



February 5, 2023

The Fifth 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/FirstPresbyterianChurchEvansvilleIndiana). 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 WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

"Suite in G"

George Frideric Handel

THE INTROIT

"Oh Freedom"

Traditional Spiritual

Oh freedom over me!

And before I'd be a slave, I'd be buried in my grave, and go home to my Lord and be free.

No more weeping over me. Same old sunshine over me.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Jesus proclaims, "You are the Light of the world."

All Thanks be to God!

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; 18thC Vienna

Ignaz Franz

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.

All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.

Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but we have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. 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 PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 112:1-9

One Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments.
All **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
One Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
All **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**
One It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.
All **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**
One They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
All **Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;**
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
One They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
All **their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.**

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers.
You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

“Teach Me, O Lord”

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

- Psalm 119:33

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

Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

“On Being the Salt of the Earth”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 816**

*Wer nur den lieben Gott
Georg Neumark*

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

**If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate’er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God’s unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.**

**Only be still, and wait God’s leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate’er thy Keeper’s pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.**

**Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.**

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

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

“God Be In My Head”

Andrew Carter

*God me in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
And God be at my end and at my departing.*

- The Book of Hours, Saurm, 1514

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

*Old Hundredth
Thomas Ken*

“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**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

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 prayer continues...

One ...with the company of our ancestors who paved the way:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

the prayer continues...

One ...Great is the mystery of faith:
All **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.**
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
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 (*in unison*)

**O God, with gratitude and praise you have blessed and fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us hope in the face of turmoil,
to remind us that in you, everything is already alright.
Make us children of remembrance so that her-story and his-tory lives in us.
Send us from this place with purpose and in your power,
blessed, transformed, and bent toward the arc of justice
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

***THE CLOSING HYMN. . . no. 694**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

*Aurelia; Samuel Sebastian Wesley
David Gambrell*

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

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***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen" adapted from Mass for 5 Voices

William Byrd

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Leading worship this morning:

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

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**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
First Presbyterian Church, Evansville, Indiana
February 5, 2023**

- 1) Determination of quorum and opening prayer
- 2) Report of the Nominating Committee, Elder Bonnie Rinks, chair

Elder

Class of 2024
Steve Wylie

Class of 2025

Jill Griffin Bonnie Rinks
Dan Korb Sue Schriber

Deacon

Suzanne Kohlmeyer
Sue Korb
Marilyn Kunkle

Class of 2025

Kate McKinney
Sarah Pearce
Kathryn Van Camp

Trustee

Class of 2023
Roger Colman

Class of 2025

Joan Fedor Bassemier
Wayne Rinks

Nominating At-Large

Jean Beckman
Lynn Kyle

Class of 2023

Regan Stein

- 3) Other Business
- 4) Adjournment

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.

The **annual meeting of the congregation** will take place **today, 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.

All are invited to the free **"Clarinet and Friends"** concert next Sunday, **February 12, 4:00 p.m.** in the First Pres Sanctuary. UE clarinet professor Charles duPreez and colleagues from the University will provide an afternoon of beautiful music. A freewill offering will benefit First Light, First Pres' youth programming.

Families of PreK-grade 5 children are encouraged to attend brief a **Sunday School meet-and-greet** session. Your second opportunity to meet other Sunday School families and teachers is **Sunday, February 12 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: Michelle Haywood

Sunday, February 5

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
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
5:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, February 6

7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting (via Zoom)

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

Church Office Closed

Saturday, February 11



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