



July 3, 2022

The Fourth 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!**

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.

We will share Holy Communion this morning. The 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. You are invited to have a bit of bread and juice to partake during that portion of the service.

### 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 In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

All I will extol you, my God and Sovereign,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
our God's greatness is unsearchable.

##### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*Mit Freuden Zart  
Johann Jacob Schütz*

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!**

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God, you are grieved by our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even bound in our own. We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them.

Fill us with your peace and your mercy. Free us from self-destruction and restore us to a life lived in you.

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore peace, my brothers and sisters! In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!

All Thanks be to God.

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 652, verse 3**

"A Grateful Heart"

*Rockingham*  
David Gambrell

**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 30:1-5, 11-12

One I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

All O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

One O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

All Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

One For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

All You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

One so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

All O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

## THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## THE SPECIAL MUSIC

### THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:1-11

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## THE SERMON

Rev. John VanderZee

"Made Whole"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

**\*THE HYMN . . . no. 727**  
"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

*The Servant Song*  
Richard Gillard

**\*THE PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH'S FAITH**

One What do you believe about God?

**All We all believe with our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a singular and sufficient spiritual being whom we call God - eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just and good, and the overflowing source of all good.**

- based on Belgic Confession, Art. 1

**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 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 the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,  
we join their unending hymn:

**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

The Prayer After Communion

## WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

### **\*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 484**

*"Out of Deep, Unordered Water"*

*Rustington; C. Hubert H. Parry  
Fred Kaan*

**Out of deep, unordered water God created light and land,  
world of bird and beast and, later, in God's image, woman, man.  
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.**

**Water on the human forehead, birthmark of the love of God,  
is the sign of death and rising; through the seas there runs a road.  
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.**

**Standing round the font reminds us of the Hebrews' climb ashore.  
Life is hallowed by the knowledge God has been this way before.  
There is water in the river bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver: there is water in the font.**

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### **\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### **THE POSTLUDE**

#### **Leading worship this morning:**

Bridge Co-Pastors	John and Wendy VanderZee
Liturgist	Sue Schriber
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls

The flowers today are given by Jack and Sue Schriber to the glory of God, in celebration of our country, and Jack's birthday.

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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.

It's **Summer Break** for Children's Sunday School! First Light, our Junior- and Senior-High School group will meet periodically over the summer. Kids' Sunday school will return in September.

The Mission Committee invites you to help provide the midday meal for United Caring Services **this Friday, July 8**. The entrée and sides are planned for, and the committee is asking for **donations of desserts** (like pies or cobblers serving about 10 each) for dessert. If you can help with July's meal, please contact Debbie Meyer ([doors2@gmail.com](mailto:doors2@gmail.com); 812-568-6102). Thank you!

The Inaugural **Midwest Choral Festival** is happening this week! Choir members from all over the country are coming to Evansville for a weeklong camp of choral music, worship, and fellowship. You are invited to attend **evensong services** at Neu Chapel on the University of Evansville Campus **Tuesday-Friday at 5:15 p.m.** On **Saturday, July 9**, the Festival will sing evensong at St. Benedict Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue at 6:30 p.m., and next **Sunday, July 10**, the festival will bring extra anthems and special music to our 10:30 service. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors, and join the festival in worship throughout this week and coming weekend as they praise God through music.

Our next **One God, One Community** gathering will take place on **Sunday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.** at the Islamic Center of Evansville on Grimm Road in Newburgh. Join our interfaith friends as we learn about the organizational structure of each of our faith traditions.

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**.

## Weekly Calendar

*Elder of the Week: Ronda Hurt*

### **Sunday, July 3**

*Daily Reading: Psalm 108*

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)

### **Wednesday, July 6**

*Daily Reading: Luke 24:13-35*

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### **Thursday, July 7**

*Daily Reading: Luke 24:36-53*

### **Friday, July 8**

*Daily Reading: Mark 1:1-13*

9:30 a.m. UCS Lunch Prep

### **Saturday, July 9**

*Daily Reading: Mark 1:14-28*

### **Monday, July 4**

*Independence Day*

*Daily Reading: Luke 23:44-56a*

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, July 5**

*Daily Reading: Luke 23:56b-24:11*