep From Singing/Robert Lowry
Brian Wren

A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.

A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, apostle to apostles.

Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth, for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire, on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness mending.

The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice, and make them welcome!

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

- from *The Confession of 1967* Presbyterian Church (USA)

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at <http://firstpreseovansville.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 Adoption Blessing

The Spoken Prayers

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 SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

"There's A Place That Our God Has Provided"

Salley Gardens
Kevin Scott Fleming

There's a place that our God has pro - vid - ed, where all
In this place of God's lov - ing cre - a - tion, there is
O Lord, God of hosts, God who wel - comes, Source of
peo - ple are wel - comed in, and are joined to each sis - ter and
room for each liv - ing soul. And with words and with sweet acts of
Joy, Fount of Life made new no good thing do you keep from your
broth - er, as God's own be - lov - ed kin. The poor and the rich to -
kind - ness, the bro - ken are made whole. The spar-row can live con -
child - ren, all good gifts come to us from you. O may we walk in your
geth - er, the old and the young as one, and with
tent - ed, the swal - low can rest in peace, and God's
path - way, till that day when we all will come to that
words of peace and com - pas - sion, they wel - come each oth - er home.
peo - ple can lift songs of prais - es, and that song will nev - er cease.
mom - ent that leads to the dawn - ing of our e - ter - nal home.

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THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Amen"

Caroline Saltzman

THE POSTLUDE

"Ah, My Lord and God" (*BuxWV 177*)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher the Rev. Sammie Smith
Liturgist Kate McKinney
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church



We celebrate the adoption of Dustin, Sam, and Lukash by Max and Erin Carver today.

We welcome and thank the Rev. Sammy Smith to our worship today. Sammie is a recent transplant to Evansville and works as a chaplain at Deaconess Hospital. She earned her B.S. in Chemistry from Indiana State University and her M.Div. from Vanderbilt Divinity School. She has roots in Camp Pyoca and the Young Adult Volunteer Program. Sammy loves to cook and climb, and she and her fiancé are making Haynie's Corner their home.

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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.

Robert Nicholls and friends present a **concert** of Baroque chamber music **this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Robert will open the program with J.S. Bach's *Trio Sonata No.1 in Eb major*, BWV 525, for organ solo. Leanne Hampton will join Robert at the harpsichord for J.S. Bach's *Sonata for Flute in G minor*, BWV 1020. Lastly, Elizabeth Robertson, Oboe, and Graham Cullen, Cello, join Robert and Leanne for Joachim Quantz's *Trio in C*. All of pieces are trios as we celebrate entering our third century of ministry! Join us for an afternoon of sonic beauty as we experience the healing power of live music together.

The Music Department's annual **Bake Sale is next Sunday, April 10!** Your favorites will be waiting: coffee cakes, pies, cheesecake, quarts of frozen soups, cupcakes, and, of course, cookies! Purchase early, purchase often! Thank you for helping our musicians experience Summer Church Music Camps.

We are pleased to provide the opportunity to help decorate our Sanctuary for the celebration of Easter by donating **lilies and azaleas**. You may dedicate them in memory or in honor of someone special. The order deadline is **Sunday, April 10**. You may order your flowers by clicking [HERE](#) for the online form or by contacting the church office (423-6297; lora@firstpresevansville.com).

On **Monday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.**, the annual **CAJE Rally** will take place at St. Anthony/All Saints Catholic church. Attendees will get an introduction to CAJE's work, learn about CAJE's current issue campaigns, and what was learned during this year's research phase. Please contact First Pres CAJE Team leaders Tracy Shaw (615-202-2243) or Gina Robinson Ungar (812-204-4291) for registration information and more.

Thursday of Holy Week is known as "**Maundy Thursday**." We will gather in the Sanctuary on **Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** for a service of Communion and Tenebrae. The service will be in two distinct parts, first focusing on the events of the Upper Room and including Communion. The second part takes the form of a service of Tenebrae, as the darkness deepens and the "Light of the World" is taken out of the world, and we leave the Sanctuary in darkness and silence. Plan to join your First Pres friends in this meaningful service.

The joy of **Easter morning** will fill the First Pres Sanctuary on April 17 with two **identical services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.** The choir and a brass ensemble will help us raise our alleluias from the beginning of the service through the postlude. We'll welcome back to worship Executive Presbyterian Rev. Susan McGhee and celebrate Communion. Be sure to invite your friends, relatives, associates at work, and neighbors to join us for a wonderful morning of worship and praise!

Weekly Calendar

Elders of the Week: Sue Hartig and Gerald Summers

Sunday, April 3

Daily Reading: Psalm 84

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 1:30 p.m. Bible Bunch (online)
- 4:00 p.m. Trio Concert
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, April 4

Daily Reading: John 9:1-7

Tuesday, April 5

Daily Reading: John 9:18-41

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

Wednesday, April 6

Daily Reading: John 10:1-18

- 8:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, April 7

Daily Reading: John 10:19-42

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

Friday, April 8

Daily Reading: John 11:1-27

Saturday, April 9

Daily Reading: John 11:28-44



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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Support our Ukranian siblings

Europe is facing its largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. The United Nations estimates up to 18 million people, both internally displaced and refugees, will eventually be impacted.

According to reports from Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, Ukrainians are facing reduced or disrupted services in water, heating, electricity, transportation and telecommunications. Health services have deteriorated rapidly due to shortages of medical supplies and personnel.

Refugees, mostly women, children, people with disabilities and the elderly, had to leave their homes and spend days traveling to neighboring countries for safety, with almost nothing with them.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing allow for an immediate response from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) when emergencies first occur, often responding to crises that never make it into the news.

In this volatile situation, PDA was able to provide urgent funding to trusted, established partners with the expertise to carry out humanitarian aid. Reformed and Orthodox church partners, like the Community of St. Egidio and Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, are working closely with local churches and organizations to provide food, water, clothing, shelter, psychosocial support and other basic items for survival. They are the "boots on the ground," listening and responding to the needs of those impacted.

To stay informed about the work Presbyterians are doing in and around Ukraine, visit pcusa.org/pda/ukraine. To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing and the vital ministries it supports, visit pcusa.org/oghs.

In this season of Lent, pray for our siblings in Ukraine. Pray for peace. And pray that all of us will remember that we are the Church, **together**.



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