



April 9, 2023

The Celebration of Easter

8:30 and 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.

Please visit our Facebook page - [First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, Indiana](#). 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 juice and bread on hand to partake during the service.

### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*\*You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

#### THE PRELUDE

"Christ Lag in Todesbanden"

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### THE INTROIT

"Ghana Alleluia"

Trad. Ghana; arr. Kathy Armstrong

*Let us pray. Sing in praise of him, our King in heaven, he gives us life, Alleluia! Yes!*

*The day I die I will go with you to the beautiful home and sing a song of love. Alleluia! Yes!*

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

All **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One Sin and death shall reign no more.

All **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

One Let this place resound with joy.

All **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Easter Hymn; Lyra Davidica  
Lyra Davidica, Charles Wesley*

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!  
Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence.

Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DELCARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 587**

"Celtic Alleluia"

*Celtic Alleluia; Fintan O'Carroll  
Trad. Liturgic Text*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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 118:1-2, 14-24

One Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

All **Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."**

One The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

All **Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:**

One "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

All **The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"**

One I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

All **The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.**

One Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

All **This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.**

One I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

All **The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**

One The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

All **The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

## THE ANTHEM

“Now is the Triumph Won”

Philip Ledger

*Now is the triumph won.*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won:*

*O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluya!*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed:*

*Let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluya!*

*On the third morn he rose again glorious in majesty to reign;*

*O let us swell the joyful strain: now is the triumph won.*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,*

*That we may live and sing to thee: Alleluya!*

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may return to their seats.*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## THE SERMON

Rev. Anna von Winckler

“The Legacy of Easter”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

#### \*THE HYMN . . . no. 233

"The Day of Resurrection"

*Lancashire; Henry Thomas Smart  
John of Damascus, 8<sup>th</sup>C*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

#### \*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 [firstpresevansville.com/giving](http://firstpresevansville.com/giving)*

"Agnus Dei" (*conclusion*) from *Requiem*

John Rutter

*I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord:*

*He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

#### \*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 Offertory Response

"The Lord Now Bless" from *Come All You Servants*

Robert Nicholls

*The Lord now bless from heaven above and shine on you with radiant face;  
The Lord who heaven and earth has made illumine you with peace and grace.*

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Invitation to the Table

One The Resurrection has begun! The Day of Celebration is here!  
**All Alleluia!**  
One We gather at the table to share in the Banquet of Life!  
**All Here we meet all who share with us the hope for a brighter future!**  
One All who wish to follow The Way of Life are welcome to eat and drink at God's table.  
**All Let us eat together.**

The Great Thanksgiving

One Christ is Risen!  
**All He is Risen Indeed!**  
One We should give thanks!  
**All Thanks and praise to the One who brings life!**  
One Gracious God, we raise voices hoarse from shouting alleluias,  
we sing praises for the wonder of an empty tomb,  
we give thanks for the gifts of life, of life that breaks the bonds of death.  
**All We sing songs of praise for the world you have given us,  
for the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies.**  
One As the spring deepens and the earth thaws, as green breaks through the brown of winter,  
**All we sing songs of hope for new life springing from dead soil,  
for the promise held in every seed that is sown.**  
One As people of faith, we remember all those who have gone before.  
**All People like Moses and Miriam, leading their people to freedom;  
like Sarah and Abraham, seeking a new life in a strange land;  
like Peter and Mary, proclaiming an empty tomb and life beyond the cross.**  
One We remember these and many others, named and unnamed,  
who have embraced Your life, Your hope, and moved into a new age.  
**All And we trust that in remembering and retelling their stories,  
we, too, can take the leap into New Life.**  
One Deep among all those memories we remember the life of a Special One.  
**All Jesus, Child of Mary.**  
One Born of a woman, he grew to adulthood among people who struggled daily for life.  
**All Baptized by John, he embraced the life to which You called him.**  
One He taught and preached a vision of a world where all divisions were broken down,  
where all had what they needed for abundant life,  
where the Reign of God was as real on earth as in heaven.  
**All And though the powerful in his world fought back, he stood strong.**  
One When offered a chance to take the easy way, he overcame his own fear  
and instead prayed "yet Thy will be done".  
**All Even though they put him to death, you raised him to life,  
vindicating his vision and bringing hope and healing to the world.**  
One As inheritors of that hope, we join together  
in the cries that welcomed him into Jerusalem, the cries of hope for the world:

"Sanctus" from *Requiem*

John Rutter

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

One As we gather at this table we remember a story told mere days ago,  
 All **and yet also an age ago,**  
 One we remember that Jesus gathered with his closest friends  
 in an Upper Room to share the feast of liberation,  
 All **and while sharing the ancient story of freedom, he called them**  
**to remember the promised freedom of God's Kingdom.**  
 One We remember that at that table he took the bread, gave thanks for it,  
 blessed it, broke it, and passed it among them, saying:  
 All **This is my body, broken by and for the world.**  
**Whenever you eat it remember me.**  
 One Then later he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and passed it among them, saying:  
 All **This is the cup of the New Covenant, sealed in my blood.**  
**Whenever you drink it remember me, and look toward the fulfillment of God's Kingdom.**  
 One And so we break the bread, and pour the cup, and we remember with hope.  
 All **On this Easter Day we share in the Banquet of Freedom to celebrate Life Victorious!**  
 One God of Life, in the beginning your Spirit hovered over the water,  
 All **calling forth life, creating and inspiring.**  
 One Send Your Spirit upon we who gather to share this meal,  
 infuse this bread and this juice with the Spirit's power,  
 All **as we eat and drink, may we feel the power of Life Triumphant pulse in our veins,**  
**the fire of hope blaze in our hearts, and the joy of the Empty tomb dance in our souls.**  
 One Christ who died is now alive!  
 All **Alleluia! Amen.**  
 One And so, as children of a loving Parent, we pray together  
 the words that Jesus, the Risen Christ, taught his friends:

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

One ...these are Gifts from God for the People of God.  
 All **Thanks be to God!**

The Partaking of the Elements

The Prayer After Communion (*in unison*)

**We have eaten, we have drunk, we have embraced the beginning of the new age.**  
**Grant, O God, that we who have gathered together on this Day of Resurrection,**  
**will move on as people of hope, people of life, people of the Kingdom.**  
**May the meal we have shared today revive us in body and soul**  
**and energize us as we go out to share the Good News.**  
**Christ is Risen! Death is Defeated! Life Wins! Alleluia and Amen!**

## WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

### \*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 245

*Llanfair*; Robert Williams

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

Charles Wesley

**"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

### \*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

#### THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Easter Sequence"

*Victimae Paschali*, 11<sup>th</sup>C

*Christians to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises!  
A lamb the sheep redeems: Christ, who only is sinless, reconciles sinners to our God;  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw wayfaring:  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' Resurrection:  
Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.  
Yea, Christ my hope, is arisen: to Galilee he goes before you."  
Happy they who hear the witness,  
Mary's word believing above the tales of doubt and deceiving.  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia!*

#### THE POSTLUDE

"Chorale-Improvisation on *Victimae Paschali*"

Charles Tournemire

#### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor                    Anna von Winckler  
Liturgist                8:30 Roger Colman  
                                 10:30 Gary Morris  
Director of Music      Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

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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 Green/Low**; thank you for practicing good public health.

**First Light**, our Junior and Senior High School group, will not meet this or next Sunday evening, but will travel this Saturday, April 15 to **visit the Holocaust Museum** in Terre Haute. If your teenager is interested in First Light, please contact [Carrie Aiken](#), our Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator.

First Pres is pleased to host the Evansville American Guild of Organists' next **concert on Sunday, April 23**. Bring your friends downtown at 4:00 p.m. that day for a splendid afternoon of Trio Sonatas in the First Pres Sanctuary.

On Sunday, **May 7**, the First Pres Choir will present **John Rutter's Requiem** in the Sanctuary accompanied by chamber orchestra. Invite your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to join you at 4:00 p.m. and plan to stay afterward for dinner! The Music Support Committee has a delicious Taco Bar planned. Proceeds from the **Taco Bar** fundraiser help send our musicians to Summer Camp experiences.

## Weekly Calendar

*Elder of the Week: Jill Griffin*

### **Sunday, April 9**

- 7:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Worship Leaders' Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship

### **Monday, April 10**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, April 11**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
- 4:45 p.m. Handbells and Chimes
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, April 12**

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### **Thursday, April 13**

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

### **Friday, April 14**

Church Office Closed

### **Saturday, April 15**

First Light Trip to Holocaust Museum



# *Easter Flowers Given By:*

Anne Asbury in memory of Bill Asbury

Elizabeth Becker

Jean Beckman in memory of Helen Templeton

The Bernhardt and Mengon Families in memory of Art and Rita Mengon, Mary and Henry Bernhardt,  
Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mengon, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rauch,  
and Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Bernhardt

Nancy F. Bizal in honor of an exceptional neighbor

Marjorie Blalock in memory of John and Shirley Weber

Betsy and Bill Brubeck in memory of their parents, Anne and Ed Brubeck and Phyllis and Walter Vonnegut,  
and Bill's sister, Jean Denton Brubeck

Lisa and Casey Calvert in memory of Suzanne D. Calvert and Robert C. Calvert

Roger and Susan Colman in memory of Dale and Miriam Billman and Clare Colman

Paul, Sarah, William, and Cameron Cross in memory of Al Shepherd

Elesha and Brian Downs in memory of Shannon and Emil Becker, Evilee and Bernie Downs,

Dottie and Jack Dutton, Viola and Emil Becker, and Dinah Dutton, our beloved parents, grandparents, and aunt;  
and in honor of Brennan, Colleen, and Breelyn Downs, our precious children and blessed grand-bundle

Abigail Fleming in memory of the Rev. Kevin Scott Fleming;

and in honor of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church

Joan Fedor-Bassemier in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John Fedor and Edgar Bassemier

Steve Gibson and Steve Wylie in memory of James and Lois Gibson, and the Rev. Dr. Richard Wylie;  
and in honor of Joan Wylie

Martha Goldman in memory of Grace and Sylvester Korb and Glen and Miriam Ogle

Gary Hill in memory of Bryan and Gaynelle Hill

Bob, Lisa, and Carolyn Jones in memory of their mothers, Barbara Beckenbach and Karen Bohn

Dan and Sue Korb in memory of Daniel F. Korb, Fern and Bill Roessler, and their grandparents;  
and in honor of Douglass Korb and their children and grandchildren

Douglass Korb in memory of Dan Korb, Sr. and loved ones now gone;

and in honor of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

Dave and Marilyn Kunkle in memory of their parents, and sister, Donna Coon

Lynn Kyle in honor of her wonderful sisters, Leslie and Laura

Susie McCool in memory of John and Shirley Weber

Judy D. McCormick in memory of Kevin Scott Fleming;

and in honor of the congregation of First Presbyterian and their many kindnesses

Wendy McCormick and family in memory of John B. Fleming, Lillian Fleming Hardt, William K. McCormick,  
and Kevin Scott Fleming; and in honor of Judy D. McCormick

MT Hallock Morris and Gary Morris in memory of Judith Brooks and Charles Hallock and Ned and Jean Morris

Bill and Sue Morrison in memory of Leona and Francis Morrison and Mildred and Harry Thompson;  
and in honor of Mary Colvin and Rosalie Burke

Sylvia Nichols in memory of loved ones

Jack and Sue Schriber in memory of Kevin Fleming, Mike Thissen, Jacob Ball, LaVon Stone, Mildred Dossett,  
Veleria Horne, and Barb Studwell;

and in honor of Jean Beckman, Carolyn Stillwell, Marylu Sonntag, and Anne Asbury

Marylu Sonntag in memory of Bill and Polly Sonntag

Carolyn Stilwell and David Unger in memory of Helen Templeton

Phyllis Wallace in memory of Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Engel, Sr. and Dr. E.L. Engel, Jr.

John and Anne Whinrey in memory of Mona Whinrey

Barbara Witte in memory of Ed Witte

Pat Wu in memory of Mike Wu and Fen Huang

Scott Wylie in memory of Kenneth Brashier

*Thank You  
to all who donated flowers to decorate our building for the Easter season!*