



October 30, 2022

All Saints' 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!

Please visit the church website: [www.firstpresevansville.com](http://www.firstpresevansville.com) to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

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

"Prelude in G minor" (Op. 7, No. 3)

Marcel Dupré

#### THE INTROIT

"Ghana Alleluia"

Ghana; arr. Kathy Armstrong

*Let us pray and sing in praise of God, our God in heaven, who gives us life, alleluia, yes!*

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:3, 124:8

One Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
All **Who made heaven and earth.**  
One In life and in death, we belong to God.  
All **Baptized into Christ's death,**  
One We live unto Him.  
All **Come, let us worship God!**

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 804

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

Marion; Arthur Henry Messiter  
Edward Hayes Plumpton

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from death by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

Friends, believe the good news:

**All In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

One Let us give thanks unto the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

**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.**

*English Trans. Metrical Version © 1989 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)*

**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 103

One Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.  
**All God's dominion is forever.**  
One As for us our days are grass;  
**All Like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.**  
One But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,  
**All And God's righteousness is to children's children.**  
One The grass withers and the flower fades;  
**All But the word of the Lord stands forever.**  
One Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.  
**All God's dominion is forever.**

## THE ANTHEM

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"

*Invitation; arr. Alice Parker*

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, hallelujah, glory to the great I Am.  
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.  
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest; and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.*  
- Traditional

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may go to Sunday School.  
They will return to worship for the celebration of Communion.*

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

## THE SERMON

"Saints All Around"

Rev. Wendy VanderZee

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF 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 CELEBRATION OF SAINTS**

The Reading of Names

The Remembrances

*Those who wish to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one are welcome to do so during the hymn.*

*Please come to the front using the central aisles, and return using the aisles along the outer walls.*

**The Hymn . . . no. 730**

*Grand Isle; John Henry Hopkins*

**"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"**

*Lesbia Scott*

**I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.**

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.**

**They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.**

*© Lesbia Scott*

**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/>*

**"Taste and See"**

*Robert Nicholls*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

**\*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

## 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 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One ...therefore we praise you in joining our voices with all people of faith,  
of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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. 326

*Sine Nomine*; Ralph Vaughan Williams

"For All the Saints"

William Walsham How

**For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

**THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.*

**THE POSTLUDE**

“Fugue in G minor” (Op. 7, No. 3)

Marcel Dupré

**Leading worship this morning:**

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

The flowers today are given by Jingle Igleheart Hagey to the glory of God and in honor of First Presbyterian’s bicentennial and the seven generations of her family who have been involved with this church.

Portions of today’s liturgy have been adapted from Teresa Stricklen’s *All Saints’ Liturgy*, written for the Office of Theology and Worship PC(USA).

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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 Yellow/Medium**; please continue to practice good public health.

Our Education Committee has received a number of requests for **nursery care** during worship services. With the holidays approaching, that need is expected to increase as more visitors join us. The Committee is urgently creating a team of volunteers to 'staff' the nursery. If you are interested in **taking a turn caring for our littlest worshipers**, contact Michelle Haywood ([mloglhay@gmail.com](mailto:mloglhay@gmail.com)) or make a note on your yellow worship slip. Thank you for making First Pres a place of hospitality for all.

First Pres is participating in the Evansville Rescue Mission's annual Gobbler Gathering by donating at least **500 boxes of Jiffy Cornbread Mix**. You can help folks with Thanksgiving food baskets by bringing boxes of cornbread to First Pres by Sunday, November 13. If shopping isn't your thing, monetary donations are most welcome: consider how much you would have spent to buy Jiffy mix and mark your donation "For Jiffy Mix." We'll combine all the contributions and write one check to ERM.

Our *One God, One Community* partners invite all to come together on **Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Pres Sanctuary for the annual Thanksgiving service**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the people of the Abrahamic faiths to give thanks and praise to the God who lavishes all good gifts upon God's people. Mark your calendars and invite your friends, family, and co-workers to join this festive and meaningful evening.

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: Casey Calvert*

### **Sunday, October 30**

*Daily Reading: Psalm 117*

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

### **Monday, October 31**

*Daily Reading Matthew 13:36-49*

### **Tuesday, November 1**

*Daily Reading: Matthew 13:44-52*

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

### **Wednesday, November 2**

*Daily Reading: Matthew 13:53-58*

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

### **Thursday, November 3**

*Daily Reading: Matthew 14:1-12*

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

### **Friday, November 4**

*Daily Reading: Matthew 14:13-21*

Church Office Closed

### **Saturday, November 5**

*Daily Reading: Matthew 14:22-36*

- 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Turn your clocks BACK before heading to bed!  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning!**