



October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

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 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

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Voluntary - August 10, 1647"

Thomas Weelkes

THE INTROIT

"Bonse Aba"

trad. Zambian; arr. Andrew Fischer

Bonse aba mu pokelela balipele maka akuba bana. Kuba bana bakwa lesa. Muya yaya bakwa lesa.

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One In the midst of strife and division, we wait for God:

All **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

One In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

All **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

One In the midst of change and challenge, we wait for God:

All **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, O God!**

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 317**
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

McKee; African American Spiritual
John Oxenham

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

***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 a worldwide 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 God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

All Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 441, verse 1**
"Hear the Good News of Salvation"

Nettleton; John Wyeth, collector
John B. Renville (Dakota)

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

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THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 37:1-9

One Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
All for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

One Trust in the Lord, and do good;
 so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
All Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
 One Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
**All He will make your vindication shine like the light,
 and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**
 One Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
**All do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
 over those who carry out evil devices.**
 One Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret - it leads only to evil.
**All For the wicked shall be cut off,
 but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

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

THE ANTHEM

"As we Gather at Your Table"

Eleanor Daley

*As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
 help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
 teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.
 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
 send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
 Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
 may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
 where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
 There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
 as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.*

- Carl P. Daw, Jr

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5th grades may go to Sunday School. They will return to the Sanctuary for the celebration of Communion.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 203**

Chereponi; Ghanian folk melody
Tom Colvin

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

**These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others’ feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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THE PROFESSION OF OUR CHURCH’S FAITH *(in unison)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

- The Apostle’s Creed

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

We will receive the Peace and Global Witness offering today. Please designate your online gift
“Peacemaking & Global Witness”

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at <http://firstpreseovansville.com/giving/>

“Tantum Ergo”

Jessica French

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Let us adore the Host with heads bowed:
Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: And let the old practice give way to new:
Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui. Let faith be a supplement for our failed senses.
Genitori, Genitoque Laus et Jubilatio, To the Father and Son be praise and jubilation,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: hail, honor, virtue, and blessing:
Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. And equal praise to the Holy Ghost. Amen.
Amen.

- From Pange lingua; attr. St. Thomas Aquinas

*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

“Thank you for the World So Sweet”

arr. Robert Nicholls

*Thank you for the world so sweet; thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that sing; thank you, God, for everything.*

- E. Rutter Leatham

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Words of Invitation to the Table

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 of Thanksgiving

One ...With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices
with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus to sing:
**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 Institution

The Partaking of the Elements

The Prayer After Communion

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 832

*Kwake Yesu Nasimama; Kenyan
Kenyan hymn*

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

**Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.**

**There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.
My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood.
Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.**

**It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise.
Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.**

**When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne,
My heart will not have any fear; In Christ's righteousness I am here.
Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.**

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*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Farewell, Good Friends!"

Chalom Chaverim; Israeli Melody

Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom! Till we meet again, shalom, shalom.

THE POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Leoš Janáček

Leading worship this morning:

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

The flowers today are given by Lynn Kyle to the glory of God and in celebration of her awesome sisters, Leslie and Laura.

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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 practicing good public health.

The Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment annual cycle for building justice is about to begin. First Pres is a member of CAJE and will host its first "**House Meeting**" where your community concerns may be shared **following 10:30 worship today**. If you can't attend today, a Zoom version will be held on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. For more information about First Pres' involvement with CAJE, please email [Gina Robinson Ungar](mailto:Gina.RobinsonUngar@firstpres.org).

Would you know what to do in an emergency situation here at First Pres? Our Security and Safety Committee wants to teach you! On Sundays **October 2 and 16**, church leaders - **Officers, Usher/Greeters, Liturgists, Staff, and Sunday School Teachers** - are urged to join Gerald Summers in **Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.** to learn what to do in response to weather and other emergencies when in the First Pres building.

Bridge Co-Pastors John and Wendy VanderZee will be on vacation this week, returning to the office on October 12. If you have pastoral needs during this time, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with the Elder of the Week, Deacons, or Rev. Sammie Smith.

Beer choir returns! Join Robert Nicholls and friends for an evening of "rehearsal" on **Friday, October 14** at Haynie's Corner Brewing Company from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. No prior musical experience is necessary to enjoy this evening of merriment!

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Gary Morris

Sunday, October 2

Daily Reading: Psalm 139

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Emergency Drill Training
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:30 a.m. CAJE "House Meeting"
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, October 3

Daily Reading Matthew 8:28-34

Tuesday, October 4

Daily Reading: Matthew 9:1-8

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

Wednesday, October 5

Daily Reading: Matthew 9:9-17

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, October 6

Daily Reading: Matthew 9:18-26

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

Friday, October 7

Daily Reading: Matthew 9:27-34

Saturday, October 8

Daily Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:4