



October 23, 2022

The Twentieth 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

THE INTROIT

"O All Ye Nations" (SWV 215)

Heinrich Schütz

*O all ye nations, praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, all ye people.
Praise ye Jehovah in his strength; all that hath life praise Jehovah.
God's loving kindness unto us is great and merciful.
With heart and voice in him rejoice; for his truth endureth ever more.
Alleluia, sing praises! Alleluia, praise ye the Lord!*

- Psalm 117, adapt. Seth Bingham

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:3, 124:8

One O magnify the Lord with me.
All Let us exalt God's name together!
One Our help is in the name of the Lord,
All Who made heaven and earth.

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 41

Lyons; Joseph Martin Kraus

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

Robert Grant

**O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.**

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have
wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols of our choosing, lived without compassion, and
disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O God, but renew your
covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One In the name of the one who yearns to crown all people with righteousness and whose mercy exalts
the humble, your sins are forgiven. May you be strengthened to live in the freedom of God's
generosity.

All Amen.

***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 84:1-7

One How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All **My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;**
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

All **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

One Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

All **As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs;**
the early rain also covers it with pools.

One They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it, and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice,
for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor,
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

THE ANTHEM

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" from *A German Requiem* (Op. 45, No. 4)

Johannes Brahms

*How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord;
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name ever more!*

-Psalm 84:1, 2, 4

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 GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

THE SERMON

Rev. John VanderZee

"To Bow and to Bend"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 711

"Lord of All Good"

Toulon; Genevan Psalter
Albert F. Bayly

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.**

**We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
Heart with the flame of your own love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.**

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows; to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

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

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - 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 firstborn 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 to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. - Colossians 1:15-20

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/>

"Chaconne"

Henry Purcell; arr. James J. Pellerite

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

Old Hundredth

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

One All these we lift to the Lord;
All Lord, hear our prayer.

The Spoken Prayers

One Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need, saying: God of mercy,
All hear our prayer.

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. 619

Lauda Anima; John Goss

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Henry Francis Lyte

**Praise, my soul, the God of heave; glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness.

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame,
Gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!

Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers in all time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Benediction"

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, Love ye one another.

arr. Kevin Siegfried

- Slow March, *Brother Ephraim Frost*

THE POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from *Suite Gothique*

Leon Boellmann

Leading worship this morning:

Bridge Co-Pastors John and Wendy VanderZee
Liturgist Jean Beckman
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Dick Bernhardt, director

The flowers today are given by Douglass Korb to the glory of God and in loving memory of Daniel Korb, Sr.

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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. **The current CDC Level is Green/Low**; thank you for practicing good public health.

Next Sunday will be a day of great celebration here at First Pres! As we mark **All Saints' Day**, we will remember those who joined the church triumphant in the past year. We will also celebrate the rich history of our congregation as we close out our **Bicentennial** year with special receptions and presentations following each service.

Our Security and Safety Committee wants to teach you what to do in an emergency situation here at First Pres. Mark your calendars and plan to attend a training session on November 6 or 13 **Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.** Gerald Summers will teach you what to do in response to emergencies when in the First Pres building.

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Michael Thissen

Sunday, October 23

Daily Reading: Psalm 66

- 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. Emergency Training for Choir
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, October 24

Daily Reading Matthew 12:43-50

- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, October 25

Daily Reading: Matthew 13:1-9

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

Wednesday, October 26

Daily Reading: Matthew 13:10-17

- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Thursday, October 27

Daily Reading: Matthew 13:18-23

- 10:00 a.m. Bicentennial Team
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 28

Daily Reading: Matthew 13:24-30

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 29

Daily Reading: Matthew 13:31-35

First Presbyterian Church Staff:

Bridge Co-Pastors
Director of Music
Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator
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