

October 1, 2023

World Communion

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 to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

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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 are invited to have a bit of bread and juice available to partake during that portion of the service.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

"Song of Hope" with improvised variations

Bertha R. Frick

THE CHIME PEAL

THE INTROIT

"Ghana Alleluia"

Ghana; arr. Kathy Armstrong

Let us pray and sing in praise of God, our God in heaven, who gives us life, alleluia, yes!

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
All **to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**
One This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.
All **We praise God's name! Amen!**

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 317**
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Mc Kee; African American Spiritual
John Oxenham

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Lord, forgive us. We are blind to our own brokenness, yet focused on the failings
of others. We are deaf to the cries of those who need us, numb to the need of
those who hurt. We are silent when words are needed, impotent when action is
required. Lord, hear our anguish, pity our brokenness, speak life and forgiveness
to our weary souls. Amen.**

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DELCARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 659**
"Know That God Is Good"

Mungu Ni Mwema
Democratic Republic of Congo

**Know that God is good. Know that God is good. Know that God is good;
God is good; God is good.**

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 146: 5,7,9

One Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
All **For their hope is in the Lord their God,**
One who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
All **food to those who hunger and sets the prisoners free.**
One The Lord cares for the stranger and sustains the orphan and widow,
All **but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

THE ANTHEM

“Esto Les Digo”

Kinley Lange

Esto les digo, si dos ustedes se ponen en acuerdo. Aquíen, en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, mi padre que está en el cielo. Se lo dara. Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

This I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.

- Matthew 18:19-20

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did

not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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 SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Mark 16:18, 20

They will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Hebrews 13:16

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Rev. Anna von Winckler

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Here I Am

Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain **Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread will I provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
 the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
 And we believe that that this unity of the people of God
 must be manifest and active, in that we love one another;
 that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
 that we are share one baptism together,
 that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
 that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
 which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ,
 forever and ever. Amen.

- adapted from the Belhar Confession

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

We will receive the Peace and Global Witness offering today.

You may give online at firstpresevansville.com/giving or by sending a check to the church.

"Peace Song"

Curt Oliver

Dona nobis pacem (Latin)

irene (Greek)

paix (French)

peace (English)

damai (Indonesian)

paz (Spanish)

Frieden (German)

amani (Swahili)

heiwa (Japanese)

beke (Hungarian)

pax (Latin)

nanomonestotse (Cheyenne)

pace (Italian)

vrede (Afrikaans)

salaam (Arabic)

pokoj (Polish)

kapayapaan (Tagalog)

fred (Danish)

shaantiH (Sanskrit)

mir (Russian)

hoa binh (Vietnamese)

uxolo (Zulu)

shalom (Hebrew)

*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 Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

the prayer continues...

One ...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

the prayer continues...

One ...Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

the prayer continues...

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.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer After Communion

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN. . . no. 832

"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"

Kwake Yesu Nasimama

Kenyan Hymn

Refrain **Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.**

He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.

There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.

My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood. *Refrain*

**It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. *Refrain***

**When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne,
my heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here. *Refrain***

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***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Bonse Aba"

trad. Zambian; arr. Andrew Fischer

Bonse aba mu pokelela balipele maka akuba bana. Kuba bana bakwa lesa. Muya yaya bakwa lesa.

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God

THE POSTLUDE

"Jubilant March"

Elizabeth T. Van Woerst

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler
Liturgist Becky Sparks-Thissen
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Chime Choir, Micaiah Van Camp, director

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About Today's Choral Music

Ghana Alleluia

This joyful and spirited call to prayer was initially arranged by Kathy Armstrong for upper voices only, and Robert Nicholls has augmented the closing Alleluias to be for the whole choir. The top part sings most of the text calling us to pray and praise, giving thanks both for the gift of life and sacrifice of our Savior.

***Esto Les Digo* – Kinley Lange**

Esto Les Digo is an unaccompanied setting in Spanish by Kinley Lange (b. 1950) of words from the Gospel of Matthew 18:19-20. Lange's career has included conducting children, youth, church, civic, and professional choirs. His compositions are highly influenced by studies at the University of Hawaii and experiences in the ethnomusicology department. *Esto Les Digo's* simple lines, pleasing harmonies, and closing soprano solo make it a favorite for the choir and congregation.

***Peace Song, A Song of Peace in Many Languages* – Curt Oliver**

Curt Oliver (1943-2018) had a long career in church music with a long tenure at Macalester Plymouth United Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, and as the music director of KUOM, the University of Minnesota's Public Radio Station from 1970-1993. He had a particular interest in social justice and peacemaking, initiating an annual hymn writing contest for new texts on timely topics. The text of *Peace Song*, by Richard Leach, is an amalgam of twenty-three languages' word for "peace." The music itself is very simple, in four parts, with an optional part for chimes.

Bonse Aba

Bonse Aba is an arrangement of a traditional Zambian folk song from the Bemba (Chibemba) language which is spoken primarily in Zambia. Arrangers Andrew Fischer and Lawrence Kaptein describe how providing a word-for-word English translation of Bemba is challenging since many Bemba words have multiple meanings and can vary depending on the context in which they are used. The English translation provided (similar to John 1:12) is intended to convey the broad sentiment of the piece: *All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.*

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The work of **Justice and Peacemaking** at FPC is back, and another CAJE year is kicking off too! Join us for a meeting next **Sunday, October 8 after the 10:30 worship service**. We will discuss CAJE opportunities and what matters to you in our community. Plus, we will brainstorm new opportunities for work around creation care (environment) and more.

We welcome the restart of a pre-pandemic concert series on selected **First Fridays** throughout the year. The first of these **concerts is this Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.** and features Owen Tellinguisen, an Organ Major and Senior at the IU Jacobs School of Music. Owen is no stranger to us, having been our Organ Scholar at the Midwest Choir Festival hosted by First Pres in 2022. Owen is a first-class performer and skilled improviser. Invite your friends and neighbors and start your weekend downtown with beautiful music by Bach, Brahms, and more!

The Mission Committee invites you to help ease hunger here in Evansville and around the world during the month of October. Pick up a **“Count Your Blessings” calendar** from the table in the lobby. Each day of the month suggests a blessing to count and an amount to donate to the CROP Walk. And watch throughout the month for other opportunities to help those in need.

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Ronda Hurt

Sunday, October 1

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 5 Practices Discussion Group
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- Children’s Sunday School
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 5:30 p.m. First Light
- 5:30 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group

Monday, October 2

- 7:00 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group

Tuesday, October 3

- 11:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
- 4:45 p.m. Handbell and Chime Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 4

- 10:30 a.m. Generosity Committee
- 1:00 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group
- 7:00 p.m. Education Committee

Thursday, October 5

- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group

Friday, October 6

- Church Office Closed*
- 7:00 p.m. First Friday Concert

Saturday, October 7