



June 26, 2022

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 CALL TO WORSHIP

One Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

All **The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

One Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All **Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship, and always.**

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 610

"O For a Thousand Tongues"

*Azmon; Carl Gotthelf Gläser
Charles Wesley*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.**

**Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in hearth and heaven.**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to a lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representative in a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One The Lord is faithful in all God's words, and faithful in all God's deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up those who are bowed down.
Therefore, I declare to you that our sins are forgiven.
All Thanks be to God.

***THE RESPONSE**

"Sisters and Brothers, with One Voice"

Vulpus
arr. John Bell and Graham Maule

Sis - ters and bro - thers, with one voice con - firm your cal - ling
and re - joice: each is God's child and each God's choice.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE WORDS OF WELCOME

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

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145:1-10

One I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
All **Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**
One Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
All **One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**
One On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
All **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.**

One They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**All The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

One The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

**All All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

1 Kings 17:8-24

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, 'What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!' But he said to her, 'Give me your son.' He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?' Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, 'O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.' The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, 'See, your son is alive.' So the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.'

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favorably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Rev. John VanderZee

"Desperate Times, Divine Measures"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 459

"O Word of God Incarnate"

Munich; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn
William Walsham How

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

We believe there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

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 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

One All these we lift to the Lord;
All Lord, hear our prayer.

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. 691**

"Lord, When I Came Into this Life"

Land of Rest; Charles H. Webb
Fred Kaan

**Lord, when I came into this life you called me by name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.**

**Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.**

**In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.**

**So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.**

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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Leading worship this morning:

Bridge Co-Pastors	John and Wendy VanderZee
Liturgist	Michael Thissen
Guest Organist	Terry Becker

The flowers today are given by the Igleheart family to the glory of God and in memory of Diane Igleheart.

We welcome and thank Terry Becker for leading our music today. Director of Music Robert Nicholls is on his way to the PAM Worship and Music Camp at Montreat, NC.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The First Pres Session continues to monitor local pandemic conditions and modify our **COVID safety protocols** as conditions warrant. In our building, mask wearing is strongly recommended, and we encourage the use of sanitizer and social distancing as we practice good public health.

Are you **missing a dish or a favorite coffee tumbler**? Perhaps you've left it here at church! You can check for your long-lost item in the parlor, but please check soon, as unclaimed items will be donated or recycled after **July 10**.

For the first time in four years, the General Assembly commissioners will gather in person for the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s first hybrid assembly, built around the theme *From Lament to Hope*. The assembly is meeting June 18 to July 9, at the national offices in Louisville. First Pres' own Jerusha Van Camp has been serving as an intern for the first sets of meetings and has posted daily videos on our Facebook page. You can find out more about what's happening at the 225th General Assembly on the [PCUSA](#) website.

We thank Terry Becker for joining the Band today. Director of Music Robert Nicholls and several of our music families are on their way to the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' **Worship and Music Camp at Montreat**, North Carolina for a week of worship, learning, and fellowship.

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Michelle Haywood

Sunday, June 26

Daily Reading: Psalm 46

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

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

1:30 p.m. Bible Bunch (online)

Monday, June 27

Daily Reading: Luke 22:52-62

Tuesday, June 28

Daily Reading: Luke 22:63-71

Wednesday, June 29

Daily Reading: Luke 23:1-12

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, June 30

Daily Reading: Luke 23:13-25

Friday, July 1

Daily Reading: Luke 23:26-31

Saturday, July 2

Daily Reading: Luke 23:32-43