

August 14, 2022

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Come Holy Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Ebenezer; arr. Robert Nicholls

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 100

One Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All **Worship the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.**

One Know that the Lord is God.

It is God that made us and we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

All **Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.**

One Give thanks to God and bless God's name.

All **For the Lord is good; the Lord's steadfast love endures forever,
God's faithfulness extends to all generations.**

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*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 your name.**

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

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led us away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us into your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

One Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just. Therefore, be reconciled to God and to one another, walking in the light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God!

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 67, verse 1**

"My Song Forever Shall Record"

Puer Nobis Nascitur; 15th C

Psalm 89; The New Metrical Version of the Psalms

**My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
Your faithful love will I proclaim, and every age shall know your name.**

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 82

One God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

All **"How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"**

One Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

All **Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."**

One They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

All **I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;**

One nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

All **Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!**

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people

Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“Panis Angelicus”

Mélanie Bonis

*Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;
Dat panis caelicus figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!*

Manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis.

*Te trina Deitas unaque poscimus;
Sic nos tu visita, sicut te colimus;
Per tuas semitas duc nos quo tendimus,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas. Amen.*

The bread of Angels given to humankind;
The bread of Heaven puts and end to the past;
O wondrous thing!

Poor, servant, and humble, all fed by God.

Three-In-One God, we implore:
Visit us as we worship you;
Lead us on your way to our desired home:
The light where you dwell. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Rev. John VanderZee

“God Lives Here!”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

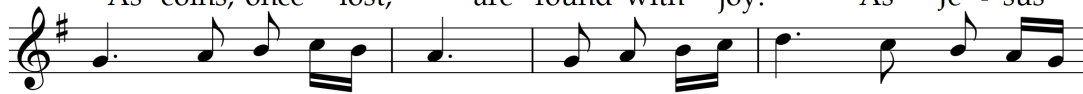
***THE HYMN**

“As Trees from Tiny Seeds Can Grow”

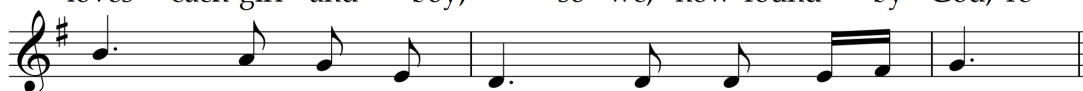
O Waly Waly; English folk melody
Jane Parker Huber



As trees from ti - ny seeds can grow, as yeast ex -
As hid - den trea - sure is re - claimed, we, God's new
We are not prom - ised weed - less fields. Nor are we
As coins, once lost, are found with joy. As Je - sus



pands the life - less dough, as light, un - ham - pered, shines a -
peo - ple are re - named. For us, the pearl, long sought, is
giv - en e - qual yields. But God's true faith - ful - ness shall
loves each girl and boy, so we, now found by God, re -



round, so does God's gra - cious love a - bound.
found. Christ is our trea - sure sure and sound.
stay with us, sup - port - ing all the way.
joice, lift - ing in praise one heart and voice.

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

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

- from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.15

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/>

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

St. Peter; arr. Robert Nicholls

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

Old Hundredth

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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. 394

Westminster Abbey; Henry Purcell
Latin, 7thC

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

"God of the Sparrow"

Roeder; arr. Robert Nicholls

Leading worship this morning:

Bridge Co-Pastors	John and Wendy VanderZee
Liturgist	Kate McKinney
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Soloist	Micaiah Franz Van Camp

The flowers today are given by Lynn Kyle to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Kate Simpson and Kathy Gardner-Brown.

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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 Yellow/Medium**; thank you for helping us practice good public health.

Our third summertime **One God, One Community** gathering is set for **6:30 p.m. tonight** at Temple Adath B'Nai Israel. The topic for the evening will be how each of our faith communities addresses discrimination. Mark your calendars and make a point to join our friends in faith for this important discussion.

Starting today, the Adult Sunday School Classes - **Bible Bunch and Seekers - will combine, meeting at 9:30 a.m. in room 103/5**. The online Bible Bunch class will continue to meet for a few more weeks at 2:00 p.m. By September 4, the class will be available both in-person and online via Zoom at 9:30 a.m., with Jean Beckman, Pete Ruthenburg, Jack Schriber, and John Whinrey teaching in rotation.

Pastors John and Wendy VanderZee will be away from the office this week, taking a time of **study leave** at St. Meinrad Seminary. While they are away, please don't hesitate to contact the church office with any pastoral needs so we can put you in touch with the Elder of the Week or FPC Friend Rev. Sammy Smith.

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Casey Calvert

Sunday, August 14

Daily Reading: Psalm 81

- 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, August 15

Daily Reading Mark 11:12-26

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

Tuesday, August 16

Daily Reading: Mark 11:27-12:12

Wednesday, August 17

Daily Reading: Mark 12:13-27

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

Thursday, August 18

Daily Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Friday, August 19

Daily Reading: Mark 12:35-44

Saturday, August 20

Daily Reading: Mark 13:1-13



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