

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

8:30 and 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!

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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 a bit of 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

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### THE INTROIT

"When Mary Through the Garden Went"

Charles Villiers Stanford

*When Mary through the garden went, there was no sound of any bird,  
And yet, because the night was spent, the little grasses lightly stirred,  
the flowers awoke, the lilies heard.*

*When Mary through the garden went, the dew lay still on flower and grass,  
The waving palms above her sent their fragrances out as she did pass.  
No light upon their branches was.*

*When Mary through the garden went, her eyes, for weeping long, were dim.  
The grass beneath her footsteps bent, the solemn lilies, white and slim,  
these also stood and wept for him.*

*When Mary through the garden went, she sought within the garden ground,  
One for Whom her heart was rent, One Who for her sake was bound,  
One Who sought, and she was found.*

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

One Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**All Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**  
One This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**All let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
One Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**All Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*THE HYMN . . . no. 232**

*Easter Hymn; descant by Malcolm Archer  
Lyrica Davidica, Charles Wesley*

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE RESPONSE**  
"Celtic Alleluia"

Christopher Walker and Fintan O'Carroll

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature and the instruction "sing three times". The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody, with a 9/8 time signature change in the middle and a 6/8 time signature at the end. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the second staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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**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 118:1-2, 14-24

- One Give thanks to the Lord who is good;  
the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.
- All Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."**
- One The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- All There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:**
- One "The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
The mighty hand of the Lord is exalted!
- All The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"**
- One I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
- All The Lord has punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.**
- One Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- All "This is the gate of the Lord; those who are righteous may enter."**
- One I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me  
and has become my salvation.
- All The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**
- One This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## THE ANTHEM

“Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Robert Nicholls

*Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Death has been laid low!*

*Terror is defeated, fear is brought down, sing Alleluia!*

*All praise the one who is, who calls us from the dust, and gifts us with life! Alleluia!*

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

- Kevin Scott Fleming

## THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

One    The Word of the Lord.

All    Thanks be to God.

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-8

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was

still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

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

THE SERMON

Anna von Winckler

“The First Easter Sermon”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

\*THE HYMN . . . no. 233    *Lancashire*; Henry Thomas Smart, descant by Robert Nicholls  
“The Day of Resurrection!”    John of Damascus

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

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

This Easter day, we rejoice that death is not the last word.  
God raised Jesus from death,  
turning sorrow into joy, despair into hope.  
We sing of Jesus raised from the dead. We sing hallelujah.  
The Risen Christ lives today,  
present to us and the source of our hope.  
We sing of a church  
seeking to continue the story of Jesus  
by embodying Christ’s presence in the world.

**We are called together by Christ  
as a community of broken but hopeful believers,  
loving what he loved, living what he taught,  
striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place,  
even as we look in hope for a new heaven and a new earth.**

- from *A Song of Faith*, the United Church of Canada

## THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at [fpcevo.com/giving](http://fpcevo.com/giving)

“Christ Is Now Risen from the Dead”

John Harper

*Christ is now risen from the dead, risen as our triumphant head! Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Sing all ye hosts of heaven's band, sing out, ye mountains, seas, and lands! Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Death in vain forbids him rise! Jesus has opened paradise! Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Because he lives, we too shall live! Praise unto Christ alone we give! Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Death is now conquered and destroyed! Life is renewed with love and joy! Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Now Christ has vanquished every foe! Benedicamus Domino! (Let us bless the Lord!)*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

- Kevin Scott Fleming

\*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 Choral 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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Invitation to the Table

One On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ.

**All On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives.**

One On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb.

**All On this day, we embrace faith by committing to love in action.**

One On this day, we shout Hallelujah!

**All On this day we shout, Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Words of Institution  
The Partaking of the Elements  
The Prayer After Communion

## WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

**\*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 245** *Llanfair*; Robert Williams, descant by Robert Nicholls  
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" Charles Wesley

**"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!**

**\*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Festival Amen"

Robert Nicholls

*Amen. Alleluia!*

**THE POSTLUDE**

"Prelude and Fugue in G Major" (BWV 541)

Johann Sebastian Bach



## Leading worship this morning:

Pastor		Anna von Winckler
Liturgist	8:30	Jingle Hagey
	10:30	Sue Schriber
Director of Music		Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church		

Portions of today's liturgy were written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian.

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The **Bible Bunch** Sunday School class **will not meet** this morning or next Sunday, April 7. All adults are welcome to attend when class will resume at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 14.

A **meeting of the Congregation** will take place next **Sunday, April 7** following the 10:30 service. Please plan to attend this brief meeting to elect an Elder and Deacons.

The **church office will be closed** tomorrow, April 1 for the Easter holiday. The office will also be closed this Wednesday, April 3 and next Monday, April 8 for the solar eclipse. Regular office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Are you interested in **Justice and Peacemaking**? Join Gina Unger next **Sunday, April 7 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Bible Bunch room. This brief gathering is your chance to meet others at First Pres who are concerned with Justice and Peacemaking and learn about opportunities to participate in discussions and activities. For more information, please contact Gina Unger ([gina.robinson.ungar@gmail.com](mailto:gina.robinson.ungar@gmail.com)).

The Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists welcomes all to the First Pres Sanctuary on **Sunday, April 21** for a **free concert**. The program of Mendelssohn organ sonatas will begin at 4:00 p.m.

# Easter Flowers Given By:

Linda Arp in memory of Larry Arp

Anne Asbury in memory of Bill Asbury

The Bernhardt and Mengon Families in memory of Art and Rita Mengon,

Mary and Henry Bernhardt, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Mendenhall,

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mengon, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rauch,

and Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Bernhardt

The Bible Bunch of First Pres Evansville in memory of Jack Schriber

The Bible Bunch of First Pres Evansville in honor of Jean Beckman, their teacher

Nancy F. Bizal in memory of dear friends

Betsy and Bill Brubeck in memory of their parents, Anne and Ed Brubeck

and Phyllis and Walter Vonnegut, and Bill's sister, Jean Denton Brubeck

Roger and Susan Colman in memory of Clare Colman and Dale and Miriam Billman

Elesha Downs in memory of Downs, Becker, and Dutton parents

and grandparents who are no longer with us here;

and in honor of Brennan, Colleen, and Breelyn Downs and Brian -

all my love to you all. Happy Easter!

Ryan and Joan Fedor-Bassemier in memory of Edgar Bassemier

and Dr. and Mrs. John Fedor

Steve Gibson and Steve Wylie in memory of James T. and Lois L. Gibson,

and the Rev. Dr. Richard E. Wylie;

and in honor of Joan M. Wylie

Martha Goldman in memory of Jean and Don Korb, Daniel Korb, Sr., David Korb,

Grace and Sylvester Korb, Glen and Dee Ogle, and Miriam and Glen Ogle, Sr.

The Griffin Family in memory of Robert E. Griffin

Glen Killion in memory of Bill Killion

James and Pamela Kimsey in memory of their mothers

Jake Kohlmeyer in memory of Terri L. Tucker

Suzanne Freeman Kohlmeyer in memory of William Henry Freeman

Tom Kohlmeyer in memory of Ruby J. Kohlmeyer

Dan and Sue Korb in memory of Daniel Korb, Sr., Fern and Bill Roessler,

and their grandparents

Dan and Sue Korb in honor of Douglass Korb, their children and their grandchildren

Douglass Korb in memory of Dan Korb, Sr.;

and in honor of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

# *Easter Flowers Given By:*

Dave and Marilyn Kunkle in memory of their parents, and sister  
Marcia Meeks in memory of loved ones  
Gary and MT Hallock Morris in memory of Mary, Bob, and Judy Brooks,  
and Jean and Ned Morris  
Jamie Nelson in memory of Millie Stinson  
Emma Nicholls in honor of the congregation of First Presbyterian  
Carol R. Oglesby in memory of her sister Rindi Radi, and brother, Doug A. Rudy  
Bailey Rankin in honor of Mildred Hilbert  
Suzette Reshanov in honor of her children, Chris, Kim, and Kevin  
J. Glenn Robinson in memory and honor of C.A. Robinson,  
and his mother, Kate Robinson  
Pete and Mary Ruthenburg in memory of James and Phyllis Ruthenburg  
and Maynard and Martha Jane Rogers  
Sue Schriber in memory of Jack Schriber, Jacob Ball, Veleria Horne, and LaVon Stone  
Marylu Sonntag in memory of Bill and Polly and Ed Sonntag  
Susanne and Tom Stein in memory of their parents, Paul and Idabelle Thompson  
and Theodore and Allene Stein  
Wendy and John VanderZee in memory of Barb and Babe Baptist and Diane Singleton  
Phyllis Wallace in memory of Dr. and Mrs. E.L. Engel, Sr. and Dr. E.L. Engel, Jr.  
Kathleen Weston and Chuck Weston in memory of Ethel Hamilton and Juanita Weston  
Kathleen Weston and Chuck Weston in memory of Don and Ethel Weston  
Steve and Julie Wu in honor of their parents, Peter and Elsie Wu,  
and Won and Yong Lim  
Scott Wylie in memory of Larry Schwartz

*Thank You  
to all who donated flowers to decorate our building for the Easter season!*

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, March 31**    *Easter*

7:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship  
9:30 a.m. Worship Leaders' Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

### **Monday, April 1**

*Church Office Closed*

### **Tuesday, April 2**

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

### **Wednesday, April 3**

*Church Office Closed*

### **Thursday, April 4**

4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners  
4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. PNC  
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, April 5**

*Church Office Closed*

### **Saturday, April 6**

*First Light to City Museum in St. Louis*

### **Sunday, April 7**

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship  
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
Fellowship Time  
11:45 a.m. Justice & Peacemaking

### **First Presbyterian Church Staff:**

**Pastor**  
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**Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
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