



January 22, 2023

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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 to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

Please visit our Facebook page - [First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, Indiana](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchEvansville). 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.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

"Celebration No. 5 in C"

Michael R. Keller

THE INTROIT

"O Clap Your Hands"

John Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people.

- Psalm 47:1

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

All Thanks be to God.

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Italian Hymn; Felice de Giardini
Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.

Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 6, verse 5**

“Christ Be with Me”

*Deidre; Irish melody
attr. Patrick, 5thC*

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE RESPONSIVE READING

based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-4, 11

One For everything there is a season,
All **And a time for every matter under heaven:**
One A time to be born, and a time to die;
All **A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**
One A time to kill, and a time to heal;
All **A time to break down, and a time to build up;**
One A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
All **A time to mourn, and a time to dance.**
He has made everything suitable for its time.

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 14:10-15, 21-22

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” But Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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

THE ANTHEM

“Let all the world in every corner sing”

Greta Tomlins

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.*

- George Herbert from *The Temple*

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

Acts 2:14-18

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Anna von Winckler

“Go Forward”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 39

Faithfulness; William Marion Runyan
Thomas O. Chisholm

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

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

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

Envelopes are available in the pew rack, or you may give online at firstpreseoansville.com/giving

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Kelvingrove; arr. Robert Nicholls

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old Hundredth

Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

THE PRAYERS

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

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. 726**

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Kelvingrove; Scottish melody
John L. Bell and Graham Maule*

**"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen No. 2”

Robert Nicholls

THE POSTLUDE

“Tu es Petrus”

Henri Mulet

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler
Liturgist Gary Morris
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Marcia Meeks to the glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones.

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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.

We have new **build dates** for the Interfaith Habitat Home! Mark your calendars for **February 4 and 5** and visit Habitat's [website](#) for details on what activities are happening that weekend and to sign up to work.

The **annual meeting of the congregation** will take place Sunday, **February 5, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service**. The meeting will also be available on our livestream on Facebook and Vimeo. We will elect new elders, deacons, and trustees, as well as at-large members of the Congregation's Nominating Committee.

Families of PreK-grade 5 children are encouraged to attend brief a **Sunday School meet-and-greet** session. You have two opportunities to meet other Sunday School families and teachers: **Sunday, January 29 and February 12, both at 11:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to add to the beauty of our Sunday worship by providing **flowers** to be displayed at that day's service. They may be fresh flowers or silk/faux arrangements, and can be ordered by the donor or the church office. To see a list of available dates and choose one to provide flowers for, you can follow the link in the article ["Flowers for Worship"](#) on the church website, or call the church office. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Jill Griffin

Sunday, January 22

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship	6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time	
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, January 26
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School	4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship	4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time	6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
12:00 p.m. Session Meeting	
5:30 p.m. First Light	Friday, January 27

Monday, January 23

10:00 a.m. Mission Committee

Saturday, January 28

Tuesday, January 24

3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
4:45 p.m. Handbells/Handchimes
6:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 25



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