



May 1 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

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 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.

We will share Holy Communion this morning. Our table is open to all who claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and to all who are seeking a closer relationship with God. The juice and bread are available on the tables near the entrances.

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

"Canzona No. 29"

Girolamo Frescobaldi

THE INTROIT

"God Has Gone Up"

Jack Warren Burnam

*God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn. Alleluia!
You have gone up on high and led captivity captive. Alleluia!*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!
All Alleluia!
One Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to our God forever and ever!
All Alleluia!

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 233**

“The Day of Resurrection!”

*Lancashire; Henry Thomas Smart
John of Damascus, 8thC*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love,
love that seeks,
love that suffers,
love that survives all things.
You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives.
Yet we turn away from what you would have us do.
We confess that the ways of love are not our ways.
We deny and ignore,
hurt and hate,
despise and reject.
Have mercy on us.
Help us to receive your love so that we can love others.
Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 587**

“Alleluia!”

*Celtic Alleluia; Fintan O’Carroll
Traditional Liturgical Text*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

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

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalm 30

One I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

All **O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

One You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

All **Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

One God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

All **While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

One You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

All **I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with my Lord saying,**
One "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

All **Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."**

One You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

All **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

THE ANTHEM

"Great Is The Lord"

Edward Elgar

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness;
Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north.
Go hath made Himself known in her palaces for a refuge.
For lo! The kings assembled themselves, they passed by together; they saw, then were they amazed;
They were dismayed, they hasted away; trembling took hold of them there,
pain, as of a woman in travail, as with the east wind that breaketh the ships of Tarshish.
As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God:
God will establish it forever.
We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple:
as is Thy name O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth;
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of Thy judgments;
Walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks,
consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following.
For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death. Amen.*

THE LESSON

John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So, Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

THE SERMON

Jerusha Van Camp

WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GOODNESS

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 239

*Gelobt Sei Gott; Melchior Vulpius
Cyril A. Alington*

"Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing"

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

**In life and in death, we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- from *A Brief Statement of Faith* 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://firstpresevoansville.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 heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Words of Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

the prayer continues...

One ...with your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven
we worship and adore your glorious name:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

the prayer continues...

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.

The Words of the Institution of the Supper of our Lord

The Communion of the People of God

“In Blessed Communion”

The Prayer After Communion

Michael E. Akers

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 245

Llanfair; Robert Williams

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

Charles Wesley

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE

"Benediction"

Shaker Song; arr. Kevin Siegfried

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, Love ye, love, ye, love ye one another.

THE POSTLUDE

"Alleluia! The Strife is O'er"

Victory; arr. Leonard Bobrowsky

Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher Jerusha Van Camp
Bridge Co-Pastor the Rev. Wendy VanderZee
Liturgist Tracy Shaw
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
Guest Organist Matthew Boatmon
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Mark G. Fox, director

We thank Jerusha Van Camp for sharing the sermon today. She is a second-year student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, earning her Master of Divinity degree. Jerusha is a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of First Pres' Session and the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. Jerusha and her wife Kathryn have been members of First Pres since 2011.

We also welcome Matt Boatmon to the organ bench today. A former organist at First Pres, he is currently the Assistant Organist at Saint Peter's Church, Philadelphia and Accompanist for the Chorister Academy.

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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.

First Pres' **bicentennial celebrations** continue! This afternoon at **4:00 p.m.**, Matthew Boatmon will give a **concert** in our Sanctuary. The concert will close with the choir and Robert Nicholls joining him for the *Kyrie* from Louis Vierne's *Messe Solennele*. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to First Pres!

The annual Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment's **Nehemiah Action** gathering is set for **Monday, May 9** (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) at the Old National Events Plaza. As a CAJE member, First Pres' goal is to have **75 people** in attendance when this year's agenda items are presented to the public. You don't have to be an active member of CAJE to attend, but you do need a ticket so attendance can be counted. See First Pres' CAJE coordinators, Gina Robinson Ungar and Tracy Shaw (Tracy: 615-497-3695; tracy.shaw@experian.com or Gina: 812-204-4291; gina.robinson.ungar@gmail.com) for more information and to get your tickets today!

As part of our Mothering Sunday observations, you are invited to **help Little Lambs!** Bring your donations of new **diapers** or toddler and children's underwear with you to church **next Sunday** - play yards will be in the entrances to receive them. Not a shopper? Your monetary donations are also welcome - make your check payable to Little Lambs and place it in the offering plate.

Are you curious about First Pres? Have you been attending and are interested in knowing more or becoming a member? Join Jerusha Van Camp and leaders of the church for a time of **coffee and conversation on Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in Kerr Chapel. This is a great time to ask questions about First Pres and /or the Presbyterian church in general. Drop-ins are welcome, but you can also let us know you're coming (so we have enough coffee!!) by filling out this [form](#) on First Web.

As overall pandemic conditions have improved, Session invites you to enjoy a brief **time of fellowship after each Sunday worship service**, starting today. Beverages and conversation are welcome as we remember to practice social distancing while wearing masks. If you are interested in joining the fellowship team responsible for providing, preparing, and cleaning up this offering, please contact the [church office](#).

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Gary Morris

Sunday, May 1

Daily Reading: Psalm 136

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 4:00 p.m. Bicentennial Concert
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, May 2

Daily Reading: Luke 4:14-30

Tuesday, May 3

Daily Reading: Luke 4:31-37

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

Wednesday, May 4

Daily Reading: Luke 4:38-44

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, May 5

Daily Reading: Luke 5:1-11

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

Friday, May 6

Daily Reading: Luke 5:12-26

Saturday, May 7

Daily Reading: Luke 5:27-39



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