



# Wide Awake Worship

September 17, 2023    The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m.

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!** We are glad to have you with us as we join in the worship of our God. Please make yourself at home!

**We invite you to visit** the church website: [www.firstpresevansville.com](http://www.firstpresevansville.com) and our [Facebook](#) page First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, Indiana (We hope you'll "like" us!) to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

**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 GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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

The Music for Gathering

\*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. 314  
"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

*Christ, Be Our Light*  
Bernadette Farrell

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.**  
**Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**  
**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

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**\*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 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 Psalm of the Day

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 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 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

"Passionate Worship"

the Rev. Anna von Winckler

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### The Moment of Intentional Silence

\*The Hymn . . . no. 175  
"Seek Ye First"

*Lafferty*  
Karen Lafferty

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!**

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\*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

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The Offertory Response . . . no. 452

*Open the Eyes*

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Paul Baloché

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you. I want to see you.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you. I want to see you.**

**To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.**

**Pour out your power and love as we sing 'Holy, holy, holy.'**

**Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.**

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## 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 LEAVE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

### \*The Song

"Eat this Bread and Never Hunger"

Daniel Charles Damon



Eat this bread and nev - er hun - ger; drink this cup and nev - er thirst.

Christ in - vites us to the ta - ble where the last be - come the first.

Ask - ing for a cup of wa - ter, Je - sus touched for - bid - den ground;  
Walk - ing down a des - sert high - way, Je - sus healed a man born blind;  
Weep - ing for his friend at grave - side, Je - sus felt the pain of death;

and the wo - man, with a ques - tion, told the world what she had found.  
soon the man be - came a wit - ness to the truth we seek and find.  
yet he knew God's pow'r to wak - en, liv - ing wa - ter, liv - ing breath.

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### \*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Response . . . no. 538  
"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

*Halleluya! Pelo Tsa Rona*  
South African

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.**  
**Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.**  
**I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,**  
**strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.**  
**Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.**

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## **Leading worship this morning:**

Pastor	Anna von Winckler
Liturgist	Roger Colman
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Wide Awake Band	Carrie Aiken, Tony Aiken, Matt O'Neill, Don Qualls

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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. Click [HERE](#) to fill out the form on First Web. 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

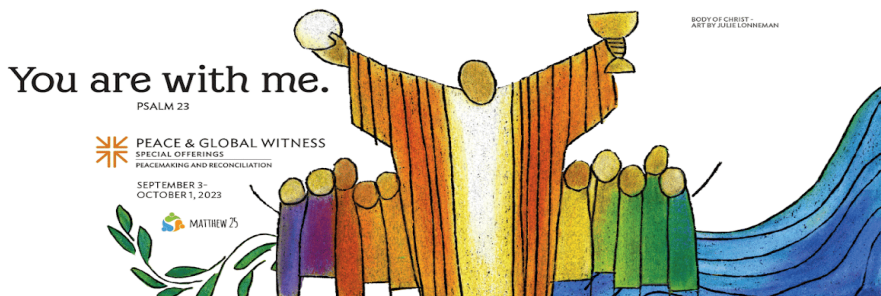
### **Thursday, September 21**

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

### **Friday, September 22**

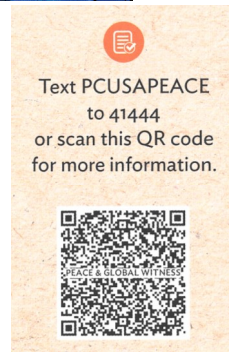
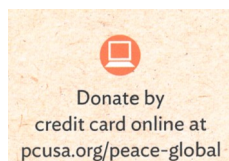
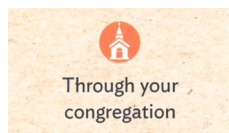
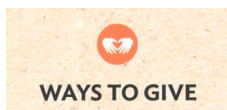
*Church Office Closed*

### **Saturday, September 23**



Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for  
your participation in the  
Peace & Global Witness Offering.







God's presence empowers us  
to bring peace to all people.

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 Tuvalu, who have been  
displaced by the devastating  
series of cyclones.



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.



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.

Visit [pcusa.org/peace-global/resources](http://pcusa.org/peace-global/resources) for more information.



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helping our neighbors in need — those who live next  
door, down the street, and across the globe.

25%

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.

50%

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!

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