



Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

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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

"The Peace May Be Exchanged"

Dan Locklair

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One We say we come to worship to be with God, but the beautiful truth is:

All God is already with us. God is always with us.

One So in this time together,

All let us lift our voices in praise of this loving, ever-present God!

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 22

"God of the Sparrow"

Roeder; Carl F. Schalk
Jaroslav. J. Vajda

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say awe? How does the creature say praise?

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,
How does the creature say woe? How does the creature cry save?

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say grace? How does the creature say Thanks?

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,
How does the creature say care? How does the creature say life?

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say love? How does the creature say peace?

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How do your children say joy? How do your children say home?

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*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness, for we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One People of God, hear and believe the good news:
Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness,
and new life to all who sin and suffer.

All **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 447**

We Are Forgiven; Hal H. Hopson

"We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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 33:1-12

One Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises.

All **Praise the Lord with the harp; play upon the psaltery and lyre.**

One Sing for the Lord a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

All **For your word, O Lord, is right, and all your works are sure.**

One You love righteousness and justice; your loving-kindness, O Lord, fills the whole earth.

All **By your word, O Lord, were the heavens made,
by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

One You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and store up the depth of the sea.

All **Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in reverence.**

One For the Lord spoke, and it came to pass; the Lord commanded, and it stood fast.

All **The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught and thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

One But the Lord's will stands fast forever, and the designs of the Lord's heart from age to age.

All **Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!
Happy the people you have chosen to be your own!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My

daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"Promise Keeper"

Fred Hammond

Seasons come and then they go; but all You've established shall hold fast, and on that we can rest assured.

And beyond all imaginations, every promise You have given me will come true.

I see You, so sovereign; You are the only God so wise: In Your hands You hold my times. I can hold You to Your word.

You're never wavering, You won't turn, for I am sure You are the Promise Keeper.

Exceeding all my expectations, I find myself believing You with no hesitation.

You've proven to me You're awesome. I can so clearly see my life is Yours, El Shaddai.

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THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5th grades may go to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children after worship from Room 104 in the education wing.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Jerusha Van Camp

"God's Promises for All"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 769**

"For Everyone Born"

For Everyone Born; Brian Mann

Shirley Erena Murray

**For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

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

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

- Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.17

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

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Civilla D. Martin

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

*"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear, and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

***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 PRAYERS

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
The Prayers of the People
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. 301

"Let Us Build a House"

Two Oaks
Marty Haugen

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
a place where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we come the faith of Jesus: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

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*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Two Oaks*

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Anna von Winckler
Guest Preacher	Jerusha Van Camp
Liturgist	Tracy Shaw
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Vocalist	Kerry Shower

The flowers today are given by Ron and Beverly Attinger to the glory of God and in honor of their 64th anniversary.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

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).

Did you know that First Pres is a member of CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment) and supports the group financially, with a donation of \$700 in 2023?

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Sue Hartig

Sunday, June 11

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. Session Book Study
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, June 12

1:30 p.m. First Light returns from Memphis

Tuesday, June 13

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, June 15

Friday, June 16

Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 17



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