



May 15, 2022

Fifth 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](http://www.firstpresevansville.com) to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

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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 CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

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

#### THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Nicaea; arr. Robert Nicholls*

#### 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 Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

All Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 641

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

*Engelberg; Charles Villiers Stanford  
Fred Pratt Green*

**When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**

**How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**

**So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!**

**And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons. Yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*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 Recognition of Church Musicians and Teachers  
The Concerns of the Church

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE PSALM FOR THE DAY**

Psalm 148

One Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.  
**All Praise the lord, all you angels; sing praise all you hosts of heaven.**  
One Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.  
**All Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heaven.**  
One Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they were created,  
**All Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**  
One Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
**All Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**  
One Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;  
**All Young men and maidens, old and young together.**  
One Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.  
**All The Lord has raised up strength for the people  
and praise for all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

**THE ANTHEM**

*"Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep"*

John Rutter

*Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep.  
Nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.  
I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,  
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love.  
Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.  
Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below;  
till before my father's throne I shall know as I am known.*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him right away. Children, I am still with you for a little while. You will look for me, and just as I said to the Jewish religious leaders, 'Where I am going you cannot come,' now I tell you the same. "I give you a new commandment - to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. Everyone will know by this that you are my disciples - if you have love for one another."

One The Gospel of the Lord.  
All Thanks be to God.

## THE SERMON

Rev. Wendy Baptist VanderZee

"Seeing the World Through the Eyes of Love"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

#### \*THE HYMN . . . no. 316

*Twenty-Fourth*; Lucius Chapin  
Latin, 8<sup>th</sup> C

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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 as 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.

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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://firstpresevanosville.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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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 . . . no. 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Kingsfold; English Country Songs  
H. Kenn Carmichael*

**Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord,  
To help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword,  
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.**

**God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race  
To live as stewards of the earth, responding to God’s grace.  
But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life.**

**Pray justice make come rolling down as in a mighty stream,  
With righteousness in field and town to cleans us and redeem.  
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,  
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.**

**May we in service to our God act out the living word,  
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord  
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.**

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\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*THE RESPONSE

"A Grateful Heart"

Mary Plumstead

*Thou that hast given so much to me give one thing more, a grateful heart.  
Not thankful when it pleaseth me, as if thy blessings had spare days:  
But such a heart, whose pulse may be thy praise.*

- George Herbert

## THE POSTLUDE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Diademata*; arr. Sondra K. Tucker

## Leading worship this morning:

Bridge Co-Pastors Wendy and John VanderZee  
Liturgist Barbara Josenhans  
Director of Music Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
The Chime Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Mark G. Fox, director

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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.

On **Wednesday, May 25** at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., all are invited to attend a **Grief Gathering** in Fellowship Hall. These sessions are offered to anyone who is grieving the death of Rev. Kevin Fleming and would appreciate some support. These gatherings are an informal opportunity to talk with Pastors John and Wendy, Jerusha Van Camp, and others about your grief and receive care.

The First Pres Session continues to monitor local pandemic conditions and modify our **COVID safety protocols** as conditions warrant. Beginning next **Sunday, May 22**, mask wearing will be *recommended*, but not required in our building. Both worship spaces will have designated areas for those who need to continue to take precautions. The Session will continue to provide and encourage the use of masks, sanitizer, and social distancing, for good public health and so we may continue to offer a safe place to those who are vulnerable.

All are welcome to add to the beauty of our Sunday worship by providing **flowers** to be displayed at that day's service. They may be fresh flowers or silk/faux arrangements, and can be ordered by the donor or the church office. To see a list of available dates and choose one to provide flowers for, you can follow this [link](#) to the online form on First Web, or call the church office. Thank you!

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: Sue Schriber*

### **Sunday, May 15**

*Daily Reading: Psalm 93*

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship  
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time  
9:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time  
1:30 p.m. Bible Bunch (online)  
6:30 p.m. First Light

### **Monday, May 16**

*Daily Reading: Luke 7:36-50*

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

### **Tuesday, May 17**

*Daily Reading: Luke 8:1-15*

### **Wednesday, May 18**

*Daily Reading: Luke 8:16-25*

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (online)

### **Thursday, May 19**

*Daily Reading: Luke 8:26-39*

### **Friday, May 20**

*Daily Reading: Luke 8:40-56*

### **Saturday, May 21**

*Daily Reading: Luke 9:1-17*

## Thank You! to our Church Musicians and Teachers

### **Wide Awake Band**

Carrie Aiken, Tony Aiken, Chris Moore, Matt O'Neill, Don Qualls

### **Flute Choir**

Dick Bernhardt, Director; Jane Bernhardt, Lora Blaylock, Michelle Forche, Michael Garrison, Leanne Hampton, Faith Holman, Gail Waller, Mary Jane Palmer, Ian Sponseller, Lynne Thissen

### **Handchimes**

William Cross, Vivien Plant

### **Handbells**

Mark G. Fox, Director; May Hubbard, Elena Nicholls, William Nicholls, Georgia Shaw-Pullen, Maddie Singleton, Lynne Thissen, Micaiah Van Camp, Cydney Wathen

### **Choir**

*Beginner* Vivien Plant

*Choristers* Alaina Aiken, Lukash Carver, Sam Carver, Greta Griffin, William Nicholls, Georgia Shaw-Pullen, Maddie Singleton, Peter Ungar, Micaiah Van Camp

*Teens* Abby Greenwell, May Hubbard, Elena Nicholls, Lynne Thissen, Cydney Wathen

*Adults* Carrie Aiken, Elizabeth Becker, Jane Bernhardt, Dick Bernhardt, Lora Blaylock, Paul Blaylock, Nell Clay, Mark Fox, Andy Hubbard, Sue Korb, Kerry Norvell, Sarah Pearce, Leslie Roberts, Andrew Singleton, Ian Sponseller, Tom Thornton, Gina Robinson Ungar

### **Teachers**

*PreK-5th Grade* Michelle Haywood, Francie Hubbard, Kate McKinney, Jenny Singleton

*First Light Middle School* Paul Blaylock, Lisa Foerster-Daniels

*First Light High School* Jerusha Van Camp

*Bible Bunch* Jean Beckman

*Seekers* Pete Ruthenburg, John Whinrey