



November 6, 2022

The Twenty-Second 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!

Hello, friend!

Rona re tswa re le ko Thekong.

We are coming from Durban (Thekong).

Dumelang, kaofela!

Hello, everybody!

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One Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

All **We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!**

One We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

All **For your steadfast love is great among the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 321

"The Church's One Foundation"

Aurelia; Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

She is his new creation by water and the word.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,

her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Gracious God, We do not keep your word before us always and follow your teachings. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. And hear us as we silently pray...

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF PARDON**

One In Christ we are forgiven and washed clean. God gives us not just a second chance, but a new beginning. With joy, let us forgive one another.
All Thanks be to God! Amen!

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 444, verse 1**

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Detroit; Supplement to Kentucky Harmony
Rosamond E. Herklots

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

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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 15

One O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
**All Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;**
One who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
**All in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**
One who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
All Those who do these things shall never be moved.

THE LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 3:1-10

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.
Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will find favor and high regard
in the sight of God and of people.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and turn away from evil.
It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.
Honor the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
One The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

"All the Ends of the World"

William Boyce

*All the ends of the world shall remember themselves and be turned unto the Lord,
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.*

- Psalm 22:27

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.

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

THE SERMON

Rev. John VanderZee

"Rich Toward God"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 463

Foundation; American Folk Melody

"How Firm a Foundation"

"K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

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

**The Spirit renews our hearts and moves us to faith,
leads us to truth, and helps us to pray,
stands by us in our need, and makes our faith fresh and vibrant.**

**God the Spirit lavishes gifts on the church in astonishing variety -
prophetic voice, encouragement, healing, teaching, service, discernment -
equipping each member to build up the body of Christ and to serve our neighbors.**

- from Our World Belongs to God, st. 30

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

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

"Thy Perfect Love"

John Rutter

*Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast
that I thee love and never rest and make me love thee of all things best
And wound my heart in thy love free that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.*

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*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

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. 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' Feste Burg
Martin Luther

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.**

*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Peace at the Last”

Robert Nicholls

*O Lord, you support us all the day long until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our life is done.*

*Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

-The Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA)

THE POSTLUDE

“Placare Christe Servulis”

Marcel Dupré

Leading worship this morning:

Bridge Co-Pastors John and Wendy 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 Veteran’s day.

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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) 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 today or next Sunday **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: Mark Fox

Sunday, November 6

Daily Reading: Psalm 117

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Emergency Training
- 9:30 a.m. Trustee Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, November 7

Daily Reading Matthew 13:36-49

Tuesday, November 8

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 9

Daily Reading: Matthew 13:53-58

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, November 10

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 11

Daily Reading: Matthew 14:13-21
Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 12

Daily Reading: Matthew 14:22-36

First Presbyterian Church Staff:

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Director of Music
Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator
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