



Wide Awake Worship

October 15, 2023

The Twenty-Eighth 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.firstpresevensville.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 I watch this morning

All for the light that the darkness has not overcome.

One I watch for the fire that was in the beginning

All and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.

One I watch for the glow of life

All that gleams in the earth, sea, and sky.

One I watch for your light, O God,

**All in the eyes of every living creature
and in the ever-living flame of my own soul.**

One If the grace of seeing were mine this day

**All I would glimpse you in all that lives.
Grant us the grace of seeing this day.**

*The Opening Song
"City of God"

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Let us build the ci - ty of God. May our tears be
turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our
Love, has turned the night in - to day!

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*The Call to Confession

*The Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness, for we have not honored the dignity of your light in each other. We have let fear and doubt stifle our faith. Heal us, raise us up, that we might live in the knowledge of your peace.

*The Silent Confession

*The Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Response . . . no. 845
"To the Hills I Lift My Eyes"

Na-ui do-um; Song Lee
Song-suk Im; Psalm 121

**To the hills I lift my eyes, longing to know
where, O where will my help come from? Where, O where?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
God the creator will keep my life. God is my help.**

The Words of Welcome

The Greetings Among the People of God

The Announcements

The Generosity Minute

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalm

Psalm 111

One I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**All Great are the deeds of the Lord!
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

One Full of majesty and splendor is the work of the Lord,
whose righteousness endures forever.

**All Gracious and full of compassion is the Lord,
whose marvelous works are to be remembered.**

One The hands of the Lord work faithfulness and justice;
all the commandments of the Lord are sure.

**All They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

One The Lord sent redemption to the chosen people,
commanding the covenant forever;
holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

**All The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
the praise of the Lord endures forever.**

The Scripture Lessons

John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Jerusha Van Camp

“Generosity in Uncertainty”

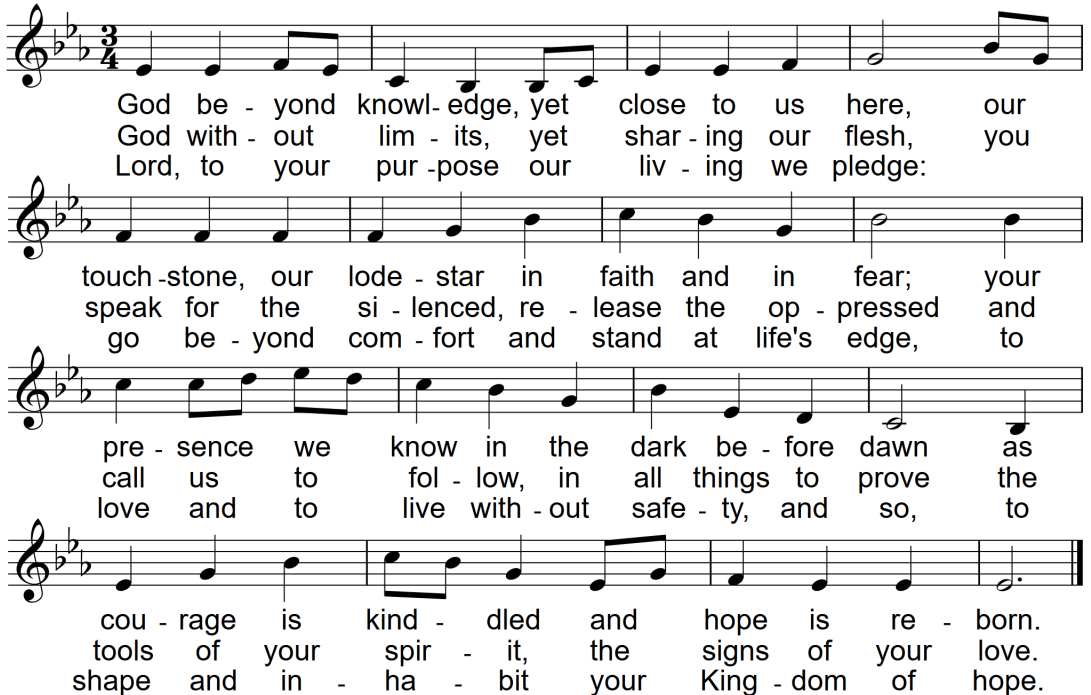
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Moment of Intentional Silence

*The Song

"God Beyond Knowledge"

Slane
Pat Bennett



God be - yond knowl - edge, yet close to us here, our
God with - out lim - its, yet shar - ing our flesh, you
Lord, to your pur - pose our liv - ing we pledge:
touch - stone, our lode - star in faith and in fear; your
speak for the si - lenced, re - lease the op - pressed and
go be - yond com - fort and stand at life's edge, to
pre - sence we know in the dark be - fore dawn as
call us to fol - low, in all things to prove the
love and to live with - out safe - ty, and so, to
cou - rage is kind - dled and hope is re - born.
tools of your spir - it, the signs of your love.
shape and in - ha - bit your King - dom of hope.

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*The Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church

**with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ,
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world;**

that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker;

that the church is witness both by word and by deed

to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit

has conquered the powers of sin and death,

and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity;

that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit

will enable the church to live in a new obedience

which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

- from the Belhar Confession

The Morning Offering

The Invitation

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

The Offertory Response

“Where Your Treasure Is”

Marty Haugen

Where your treas - ure is, there your heart shall be. All that
you pos - sess will nev - er set you free. Seek the things that last; come and
learn from me. Where your treas - ure is, your heart shall be.

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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

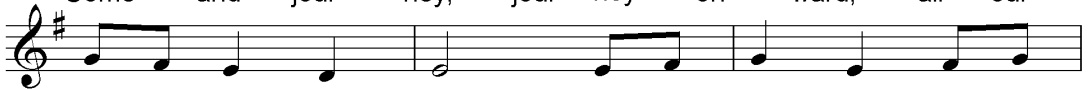
“Come and Journey with a Savior”

Marty Haugen

Herbert O’Driscoll



Come and jour - ney with a Sav - ior who has
 Come and jour - ney jour - ney in - ward, come and
 Come and jour - ney, jour - ney out - ward, tell - ing
 Come and jour - ney, jour - ney out - ward, where that
 Come and jour - ney, jour - ney up - ward, sing his
 Come and jour - ney, jour - ney on - ward, all our



called us from our birth, who has washed us in the
 seek him deep with - in, where he meets us in our
 oth - ers of his name, tell - ing oth - ers of his
 cross calls us to care, where in - jus - tice and where
 prais - es, of - fer prayer. In the storm and in the
 gifts we now shall bring, to the build - ing of a



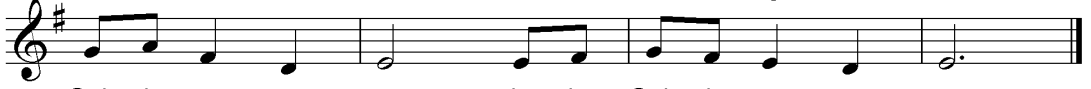
wa - ters, and who loved us on the earth.
 liv - ing, in our striv - ing and our sin.
 glo - ry, of his cross and of the shame.
 hun - ger and the poor call us to share.
 still - ness, find his pres - ence ev - 'ry where.
 cit - y that is ho - ly, Christ its king.



Come and jour - ney, come and jour - ney with a Sav - ior who has



come. We are all God's sons and daugh - ters in the



Spir - it we are one. In the Spir - it we are one.

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*The Charge and Benediction

*The Response . . . no. 747
“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Enviado; Pedro Infante
José Aguiar

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make all of the earth a better place to live. *Sing twice***

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today. *Sing twice***

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Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher	Jerusha Van Camp
Liturgist	John Strange
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Wide Awake Band	Tony Aiken, Matt O’Neill, Don Qualls, Chris Moore, Micaiah Van Camp

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The twelfth annual **Silent Movie night** will soon be here! This year Robert is accompanying *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* (1920) this **Saturday, October 21**. As pure and good as Dr. Jekyll is, he is tempted by his peers to explore the darker side of humanity and transforms into the foul Mr. Hyde! The **7:00 p.m.** showing is free and has open seating; donations will be gratefully accepted at the end of the evening.

And if one silent movie isn’t enough for you, we are also offering a first-come, first-served **“Dinner and a Movie” special for \$20 starting at 5:45 p.m on October 21**. You’ll enjoy a comedy short, Charlie Chaplin’s *Easy Street*, followed by home cooked (by the choir) soups and breads in Fellowship Hall, and preferential seating for the 7:00 p.m. feature presentation. Make your reservations now by clicking [HERE!](#)

The Mission Committee invites you to help ease hunger here in Evansville and around the world during the month of October. Download a **“Count Your Blessings” calendar** [HERE](#). Each day of the month suggests a blessing to count and an amount to donate to the CROP Walk.

First Light, our youth group, offers another opportunity this month to **help others**. **Next Sunday, October 22, bring full-size hygiene items** (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc.) new socks or underwear, or non-perishable food products to church with you. First Light will see that they get to the Food and Hygiene Pantry at Young and Established.

Our worship will focus on **generosity** this month, and we hope you will stop by the “**Heart Card**” table in the hallway and share “what you love most about First Pres”. In addition, our *Connect* email newsletter features a link to [daily devotionals](#) about generosity. And if you’re not receiving *Connect*, but would like to, click [HERE!](#)

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Bonnie Rinks

Sunday, October 15

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

Monday, October 16

10:0 a.m. Mission Committee
7:00 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group

Tuesday, October 17

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 18

1:00 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Thursday, October 19

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 20

Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 21

5:45 p.m. Dinner and a Movie
7:00 p.m. Silent Movie:
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

2023 Session – First Presbyterian Church

As in all Presbyterian congregations, the Session is the leadership team or governing board of the church, responsible for all areas of the church’s life and ministry. It includes the pastor and three classes of elders serving three-year terms of service, all elected by the congregation.

Class of 2023

Sue Hartig
Michelle Haywood
Gerald Summers
Vacancy

Class of 2024

Casey Calvert
Ronda Hurt
Gary Morris
Steve Wylie

Class of 2025

Jill Griffin
Dan Korb
Bonnie Rinks
Sue Schriber

The Reverend Anna von Winckler serves as Moderator.