

September 11, 2022

The Fourteenth 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

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Andante Grazioso"

Kate Boundy

THE INTROIT

"A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester"

Len J. White

*O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Amen.*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One In the image of God
All God makes us
One With the sound of God's voice
All God calls us
One With the touch of God's hand
All God forms us
One From different nations and culture
All God gathers us
One Of all abilities and genders
All God creates us
One Children of God.
All God makes us. God blesses us. God loves us. Amen!

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 308**
"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

Noel; English Melody
Carl P. Daw, Jr.

O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

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***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Loving God, too often, we forget that you formed us as your children: beautiful and complete. Teach us to respect and love all the lives you create. Unified through our diversity - may we see the gifts each has to offer; yet each in need of support. Forgive our blindness and our prejudice. May we see your face in each person that we encounter, hear your voice in all of creation, and feel your touch in every embrace. Help us to see your face in our own reflection and to hear your voice in our song.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

One Be at peace and know that God knows you completely and calls you by name. To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.

All Thanks be to God! Amen!

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 356, verse 1**

"Sing Praise to God, Whose Mighty Acts"

Salvation; Kentucky Harmony
Carl P. Daw Jr.

Sing praise to God, whose mighty acts still strong in memory stand
to give us hope when evil seems to gain the upper hand.
Give thanks for deeds of steadfast love, for wonders new and old:
for fire and cloud, for daily food, for mercies yet untold.

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THE DEDICATION OF CHURCH MUSICIANS

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Presentation of Bibles
The Children's Moment

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse - a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them. "For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 14

One Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.
All **The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**
One They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;
there is no one who does good, no, not one.
All **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?**
One There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.
All **You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.**
One O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
All **When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.**

THE ANTHEM

"O Thou, the Central Orb"

Charles Wood

*O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world,
thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy luster round thee move as stars about thy throne,
set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee,
transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.*

- Henry Ramsden Bramley

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

“Whom Are We Missing?”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN**

*Hymn to Joy; Ludwig van Beethoven
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

“Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture”



Once a sheep was in a pas-ture with the oth - er nine - ty nine.
Shep-herd, some-times we face trou-ble, far from oth - ers, far from you.
Like a shep-herd, Lord, you know us and the songs our spi - rits sing.
Shep-herd, by your love you find us, then you send us out in turn



Their good shep-herd loved those hun-dred, and he told them, "You are mine!"
There are dif-ferent ways we strug- gle, dif-ferent things that we can do.
You ac - cept us and you love us - and you know the gifts we bring.
to seek out all your be - lov - ed and to bring the wound-ed home.



As the hun-dred grazed to - geth - er, for some rea - son yet un - told,
There are times we're prone to wan-der; there are times we're push'd a - way.
With our sign - ing, with our voi - ces, with our hearts, may we ex - press:
As we lead and help each oth - er, as we ad - vo - cate and pray,



one found she was se - pa - ra - ted from the shep-herd, from the fold.
Shep - herd, by your love you find us - then in joy you cel - e - brate!
Shep - herd by your love you find us - we are yours, and we are blessed!
may we shep-herd one a - noth - er on your faith - ful, lov - ing way.

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***THE PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH’S FAITH**

One We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone:

All **He came in the body to give worth to every human life.**

He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable,

forgave the unforgivable

and endured slander, persecution and death

in order that through suffering love God’s kingdom might come on earth.

He rose from the grave as living proof

that what was laid down in faith will be raised in glory.

He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

- from *A Wee Worship Book*, Wild Goose Resource Group

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/>

"Lead Me, Lord"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

- Psalm 5:8, 4:9

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 607

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old Hundredth

Neil Weatherhogg

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Response

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Schumann

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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. 769

"For Everyone Born"

For Everyone Born; Brian Mann

Shirley Erena Murray

**For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

One From where we are to where you need us,
All Christ, be beside us.
One From what we are to what you can make of us,
All Christ, be before us.
One From the mouthing of generalities to making signs of your kingdom,
All Christ, be beneath us.
One To the streets of this world to the gates of heaven,
All Christ be above us.
One Surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.
All Amen.

- from *A Wee Worship Book*, Wild Goose Resource Group

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Now Bless"

Robert Nicholls

*The Lord now bless from heaven above, and shine on you with radiant face;
The Lord who heaven and earth has made illumine you with peace and grace.*

THE POSTLUDE

"Peaen"

Kenneth Leighton

Leading worship this morning:

Bridge Co-Pastors Wendy and John VanderZee
Liturgist Gary Morris
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Barb Witte to the glory of God and in honor of her father, Harold Bootz, Jr.

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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**, so please continue to help us practice good public health.

Sunday School for Children returns today at a new time! Sunday School will be offered for all children ages PreK-5th grades **during 10:30 a.m. worship**. The children will be invited to come forward during worship for the Children's Moment, and will be dismissed to go to their class afterwards. The children will return to worship during the closing hymn. If you are interested in volunteering to assist or teach a Sunday school class, please contact the church office.

The annual "**Blessing of the Animals**" service will be held on **Sunday, September 25** at both morning services. For more than twenty-five years we have welcomed our animal friends into the building for this special service. Just a reminder: pets need to be on leashes, in cages, in carriers, or in aquariums/terrariums. This is a great day to invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to First Pres as we welcome all winged, two-leggeds, four-leggeds, and no-leggeds to worship.

Weekly Calendar

Elders of the Week: Michelle Haywood

Sunday, September 11

Daily Reading: Psalm 150

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Music Support Committee
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, September 12

Daily Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Tuesday, September 13

Daily Reading: Matthew 4:12-17

- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
- 4:45 p.m. Handbell/Handchimes
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 14

Daily Reading: Matthew 4:18-25

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, September 15

Daily Reading: Matthew 5:1-10

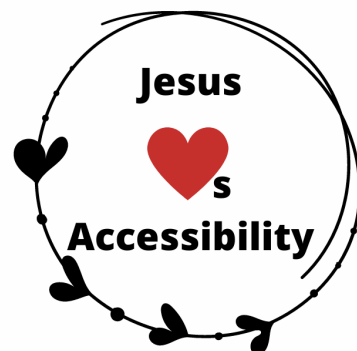
- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 16

Daily Reading: Matthew 5:11-16

Saturday, September 17

Daily Reading: Matthew 5:17-20



There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

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