



May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

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 bread and juice on hand to partake during that portion of today's service.

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

#### THE PRELUDE

#### THE INTROIT

"Praise the Lord"

Robert Nicholls

*Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord!*

*The sun has arisen: let us praise God's holy name.*

*Your people here are gathered, let worship of God begin!*

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One In those days, says the Lord -

All **in those days after Jesus rose from the dead,  
in those days when no one really knew what was going on  
or what was going to happen -**

One in those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

All **And when the disciples pushed out their fear**

One and as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new

All **and as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood -**

One in those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire.

All **With joy and awe.**

One The church was born.

All **Our church.**

One God's church.

All **Let us worship God!**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 280**  
"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

*Ebenezer; Thomas John Williams*  
*Janie Alford*

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;  
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

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**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One Holy God,  
All **Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit:**  
One set our hearts on fire.  
All **Burn off all that is dry and lifeless,**  
One and grow us anew.  
All **Let your Spirit dance within our spirits,**  
One uprooting us when we have been unmoved  
All **and refreshing all that is stale in our lives.**  
One Breathe on us your peace  
All **that we will share that peace with all we meet.**

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One ...we proclaim the Good News:  
All **We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 288**

"Spirit of the Living God"

*Living God*  
*Daniel Iverson*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**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 104:24-34, 35b

- One How many are your works, Lord!  
In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- All There is the sea, vast and spacious,  
teeming with creatures beyond number -  
living things both large and small.**
- One There the ships go to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.
- All All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.**
- One When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
- All When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.**
- One When you send your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.
- All May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works -**
- One he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- All I will sing to the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**
- One May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.
- All Praise the Lord!**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

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

## THE ANTHEM

"Hymn to the Holy Spirit"

Martin How

*O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal fount of love,  
in flame we pray our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above.  
As thou in bonds of love dost join the Father and the Son,  
so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.  
All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory Holy Ghost to thee,  
while endless ages run. Amen.*

-Charles Coffin

## 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.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## THE SERMON

Rev. Anna von Winckler

"Are You Pentecostal?"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

#### \*THE HYMN . . . no. 282

*Down Ampney; Ralph Vaughan Williams*

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

Bianco de Siena

**Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.  
And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling.  
For none can guess God's grace, till Love creates a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

**\*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, Holy Ghost"**

Thomas Attwood

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.*

*Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.*

*Thy blessed unction from above, is comfort, life, and fire of love.*

*Enable with perpetual light, the dullness of our blinded sight;*

*Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace.*

*Keep far our foes, give peace at home: where thou art guide no ill can come.*

- John Cosin

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

The Choral Call to Communion

**"Taste and See"**

Robert Nicholls

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

- Psalm 34:8

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Partaking of the Elements

The Prayer After Communion *(in unison)*

**Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes, provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us. Inspire us as we move forward this day and encourage us to transform our dreams into reality. Amen.**

## WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

### \*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 289

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

*Munich*; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn  
Jane Parker Huber

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.  
That spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed, and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

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### \*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

#### THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.*

#### THE POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

Theodore Dubois

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Anna von Winckler
Liturgist	Jean Beckman
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church	
Communion Servers	Jake Kohlmeyer, Bill Morrison, Jack and Sue Schriber

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

A **Meeting of the Congregation** will be held following 10:30 worship next **Sunday, June 4**. Please plan to attend this brief, but important meeting as the congregation receives and affirms the 2023 financial budget. If you cannot attend in person, you may view the meeting by clicking [HERE](#). *Please note that online attendees will not be eligible to vote.*

It's time to celebrate the LGBTQ community and show the love of God by participating in this year's **River City Pride Festival**. The parade begins at noon **this Saturday, June 3**. We had a great crew representing First Pres last year and would love to top that with an even bigger showing this year. If you are interested, please let us know you will participate by making a note on your yellow worship slip or filling out filling out this [form](#) on First Web.

*Did you know First Pres owns two oil wells, and the annual income from them is about \$1,500 more than the tax and other expenses for them?*

This week, the **church office will be open Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Thank you to Jerusha Van Camp for filling in while Office Administrator Lora Blaylock is on vacation. Regular office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) will resume on June 5.

We're looking for a few more folks to join the ranks of volunteers who prepare and clean up the **Sunday refreshments**. You don't need to be a master chef - just follow a few simple instructions to put the kettle on, and set out yummys. If you're interested in helping share hospitality with your First Pres friends, please make a note on your yellow worship slip or contact Sue Schriber ([sschriber0826@gmail.com](mailto:sschriber0826@gmail.com)).

### Weekly Calendar

*Elder of the Week: Sue Schriber*

#### **Sunday, May 28**

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  
5:30 p.m. First Light

#### **Monday, May 29 Memorial Day**

Church Office Closed

#### **Tuesday, May 30**

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Outreach and Membership Committee

#### **Wednesday, May 31**

#### **Thursday, June 1**

#### **Friday, June 2**

Church Office Closed

#### **Saturday, June 3**

12:00 p.m. Pride Parade at Haynie's Corner