

July 2, 2023

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.



## First Presbyterian Church

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# 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 will be served individually sealed cups in your seats by leaders of the church.

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

#### THE PRELUDE

#### THE INTROIT

"Make His Praise Glorious"

Bill Wolaver; arr. Lloyd Larson

*Praise the Lord of heaven, praise the Lord of earth.  
Praise him for his mighty power, praise him for his works.  
Praise the Lord, ye nations, praise the Lord, ye kings.  
Praise him all creation, let your voices sing praise the Lord!  
Shout with joy to God all the earth, sing glory to his name.  
Tell aloud his marvelous worth, His righteousness proclaim.  
Glory and honor and blessing and power be unto the Lord! Come and make his praise glorious!  
Praise the lord with music, praise the lord with strings.  
Praise him with the harp and lyre, let the cymbals ring.  
Praise the lord with trumpets and the tambourines.  
Praise the lord in chorus, let your voices sing. Praise the Lord!  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise father, son, and holy ghost.*

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## \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.  
All **We answer this call by the grace of God**  
One through the power of the Holy Spirit  
in the name of God's own Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
All **Come, let us worship God!**

## \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 409

*Abbott's Leigh*; Cyril Vincent Taylor  
Fred Pratt Green

"God Is Here!"

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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## \*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

O God, on lonely Mount Moriah you put your servant Abraham to the test. We confess that we have failed much lesser tests of our faith. We have allowed sin to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to kill our relationship with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change even our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## \*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## \*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God's grace soothes our souls.  
All In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

## \*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 21, verse 2

*Lacquiparle*; Dakota melody  
Joseph R. Renville

"Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works"

**Grant unto us communion with thee, thou star-abiding One.  
Come unto us and dwell with us. With thee are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with thee.**

## 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 13

One How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
All **How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?**  
One How long will my enemy triumph over me?  
Look on me and answer, Lord my God.  
All **Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"  
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.**  
One But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.  
All **I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 22:1-14

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love - Isaac - and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay

here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

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

## THE ANTHEM

"You Do Not Walk Alone"

Elaine Hagenberg

*May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.*

*May you always hear, woken in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.*

*When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone,*

*May you always remember when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.*

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## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Following the Children's Moment, children may return to their seats, as their Sunday School class is on summer break. Childcare (up to age 4) is available in room 109 in the education wing.*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

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

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

**\*THE HYMN . . . no. 330**

*Old 124<sup>th</sup>; Genevan Psalter*

“Our Help Is in the Name of God”

Martin Tel

**Our help is in the name of God the Lord,  
the One who made the heavens with a word,  
creator of the world, each living thing.  
Come, bless the Lord, lift up your hearts and sing:  
“Our help is in the name of God the Lord.”**

**When evil seems to have the upper hand,  
call on God’s name: the Lord, the great “I AM”.  
When troubles rise and all around gives way,  
remember God stays with us night and day.  
Our help is in the name of God the Lord.**

**Praise God the Lord who hears the captives’ prayer.  
Like birds escaping from the fowler’s snare  
we are set free; our praises now ascend:  
“Blessed be the Lord: Creator, Savior, Friend.  
Our help is in the name of God the Lord”**

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

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,  
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God  
in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God’s condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*-from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

## THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

*You may give online at [firstpreseovansville.com/giving](http://firstpreseovansville.com/giving) or by sending a check to the church office.*

\*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 Great Thanksgiving

One The Holy One be with you:

**All And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts:

**All We lift them up to God.**

One Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.

**All It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.**

*the thanksgiving continues . . .*

One . . . And so we join with all the saints

who have gone before in gratitude for your abiding presence:

**All Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and presence**

**all that is, is full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Love.**

*the thanksgiving continues . . .*

The Words of Institution

One . . . as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All **Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

The Partaking of the Elements

The Prayer After Communion

## **WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 331**

*National Hymn; George William Warren*

*“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”*

Daniel Crane Roberts

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

**\*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

**THE POSTLUDE**



## Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler  
Liturgist Sue Schriber  
Director of Music Robert Nicholls  
The Gathering Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
Communion Servers Jake Kohlmeyer, Susie McCool, Gary Morris, Jack Schriber

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

At its June meeting, Session voted to end First Pres' COVID-19 health protocols. One section of the Sanctuary will continue to provide extra spacing between seats, and hand sanitizer and masks are still available for those who need them. The **Elders and staff wish to thank** the congregation and visitors for **practicing good public health** over the past three years.

The Mission Committee invites you to explore the good things happening at United Caring Services! On **Thursday, July 13**, UCS will host an **open house** between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Drop by UCS at 324 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street and learn how you can become involved in caring for your community!

*Did you know the monthly energy bill for the church ranges between \$3,500 and \$5,000, depending on the severity of the season?*

## Weekly Calendar

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

### **Sunday, July 2**

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. Gathering Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

### **Monday, July 3**

**Tuesday, July 4** *Independence Day*  
*Church Office Closed*

**Wednesday, July 5**  
11:00 a.m. Staff meeting  
7:00 p.m. Education Committee (online)

### **Thursday, July 6**

**Friday, July 7**  
*Church Office Closed*

### **Saturday, July 8**