



April 23, 2023

The Third 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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
"Dorian Paean"

#### THE INTROIT

"How Did My Heart Rejoice"

Robert Nicholls

*How did my heart rejoice to hear my friends devoutly say, "In Zion let us all appear to keep the solemn day."  
I love her gates, I love the road; the church adorned with grace stands like a palace built for God, to show God's milder face.  
Peace be within this sacred place, and joy a constant guest; with holy gifts and heavenly grace be all believers blest. Amen!*

- Isaac Watts

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

All Alleluia!

One By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

All Alleluia!

One By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

All Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 618

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

*Deo Gracias; The Agincourt Song*  
Thomas à Kempis

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.**

**For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.**

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

**\*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 116:1-4, 12-19

One I love the Lord, for God heard my voice, heard my cry for mercy.  
All **Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on God as long as I live.**  
One The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me;  
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.  
All **Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"**  
One What shall I return to the Lord for all God's goodness to me?  
All **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**  
One I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.  
All **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of faithful servants.**  
One Truly I am your servant, Lord; I serve you just as my mother did;  
you have freed me from my chains.  
All **I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.**  
One I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people,  
All **in the courts of the house of the Lord - in your midst, Jerusalem.**  
**Praise the Lord!**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Peter 1:17-23

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

### THE ANTHEM

“Come, All You Servants of the Lord”

Robert Nicholls

*Come, all you servants of the Lord, who work and pray by night, by day.  
Come, bless the Lord within this place, with lifted hands your homage pay.  
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.*

- Arlo D. Duba

### 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

Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” “What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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

### THE SERMON

“Feeding Empty Bellies”

Rev. Anna von Winckler

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

**\*THE HYMN . . . no. 252**

*"Day of Arising"*

*Raabe; Caro F. Schalk  
Susan Palo Cherwien*

**Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

**When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

**Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.**

**Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.**

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

**\*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 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 God of resurrection,

**All hear our prayer.**

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. 238

*Judas Maccabeus*; George Frederick Handel  
Edmond Louis Budry

"Thine Is the Glory"

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

### \*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

#### THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Sing Halleluia"

Robert Nicholls

#### THE POSTLUDE

"Allegro" mvt. III from *Sonata No. 1 in E<sup>b</sup> Major*, BWV 525

Johann Sebastian Bach

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor                    Anna von Winckler  
Liturgist                Becky Sparks-Thissen  
Director of Music      Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
The Chime Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Abby Greenwell, Director

The flowers today are given by Barbara Witte to the glory of God and in honor of her anniversary.

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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 this afternoon**. Bring your friends downtown at 4:00 p.m. for a splendid afternoon of Bach Trio Sonatas in the First Pres Sanctuary.

All are invited to attend CAJE's **Nehemiah Action** meeting on **Monday, May 1**. The doors at **All Saints Church** on First Avenue will open at **6:00 p.m.** as CAJE announces the issues to be focused on this year and seeks commitments from Evansville community leaders. For more information, contact FPC Member [Gina Ungar](#).

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** (\$15 at the door) fundraiser help send our musicians to Summer Camp experiences.

## Weekly Calendar

*Elder of the Week: Michelle Haywood*

### **Sunday, April 23**

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Session Book Study
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 4:00 p.m. Trio Sonatas Concert
- 6:30 p.m. First Light

### **Monday, April 24**

### **Tuesday, April 25**

- 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 26**

### **Thursday, April 27**

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

### **Friday, April 28**

Church Office Closed

### **Saturday, April 29**



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