

April 7, 2024

The Second Sunday of Easter

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.fpcevv.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 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 ist erstanden" (*Christ is Risen*)

Heinrich Bach

THE INTROIT

"God Has Gone Up"

Jack Warren Burnam

*God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn. Alleluia!
You have gone up on high, and led captivity captive. Alleluia!*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Peace be with you.

All **How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.**

One Receive the Holy Spirit.

All **It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.**

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 254**
"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Puer Nobis Nascitur; Trier, 15thC
Latin, 5thC

That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.

From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE**

"Celtic Alleluia"

Christopher Walker and Fintan O'Carroll

sing three times

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2

One That which was from the beginning,
which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes,
which we have looked at and our hands have touched -
this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

**All The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it,
and we proclaim to you the eternal life,
which was with the Father and has appeared to us.**

One We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard,
so that you also may have fellowship with us.

**All And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.
We write this to make our joy complete.**

One This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

**All If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not live out the truth.**

One But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

All If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

One If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**All If we claim we have not sinned,
we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.**

One My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.

**All But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father -
Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.**

One He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

THE ANTHEM

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, who once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now hath Christ arisen!*

*My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.*

- George Ratcliffe Woodward

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

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

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

“Doubting Thomas: My Lord and My God”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 256**

Kedron; att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare

“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”

Thomas H. Troeger

**These things did Thomas count as real: the warmth of blood, the chill of steel.
the grain of wood, the heft of stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.**

**The vision of his skeptic mind was keen enough to make him blind
to any unexpected act too large for his small world of fact.**

**His reasoned certainties denied that one could live when one had died,
until his fingers read like Braille the markings of the spear and nail.**

**May we, O God, by grace believe and thus the risen Christ receive,
whose raw imprinted hands reached out and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.**

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

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

- from 1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:9 (16:1-9); Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at fpcevv.com/giving

“Andante” from Organ Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606
"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Old Hundredth
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 The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

One Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up 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 of Thanksgiving and the Words of Institution

One ...and so we praise you, with all the company of saints and sinners,
singing your unending hymn:

**All Holy, holy, holy 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 Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Partaking of the Elements

"Aria for the Elevation"

Giuseppe Paganelli

The Prayer After Communion (*in unison*)

**Creative God, We thank you for revealing your love to us in bread and juice.
We recognize your presence in us and all around us, and we ask that you
continue to reveal your love for all Creation to the ends of the Earth through
our lives. Make us your people and use us to reveal the inbreaking of your
kin-dom here and now: a world of justice and peace. Amen.**

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

Truro; Musica Sacra

Brian Wren

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

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*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you,

the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

"Allegro assai vivace" from *Organ Sonata I*

Felix Mendelssohn

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Anna von Winckler
Liturgist	Elesha Downs
Guest Organist	Neal Biggers
Guest Director	Carrie Aiken
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church	

We thank Neal Biggers and Carrie Aiken for leading our music today. Director of Music Robert Nicholls is directing the RSCM America National Choir today at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue in New York City. He will return to the office on Tuesday.

Portions of today's liturgy were written by Rev. Laura Baumgartner, Seattle, WA, an elder in the Pacific Northwest Conference, serving Haller Lake UMC. She is involved in the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The **Bible Bunch** Sunday School class **will not meet** this morning. 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 **today 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 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 Ungar **this morning 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 (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.

The congregation is invited to the **wedding** ceremony of Joanna McCormick Fleming and Harris Parvaze this **Saturday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**.

Weekly Calendar

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
Children's Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, April 8

6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 13

2:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Fleming-Parvaze Wedding

First Presbyterian Church Staff:

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