

November 5, 2023

All Saints' Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Generosity

A GIFT OF THE HEART



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.

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.

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 juice and bread on hand to partake during worship.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

THE INTROIT

"Can't Buy Me Love"

arr. Keith Abbs

I'll buy you a diamond ring, my friend, if it makes you feel alright.

I'll get you anything, my friend, if it makes you feel alright.

I'll give you all I've got to give if you say you love me too.

I may not have a lot to give, but what I've got I'll give to you.

Say that you need no diamond rings and I'll be satisfied.

Tell me that you want the kind of things that money just can't buy.

I don't care too much for money, money can't buy me love. - John Lennon and Paul McCartney

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One We have come to affirm our historic faith.

All **To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

One We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

All **To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

One We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

All **To whose name be blessing and honor,
glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 475**

Nettleton; Repository of Sacred Music

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Robert Robinson

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts.
You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your
commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 691, verse 1**

Land of Rest; American Folk Melody

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

Fred Kaan

**Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.**

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

Psalm 119:1-8

One Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
All who walk according to the law of the Lord.
One Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart -
they do no wrong but follow his ways.
All You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.
One Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!
All Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.
One I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.
All I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

THE ANTHEM

“Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion”

Malcolm Boyle

*Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.
Blessed is the man whom Thou chooseth and receivest unto Thee.
He shall dwell in Thy courts and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house,
even of Thy holy temple.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusted in Thee.
Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord, the Lord Jehovah, is everlasting strength.
Let the people praise Thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God shall give us His blessing.*

- Psalm 65:1,2,4; Isaiah 26:3,4; Psalm 67:3,6,7

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

One The Word 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 107 in the education wing.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Elder Steve Wylie

"Leaving a Legacy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 730**

Grand Isle; John Henry Hopkins

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Lesbia Scott

**I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.**

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.**

**They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.**

© Lesbia Scott

***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

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

“Beati Quorum Via” (Op. 38, No. 3)

Charles Villiers Stanford

*Beati quorum via integra est
qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

Blessed are the undefiled in the way
who walk in the law of the Lord. - *Psalm 119:1*

*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 ...and sing forever to the glory of your name:

**All “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!”**

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. 326**

"For All the Saints"

Sine Nomine; Ralph Vaughan Williams
William Walsham How

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE AND CHORAL GRACE

"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 POSTLUDE

"Allegro" from Concerto in a minor

Antonio Vivaldi; arr. J.S Bach

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Anna von Winckler
Guest Preacher	Elder Steve Wylie
Liturgist	Jean Beckman
Communion Servers	Mark Krahlung, Allison Mooney , Gary Morris, Bill Morrison
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church	

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About Today's Choral Music

Can't Buy Me Love

As we celebrate the presentation of our stewardship gifts today, the teens sing a lighthearted version of John Lennon and Paul McCartney's *Can't Buy Me Love*, arranged in the style of a Renaissance madrigal by Keith Abbs. Complete with "Fa la la's" the three verses are sung quickly and lightly with old-sounding harmony and the occasional rhythmic surprise!

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion

Malcolm Boyle (1902-1976) was an English organist and conductor who became a music examiner for the Associated Board of Music. *Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion*, setting text from Psalm 65, Isaiah 26, and Psalm 67, has become popular as a festive "barn-burner" anthem. The anthem opens with an unusually long, inventive, (and difficult!) organ introduction before the choir enters and a dialog between the two ensues. The interior section is an exquisite and lengthy solo for the soprano section. It is packed with memorable phrases and musical lines accompanied and given forward propulsion by the organ harmonies. The music rebuilds for the explosive return of the choir and the music ends in a blaze of glory.

Beati Quorum Via

Beati Quorum Via is one of three Latin motets (Op.38) by Charles Stanford (1852-1924). He composed around 200 works including seven symphonies, nine operas, eleven concertos, and twenty-eight chamber works. Stanford's choral works have been the most enduring of his output. They have beautiful lines, elegant harmony, and mastery of form.

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Plan to have lunch with all your First Pres friends **today** as we **give thanks** for the Generosity commitments received worship. Following the 10:30 service, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall. Let's celebrate together!

We will receive pledge cards for the **Generosity 2024** stewardship campaign in today's worship. If you need a pledge card, extras are available where you picked up your worship bulletin, or you can fill one out [online](#). We are grateful for your support!

The Feeding Mission group is looking for a few more folks to **help serve lunch at United Caring Services this Friday, November 10**. Please contact [Debbie Meyer](#) (812-568-6102) if you can join the kitchen crew. The group is also looking for Thanksgiving-themed **desserts** for the meal, which can be brought to the church office by Thursday. Thank you for helping feed our neighbors!

Are you curious about First Pres? Have you been attending and are interested in knowing more or/and becoming a member? Join leaders of the church for a time of **coffee and conversation next Sunday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m.** in Kerr Chapel. This is a great time to ask questions about First Pres and the Presbyterian church in general. Drop-ins are welcome, but you can also let us know you're coming by contacting the [church office](#)

November is here, and that means it's **Jiffy Mix time** at First Pres! The Mission Committee asks you to bring boxes of Jiffy Cornbread Mix to the church **next Sunday, November 12**, for the Evansville Rescue Mission's annual Gobbler Gathering. We have pledged **500 boxes** this year, so shop early, and shop often!

Are you looking forward to cold-weather-food season? Mark **November 12** on your calendar and plan to stock up on your favorite savory soups and more at the Music Department's **Soup and Bake Sale** after both worship services. Proceeds help First Pres musicians experience special worship and music events.

The next step in the annual Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment will happen soon. Plan to attend the **Community Problems Assembly on Monday, November 13** at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. The object of the **6:30 p.m.** meeting is to vote on the group's area of focus for 2024 from Affordable Housing, Mental Health and Addictions, and Education Services.

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Jill Griffin

Sunday, November 5

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Children's Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Celebration Luncheon
5:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, November 6

Tuesday, November 7

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
4:45 p.m. Handbell/Chime Rehearsals
5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 8

10:30 a.m. Generosity Committee
4:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, November 9

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

Friday, November 10

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m. Session Retreat

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.