

April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.



First Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

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in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

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page, and the recording will be posted to our [YouTube](#) channel.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" *Gelobt sei Gott*; arr. Robert Nicholls

THE INTROIT

"This Is the Day" Charles Callahan

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! - Psalm 118:24

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones,

All and give thanks to God's Holy Name.

One For God's anger is but for a moment;

All God's favor is for a lifetime.

One Weeping may linger for the night,

All but joy comes with the morning.

Let us worship God!

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 255

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

O Filii et Filiae; French melody
att. Jean Tisserand

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O sons and daughters, let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia! Alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silent instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the judge. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow
and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
All Thanks be to God!

*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!

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 6/8 time signature. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' on the first staff and 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' on the second staff.

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 30

- One I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- All **O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**
- One Sing to the Lord, you servants of God;
give thanks for the remembrance of the holiness of God.
- All **For the wrath of God endures but the twinkling of an eye,
the divine favor for a lifetime.
Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.**
- One While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
Lord, with your favor, you made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- All **I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with you, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"**
- One Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."
You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- All **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

THE ANTHEM

"O Salutaris Hostia"

Eriks Ešenvalds

O salutaris Hostia, quae caeli pandis ostium:

*Bella premunt hostilia, da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino sit sempiterna gloria,*

*Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.*

O Saving Victim,
who expands the door of heaven,
Hostile wars press. Give strength; bear aid.
To the Lord One and Three,
may there be everlasting glory.

That he may give life without end
to us in our homeland. - Thomas Aquinas

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 21:1-19

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Wendy VanderZee

"Christ's Vision"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 247

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Noël Nouvelet; French Carol
John M.C. Crum

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*in unison*)

We are not alone, we live in God's world,

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

- *A New Creed* from 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

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

St. Theodulph; arr. Ricky Lombardo

*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 (*in unison*)

**Take, God, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my
entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, O
God, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only
your love and your grace. That is enough for me. Amen.**

- St. Ignatius

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 PRAYERS

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

One O Lord our God,

All we cry to you for help.

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 DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymn to Joy; Ludwig van Beethoven

Brian Wren

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!** © 2022 Hope Publishing Company

*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"God be with you 'til we meet again"

William G. Tomer

May the Lord bless you and keep you; God be with you 'til we meet again.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you:

by his counsels guide, uphold you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, with his sheep securely fold you,

And may the Lord give you peace, for now and evermore: God be with you 'til we meet again.

THE POSTLUDE

"March Triumphale" from *Nun danket alle Gott* (Op. 65)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher Wendy VanderZee
Liturgist Jessica Montgomery
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Chime Choir of First Presbyterian Church. Micaiah Van Camp, director
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Dick Bernhardt, director

We welcome and thank former Bridge Co-Pastor Wendy VanderZee for leading our worship today. Pastor Anna von Winckler is on study leave and will return to worship next Sunday.

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

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

Mark your calendars and get your favorite shareable dish ready! On **Sunday, April 28**, the Generosity Committee welcomes all to a **carry-in (potluck) luncheon following the 10:30 service**. Beverages and tableware will be provided, so bring something to share and let's enjoy a time of grateful fellowship!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 14

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. Fellowship Time
Music Support Committee
5:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, April 15

10:00 a.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

5:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Thursday, April 18

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 19

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 20