



February 19, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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.

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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

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#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One The Holy One is our sovereign.

All Let us Praise God's great and awesome name!

One Mighty ruler, lover of justice,

All you have established fairness among us.

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 835

"Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

*Closer Walk*  
Trad. North American

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.'

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daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DELCARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

*Gloria Patri*; Henry W. Greatorex  
Trad. Liturgical text

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. Amen.

**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 99

One The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.  
All **Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**  
One Let them praise your great and awesome name - he is holy.  
All **The King is mighty, he loves justice - you have established equity;  
in Jacob you have done what is just and right.**  
One Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.  
All **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel was among those who called on his name;**  
One they called on the Lord and he answered them.  
All **He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**  
One Lord our God, you answered them; you were to Israel a forgiving God,  
though you punished their misdeeds.  
All **Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the Lord our God is holy.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"Basin Street Blues"

## 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 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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## THE SERMON

Rev. Anna von Winckler

"Lessons From A Mountaintop"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

**\*THE HYMN**

**"Down By the Riverside"**

Traditional

Gon-na lay down my sword and shield down by the ri-ver - side,  
Gon-na walk with the Prince of Peace down by the ri-ver - side,  
Gon-na shake hands a-round the world, down by the ri-ver - side,  
down by the ri-ver - side, down by the ri-ver - side. Gon-na  
down by the ri-ver - side, down by the ri-ver - side. Gon-na  
down by the ri-ver - side, down by the ri-ver - side. Gon-na  
lay down my sword and shield down by the ri-ver - side, gon-na stu - dy  
walk with the Prince of Peace down by the ri-ver - side, gon-na stu - dy  
shake hands a-round the world, down by the ri-ver - side, gon-na stu - dy  
war no more. I ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more, I ain't gon-na  
stu-dy war no more, ain't gon-na stu - dy war no more.  
I ain't gon-na stu-dy war no more, I ain't gon-na  
stu-dy war no more, ain't gon-na stu - dy war no more.

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he 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 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)*

\*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

*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

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

Traditional

Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the  
Oh, when the sun be - gins to shine, oh, when the  
Oh, when the trum - pet sounds its call, oh, when the

saints go mar - ching in, Lord, I want to be in that  
sun be - gins to shine, Lord, I want to be in that  
trum - pet sounds its call, Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber, when the saints go mar - ching in.  
num - ber, when the sun be - gins to shine.  
num - ber, when the trum - pet sounds its call. *Repeat verse 1*

### \*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

“Alabama Jubilee”

## Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler  
Liturgist Kate McKinney  
Director of Music Robert Nicholls  
The Purple Aces in the Hole  
Charles du Preez, Ross Erickson, Wayne Jones, Ken Stinsultz, Zim Zifer

We welcome and thank the Purple Aces in the Hole for leading our music today.

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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 will come together this **Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.** to begin the season of Lent. We will receive the mark of the cross in ashes as part of our worship. Please join us as we observe a turning point in the church year on **Ash Wednesday**.

Due to vacation schedules, the church office will have reduced hours this week. On Monday and Tuesday, the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. The office will be **closed on Thursday and Friday**.

The First Pres Music Department is pleased to announce a **Soup and Bread Sale** next **Sunday, February 26**. Soups will include split pea, lentil, chili, taco soup, broccoli cheese, and many more for **only \$10/quart**. First-come, first-served sales will take place at 9:30 and 11:30 that morning, following each worship service. All proceeds help our musicians attend summer music camps.

**The Shepard Brass**, featuring members of the University of Evansville Conservatory of Music, will present a free **concert** for brass, percussion, and organ in the First Pres Sanctuary on **Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m.** Bring your family and friends downtown for a wonderful afternoon of music.

## Weekly Calendar

*Elder of the Week: Dan Korb*

### **Sunday, February 19**

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. Fellowship Time  
5:30 p.m. First Light

### **Monday, February 20**

Office open 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
10:00 a.m. Mission Committee

### **Tuesday, February 21**

Office open 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

### **Wednesday, February 22**

Office open 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

### **Thursday, February 23**

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

### **Friday, February 24**

Church Office Closed

### **Saturday, February 25**