



October 9, 2022

The Eighteenth 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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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

THE INTROIT

"Morokeni"

Kwangali and Sotho; arr. Bernard Krüger

*Morokeni vakwetetu!
Rona re tswa re le ko Thekong.
Dumelang, kaofela!*

Hello, friend!
We are coming from Durban (Thekong).
Hello, everybody!

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of God's name.

All How awesome are your deeds, O God!
We sing praises to your name.

One Come and see what God has done:
turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

All How awesome are your deeds, O God!
We sing praises to your name.

One Even when God has tested us;
even when we have gone through fire and water:

All God has brought us out to a spacious place.
Our God is an awesome God!

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 342**

“Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”

Rhuddlan; Welsh Melody
Henry Scott Holland

Judge Eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgment purge this land of bitter things;
solace all its wide dominion with the healing of your wings.

Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release,
and the city’s crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease,
and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, your own endeavor; cleave our darkness with your sword;
feed the faithless and the hungry with the richness of your word;
cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Jesus, Master,
have mercy on us.
We keep our distance from you,
for we are broken and sick with sin.
Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole.
Forgive us when we forget to return to you -
have mercy when we fail to praise your name,
and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***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 66:1-12

One Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.
All Sing the glory of God’s name; sing the glory of God’s praise.
One Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
All All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name.”

One Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

**All God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.**

One Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
Let no rebels exalt themselves.

All Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

One Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

All For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

One You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

**All You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you bought us out into a place of refreshment.**

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ... Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

THE ANTHEM

"King of Glory"

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee; and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee: even eternity's too short to extol Thee.*

- George Herbert

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5th grades may go to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children after worship from Room 104 in the education wing.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal, but the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE*****THE HYMN . . . no. 179***Radiant City;* Thomas Pavlechko
John Thornburg*"Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn"*

Ten lepers facing constant scorn, emboldened by their daily plight,
 Encountered One whose healing touch was known to put disease to flight.
 The ten outsiders sought relief: "Have mercy, master, hear our plea."
 "Seek out the priests," the Healer said. He knew the walk could set them free.

A nameless junction in the road became a holy turn-about.
 One awestruck convert spun around, and, praising God, began to shout.
 God gave the space to turn around to all the others on the way,
 But only one resolved to seize the miracle of grace that day.

Would we have stopped, retraced our steps, and then embraced the living Lord
 Whose word had banished all our sores? What kind of thanks could we afford?
 God, make of us your living tithes; the first fruits, fit to work for you.
 Let each be like that one in ten: transformed and cleansed, restored, made new.

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

New life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

*- The Confession of 1967, 9.23***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/>**"Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt" (SWV 380)*

Heinrich Schütz

*God so loved the world that he gave his only son
 so that all who believe in him might not be lost but have eternal life.*

*- John 3:16****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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
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. 307

CwmRhondda; John Hughes
Harry Emerson Fosdick

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

**God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.**

*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Send Me" from *In the Year that King Uzziah Died*

Rachel Aarons

Here am I, send me.

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THE POSTLUDE

Leading worship this morning:

Pastoral Intern Jerusha Van Camp
Liturgist Sue Schriber
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Melissa Whitler to the glory of God and in celebration of her mother, Judy Dugan.

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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**; we encourage all to practice good public health.

Autumn is the time of year when we begin to take stock of many blessings in our lives and give thanks for them. The Mission Committee invites you to join other First Pres households in a “Count Your Blessings” activity that will help you focus on simple blessings that many others in our community do not share. This activity also raises awareness and financial support for the annual CROP walk that contributes to local food service organizations who serve those in need in our community. **A Count Your Blessings** activity calendar is attached to this bulletin; see what simple blessings you have for which you can give thanks.

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 next “**House Meeting**” where your community concerns may be shared via Zoom 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) .

Beer choir returns! Join Robert Nicholls and friends for an evening of “rehearsal” this **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!

Would you know what to do in an emergency situation here at First Pres? Our Security and Safety Committee wants to teach you! Next Sunday, **October 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. Sessions for the congregation at large will be held in November.

Bridge Co-Pastors John and Wendy VanderZee are on vacation, 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.

This year’s **Silent Movie** will take place on **Saturday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Director of Music Robert Nicholls will improvise a live soundtrack to the 1928 silent film *The Man Who Laughs*. Donations to support First Pres musicians’ participation in summer camps will be warmly welcomed that evening.

Mark your calendars and be sure to join in the **closing celebration** for the church’s Bicentennial on **Sunday, October 30**. We will celebrate the rich history of our congregation all morning, with **special receptions** following both morning services.

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Bonnie Rinks

Sunday, October 9

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
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, October 10

Daily Reading Matthew 10:5-15

Tuesday, October 11

Daily Reading: Matthew 10:16-23

- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
- 4:45 p.m. Handbell/Handchimes
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee (online)

Wednesday, October 12

Daily Reading: Matthew 10:24-33

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. CAJE House Meeting (online)
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, October 13

Daily Reading: Matthew 10:34-42

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

Friday, October 14

Daily Reading: Matthew 11:1-6

- 7:00 p.m. Beer Choir (at HCBC)

Saturday, October 15

Daily Reading: Matthew 11:7-15

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