

## 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!

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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

"O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips"

Margaret Burk

*O Lord, open thou our lips and our mouths shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us: O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.*

#### THE INTROIT

"Lead Me, Lord" from *Praise the Lord, O My Soul*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Come, let us worship God with the passion and joy of King David  
and all the people who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.

All **Let us worship our Savior  
with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of the apostle Paul  
and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.**

One God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
destined us to be children of God, and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.

All **Let us worship God.**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 41**

**“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”**

*Lyons; Joseph Martin Kraus  
Robert Grant*

**O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God’s might; O sing of God’s grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God’s path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.**

**Help us pay attention with all of our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands, and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings.**

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 844, verse 3**

“Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me”

*Danby; English Folk Melody*

Michael Morgan

**With steadfast love and mercy sure, God hears confession and forgives;  
redeemed, the soul in which God dwells,  
and blessed, the heart in which God lives!**

**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 100

One Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

**All serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come into the divine presence with a song.**

One Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;

the One made us and to whom we belong;

**All we are God’s people, the sheep of God’s pasture.**

One Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise;

give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

**All For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;**

**and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**THE ANTHEM**

“Jubilate Deo”

Benjamin Britten

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands, serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves,  
we are his people and the sheep of this pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise  
be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious and His truth endureth from generation to generation.  
His mercy is everlasting.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

- Psalm 100

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:19-24

“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## 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 107 in the education wing.*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 6:9-22a

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel - thirty thousand. He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The Lord’s anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. Then David was angry because the Lord’s wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah. David was afraid of the Lord that day and said, “How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?” He was not willing to take the ark of the Lord to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, and the Lord blessed him and his entire household. Now King David was told, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the

Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart. They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes. When David returned home to bless his household, Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him and said, "How the king of Israel has distinguished himself today, going around half-naked in full view of the slave girls of his servants as any vulgar fellow would!" David said to Michal, "It was before the Lord, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the Lord's people Israel - I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes."

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

THE SERMON

the Rev. Anna Von Winckler

"Passionate Worship"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

\*THE HYMN . . . no. 327

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen; Geistliche Kirchengesäng*

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

Isaac Watts, *A Pocket Hymn Book*

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*- The Apostles' 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)*

*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Isaac Watts; arr. Amy Rice-Young*

**\*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 Offertory Response**

*"Thank you for the World So Sweet"*

arr. Robert Nicholls

*Thank you for the world so sweet; thank you for the food we eat;*

*Thank you for the birds that sing; thank you, God, for everything.*

*- E. Rutter Leatham*

## **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. 846**

"Fight the Good Fight"

*Duke Street; attr. John Hatton  
John Samuel Bewley Monsell*

Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.  
Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.  
Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.  
God's boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.  
Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.  
God changeth not, and thou art dear.  
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

## THE WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND BLESSING

**\*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Amen siakudumisa"

S. C. Molefe

*Sing praises! Amen, we praise your name, O God!*

**THE POSTLUDE**

"Prelude and Fugue in C minor" BWV 549

Johann Sebastian Bach



## Leading worship this morning:

Pastor                      Anna von Winckler  
Liturgist                  Scott Wylie  
Director of Music        Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Dick Bernhardt, director

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

**This afternoon at 4:00 p.m.**, we welcome Charles Du Preez and Leanne Hampton for a free concert of **Clarinet and Flute works**. Bring your family and friends downtown for a lovely way to wind down your weekend.

Next Sunday, we'll celebrate our annual **Blessing of the Animals**. You are invited to bring your animal friends (leashed or caged, please) to receive a blessing during morning worship. This is always a wonderful morning and a great day to invite friends and co-workers to First Pres!

You can help support those in our congregation who occasionally need a little extra care. Is **preparing a meal for others in need** one of your ministry gifts? Join our First Web Meal Train group for updates on opportunities to serve in this way. Make a note on your yellow worship slip, send an email to [lora@fpcevv.com](mailto:lora@fpcevv.com), or fill out the form on First Web: <https://firstpresevansville.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/73/responses/new>

Our congregation-wide discussion of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* is off and running! **If you haven't joined a discussion group yet, it's not too late!** There are groups meeting on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Make a note on your yellow worship slip to join a group or pick up a book and a sign-up form in the church office. Information learned during this study will help the Pastor Nominating Committee in their search for our next permanent pastor.

# Weekly Calendar

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

## **Sunday, September 17**

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
Children's Sunday School
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 4:00 p.m. Clarinet and Flute Concert
- 5:30 p.m. First Light

## **Monday, September 18**

- 10:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting

## **Tuesday, September 19**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens

## **Tuesday, September 19**

- 4:45 p.m. Handbell and Chime Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

## **Wednesday, September 20**

- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee

## **Thursday, September 21**

- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, September 22**

*Church Office Closed*

## **Saturday, September 23**

You are with me.

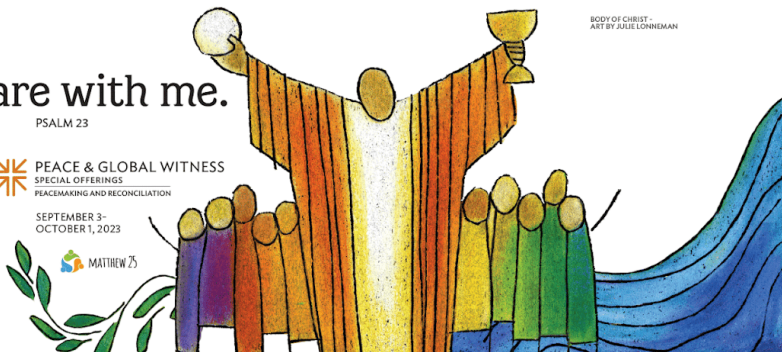
PSALM 23



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Thanks to your gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering:

Maina Talia, a former International Peacemaker for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, works to address the effects of climate change for families on the South Pacific island of Tivalu, who have been displaced by the devastating series of cyclones.



Rev. Stephen Herring works as a peacemaker by pursuing pathways of peace to address structural racism and the catastrophic effects of climate change in North Carolina.

In Madagascar, Rev. Helivao Poget, director of ministry to marginalized people for the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, a Presbyterian World Mission partner, works to prevent human trafficking and to stop children from being exploited.



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of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

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of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

*Thank you!*