



July 17, 2022

The Sixth 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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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

"Prière à Notre-Dame" from *Suite gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:1-2

One We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;  
we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

All We will be glad and exult in you;  
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*St. Denio*; Welsh folk melody

Walter Chalmers Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

#### \*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One Gracious God, we confess that sometimes we behave like Martha in the Gospel lesson for today. We get distracted in our routines, so busy in our daily chores that we forget to take time to stop and breathe, to look around and notice the beauty of creation you have made for us. We do not take time to listen to your voice in Scripture, in music, in our conversations, and in the silences.

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to looking up and looking inward, thinking that all we are commanded to do is to love God and sit with Jesus. We forget to serve our neighbor and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church. We neglect to get down and get our hands dirty.

All **God of balance and steadfastness, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part. In the name of Jesus, we pray.**

## \*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you: that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

All **Thanks be to God! Let us forgive one another!**

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

"A Grateful Heart"

*Rockingham*  
David Gambrell

**With saving love you set us free,  
and still you dwell in mystery with wisdom none can comprehend.  
Your praise, O God, will never end.**

## 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 15

One O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

All **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

One who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

All **in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

One who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

All **Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

## THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"Auf meinen lieben Gott" (*In God, My Faithful God*)

Georg Böhm

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## THE SERMON

"Giving Christ His Due"

Rev. Wendy VanderZee

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

**\*THE HYMN . . . no. 543**

"God, Be The Love to Search and Keep Me"

*Green Tyler*

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

**God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
Prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind,  
Depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,  
And from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

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**\*THE SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(in unison)*

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.**

**All things have been created through him and for him.**

**He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

**He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning,  
the first born from the dead,**

**so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

- *Philippians 2:5-11*

**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/>*

*"Introduction-Choral" from Suite gothique, Op. 25*

**\*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606**

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Léon Boëllmann

*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. 702**

*Bunessan*; Gaelic Melody  
James Quinn, SJ

"Christ Be Beside Me"

**Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.**

**Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**

**Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.**

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**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

"Menuet gothique" from *Suite gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

**Leading worship this morning:**

Bridge Co-Pastors Wendy and John VanderZee  
Liturgist Barbara Josenhans  
Guest Organist Neal Biggers

The flowers today are given by the Whitley Family to the glory of God and in celebration of Ron and Shelby Whitley's birthdays.

We welcome and thank Neal Biggers for leading our music today. Director of Music Robert Nicholls is on vacation.

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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. When the CDC COVID-19 Community Level is Red/High, masking is required and eating in groups is discontinued in our building; when the Level is Yellow/Medium or Green/Low, masking is recommended and eating in groups can resume. **The current CDC Level is Red/High**, so please wear a mask in the building and help us practice good public health.

Our next **One God, One Community** gathering will take place **this evening, 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.

Late in May, Pastors John and Wendy were joined by Jerusha Van Camp and the Deacons for two **Grief Support Sessions**. Another session is scheduled for **this Thursday, July 21 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Anyone who is dealing with a loss of any kind is invited to attend this informal event. No registration is necessary.

On **Saturday, July 23** from 9:00 a.m to Noon, the Tri-State Food Bank is holding a Saturday Blitz to sort donations and prepare food packages for seniors. You can sign up on their [website](#); just scroll down the page to click on the **Saturday Blitz** on July 23.

**The PC(USA) 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** finished its work on July 9, 2022. A wrap-up of happenings from the first-ever hybrid assembly can be viewed/ downloaded from [First Pres' Google drive](#).

### Weekly Calendar

*Elder of the Week: Gary Morris*

#### **Sunday, July 17**

*Daily Reading: Psalm 81*

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 1:30 p.m. Bible Bunch (online)
- 6:30 p.m. First Light @ Aiken's

#### **Monday, July 18**

*Daily Reading: Mark 4:1-20*

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

#### **Tuesday, July 19**

*Daily Reading: Mark 4:21-34*

#### **Wednesday, July 20**

*Daily Reading: Mark 4:35-41*

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Team

#### **Thursday, July 21**

*Daily Reading: Mark 5:1-20*

- 5:00 p.m. Grief Support Meeting

#### **Friday, July 22**

*Daily Reading: Mark 5:21-43*

#### **Saturday, July 23**

*Daily Reading: Mark 6:1-13*

- 9:00 a.m. Saturday Blitz @ TSFB



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