



June 4, 2023

Trinity 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](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchEvansvilleIndiana). 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.

### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

#### THE PRELUDE

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Holiness, Word, Power, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons,  
All a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join you.  
One Catch us up in your love and lead us into your world  
All to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing.

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 1

*Nicaea*; John Bacchus Dykes  
Reginald Heber

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

#### \*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three-in-One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 378, verse 2**

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

*Merle's Tune*; Hal H. Hopson  
Kathleen R. Moore

**Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?  
We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.  
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:  
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.**

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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 8

One Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory in the heavens.  
**All Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.**  
One When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
**All what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?**  
One You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honor.  
**All You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:**  
One all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,  
the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.  
**All Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings.

One The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## THE SPECIAL MUSIC

### 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

Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

### THE SERMON

Rev. Anna von Winckler

"Belief and Doubt"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

#### \*THE HYMN . . . no. 459

"O Word of God Incarnate"

*Munich; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn  
William Walsham How*

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,  
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold  
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;  
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,  
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.

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

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*- The Nicene Creed*

**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 PRAYERS**

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

One God of all goodness,  
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. 547

*Ar hyd y nos*; Welsh Melody  
Jaroslav J. Vajda

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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### \*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

### THE POSTLUDE

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Anna von Winckaler
Liturgist	Steve Wylie
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls

The flowers today are given by Steve Gibson and Steve Wylie to the glory of God and in honor of their 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

A **Meeting of the Congregation** will be held following 10:30 worship today. 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 the leaders of First Light, our grades 6-12 youth group, have a budget of about \$40/week for snacks and drinks, fine art supplies, admission for activities like bowling, and a journal for each participant?*

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: Steve Wylie*

### **Sunday, June 4**

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. Congregational Meeting  
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time  
5:30 p.m. First Light

### **Monday, June 5**

### **Tuesday, June 6**

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### **Wednesday, June 7**

7:00 p.m. Education Committee

### **Thursday, June 8**

### **Friday, June 9**

Church Office Closed  
8:00 a.m. First Light leaves for Memphis Trip

### **Saturday, June 10**