



January 29, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## 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](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

"Andante" from *Trio Sonata No. 3 in d minor* (BWV 527)

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### THE INTROIT

"O Taste and See"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.*

- Psalm 34:8

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One What does the Lord require of you

All but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 19

"God of Great and God of Small"

*God of Great and Small*

Natalie Sleeth

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong, God who whom all things belong.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,  
God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

Go dof silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

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**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. 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, 5<sup>th</sup>C*

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 PSALTER LESSON**

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 OLD TESTAMENT**

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

### THE ANTHEM

“Nunc Dimittis in G”

Charles Villiers Stanford

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people:  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

### THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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

### THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.  
And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you  
falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way  
they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

### THE SERMON

Rev. Anna von Winckler

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

\*THE HYMN . . . no. 760  
“Bring Many Names”

*Westchase; Carlton R. Young  
Brian Wren*

**Bring many names, beautiful and good, celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God. Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!**

**Strong mother God, working night and day, planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation genius at play: Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!**

Warm father God, hugging every child, feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled: Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Old, aching God, gray with endless care, calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair: Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

Young, growing God, eager, on the move, saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice, giving all you have: Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

Great, living God, never fully known, joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home: Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

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

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility.

We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

- from *A Declaration 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 [firstpresevoansville.com/giving](http://firstpresevoansville.com/giving)*

"Sarabande"

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

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**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

Claude Debussy  
*Old Hundredth*  
Thomas Ken

**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. 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*Festal Song;* William H. Walter  
Ruth Duck

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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### \*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

#### THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Festival Amen"

Robert Nicholls

*Amen. Alleluia!*

#### THE POSTLUDE

"La Béatitude (Dialogue à deux Chœurs)"

Charles Piroye

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor                    Anna von Winckler  
Liturgist                Jean Beckman  
Guest Organist        Neal Biggers  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
Guest Conductor      Carrie Aiken  
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Dick Bernhardt, director

The flowers today are given by Pete Ruthenburg to the glory of God and in honor of Mary Ruthenburg's birthday.

We thank Carrie Aiken and Neal Biggers for leading our music today. Director of Music Robert Nicholls is on study leave and will return to the office tomorrow

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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 next weekend, **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 next 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: **today, January 29 and Sunday, 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

*Elders of the Week: Sue Hartig and Gerald Summers*

#### **Sunday, January 29**

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. Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:30 a.m. Sunday School Meet & Greet  
5:30 p.m. First Light

#### **Monday, January 30**

#### **Tuesday, January 31**

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

#### **Wednesday, February 1**

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

#### **Thursday, February 2**

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

#### **Friday, February 3**

Church Office Closed

#### **Saturday, February 4**

Habitat Workday



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