

July 9, 2023

The Fourteenth 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.

## 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 Beloved of God, the winter is past,  
All the flowers appear on the earth,  
One the time of singing has come.  
All Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator.

#### \*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*Madrid; Spanish folk melody  
Christian Henry Bateman*

**Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. We confound your vision for our common life.

Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

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

*Lacquiparle*; Dakota melody  
Joseph R. Renville

**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 45:10-17

**One** Listen, daughter, and pay careful attention:  
Forget your people and your father's house.

**All** Let the king be enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord.

One The city of Tyre will come with a gift, people of wealth will seek your favor.  
**All All glorious is the princess within her chamber;  
her gown is interwoven with gold.**  
One In embroidered garments she is led to the king;  
her virgin companions follow her - those brought to be with her.  
**All Led in with joy and gladness, they enter the palace of the king.**  
One Your sons will take the place of your fathers;  
you will make them princes throughout the land.  
**All I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.**

### THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“Chinsagu no Hana”

Okinawan Folk Song

### THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master’s wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, ‘You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father’s family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.’

“When I came to the spring today, I said, ‘Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, ‘Please let me drink a little water from your jar,’ and if she says to me, ‘Drink, and I’ll draw water for your camels too,’ let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master’s son.’ “Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, ‘Please give me a drink.’ “She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too.’ So I drank, and she watered the camels also. “I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ “She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.’ “Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master’s brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.”

So they called Rebekah and asked her, “Will you go with this man?” “I will go,” she said. So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and

Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,  
"Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands;  
may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies."

Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

### 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 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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All Thanks be to God.

### THE SERMON

the Rev. Anna Von Winckler

"Hearing God"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

#### \*THE HYMN . . . no. 444

*Detroit; Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Rosamond E. Herklots

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.  
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.**

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

**Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.**

*-from Declaration of Faith, PCUSA*

### THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

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

*"Sakura" (Cherry Blossom)*

Japanese Folk Song

\*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. 744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*Festal Song*; William H. Walter

Ruth Duck

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

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### \*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

### THE POSTLUDE

"Simple Gifts"

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## Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Anna von Winckler
Liturgist	Sarah Cross
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Special Music	Steven Wu with Lynne Thissen and Micaiah Van Camp

The flowers today are given by Sue Schriber to the glory of God and in honor of Jack's birthday.

## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The **RSCM Midwest Choral Residency** happens **this week** at the University of Evansville. Each afternoon's camp activities finish with an Evensong Service that is open to the public. Monday-Wednesday, the service will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Neu Chapel on the UE campus; Friday's evensong will take place at St. Benedict Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue beginning at 5:00 p.m. On Saturday, July 15, Evensong will be presented at 7:00 p.m. at St. Benedict. Next Sunday morning, they will lead our 10:30 worship in the Sanctuary. Invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to attend one or more of these music-filled services with you!

The Mission Committee invites you to explore the good things happening at United Caring Services! This **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 our community!

*Did you know our building is insured for over \$10 Million and the contents for more than \$800 thousand?*

## Weekly Calendar

*Elder of the Week: Michelle Haywood*

### **Sunday, July 9**

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:45 a.m. Music Support Committee

5:00 p.m. Evensong at Neu Chapel, UE

### **Wednesday, July 12**

- 5:00 p.m. Evensong at Neu Chapel, UE
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### **Thursday, July 13**

9:00 a.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

### **Monday, July 10**

- 5:00 p.m. Evensong at Neu Chapel, UE
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### **Friday, July 14**

- Church Office Closed*
- 5:00 p.m. Evensong at St. Benedict

### **Tuesday, July 11**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff meeting

### **Saturday, July 8**

7:00 p.m. Evensong at St. Benedict