



April 16, 2023

The Second Sunday of Easter

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!

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### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

#### THE PRELUDE

Improvisation on *O Sons and Daughters, Let us Sing*

*O filii et filiae*

#### THE INTROIT

"Choral Alleluia"

Colin Mawby

*Alleluia!*

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**All God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

One God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

**All In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

One For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;  
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**All For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN**

"From Deep Winter Cold"

*Hanover*  
Kevin Scott Fleming

From deep win - ter cold and long win - ter nights, the  
 The earth comes to life! The sun pours its light! The  
 And just as the world its new life re - ceives, a  
 So, wel - come the gift and wel - come the spring! Let  
 spring - time has come, new life to in - vite. With  
 snow melts a - way! Cold's gloom put to flight! From  
 new life now comes to all who be - lieve. A  
 songs now a - rise! Let steep - le bells ring! Pro -  
 flow - ers and buds the cold earth now a - wakes, with  
 God's end - less pal - lette bright col - ors de - ploy; their  
 life filled with joy and with hope now has come, a  
 claim to the world that a new day has dawned, and  
 bird songs as her - alds, the long cold now breaks.  
 ad - vent we wel - come with hearts filled with joy!  
 gift of our God who de - nies it to none.  
 wel - come God's love that puts right ev - 'ry wrong.

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**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. 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 16

- One Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.  
All **I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."**
- One I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."  
All **Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.**
- One Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.  
All **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**
- One I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.  
All **I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With God at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**
- One Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,  
All **because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.**
- One You make known to me the path of life;  
All **you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

## THE ANTHEM

"How Lovely Are All Your Dwellings, Lord" from *Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

*How lovely are all your dwellings Lord, O Lord of Hosts.  
Lord, my soul faints, it longs for, and hungers now to see the courts of the Lord.  
My body and my soul rejoice, singing their praises to God.  
How blest are they who in your house are dwelling. They sing your praise evermore.*

## 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.*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

## THE SERMON

Jerusha Van Camp

"Living in the Joy of Easter"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

## A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

## \*THE HYMN . . . no. 255

*O filii et filiae*; French melody, 15<sup>th</sup>C  
attr. Jean Tisserand

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

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

**O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;  
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet;  
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture.  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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!"

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

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

*Italian Hymn, arr. Bill Ingram*

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

*Old Hundredth*

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 Choral 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 PRAYERS**

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

One Resurrecting God,

**All keep us in faith that we may have life.**

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. 254

*Puer nobis nascitur*; Trier ms. 15<sup>th</sup>C

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Latin hymn, 5<sup>th</sup>C

That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,  
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;  
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

### \*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

#### THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Festival Amen"

Robert Nicholls

*Amen. Alleluia!*

#### THE POSTLUDE

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

*O filii et filiae*, arr. Robert Nicholls

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor                    Anna von Winckler  
Guest Preacher        Jerusha Van Camp  
Liturgist                Sue Schriber  
Director of Music      Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
The Handbell 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 Pres is pleased to host the Evansville American Guild of Organists' **concert next 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.

Our Parish Visitor, Jerusha Van Camp, invites all to **share a hello** with ill and homebound members and friends by **signing greeting cards**. Stop by the table in the lobby to spread cheer with those who can't join us in person.

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

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

#### **Sunday, April 16**

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship  
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:30 a.m. Music Support Committee

#### **Monday, April 17**

10:00 a.m. Mission Committee

#### **Tuesday, April 18**

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 19**

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee

#### **Thursday, April 20**

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

#### **Friday, April 21**

Church Office Closed

#### **Saturday, April 22**



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