

April 21, 2024

The Fourth 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!

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*\*You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

#### THE PRELUDE

"Sonata III" (Op. 65)

Felix Mendelssohn

#### THE INTROIT

"Shout with Joy to the Lord"

Robert Nicholls

*Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands. Lift up your voice, give thanks, and sing.*

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All He lays down his life for his sheep.**

One The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All He knows us, and we belong to him.**

One The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**All He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 238**

*Judas Maccabeus; George Frederick Handel*

*"Thine Is the Glory"*

*Edmond Louis Budry*

*Refrain* **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.** *Refrain*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.** *Refrain*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.** *Refrain*

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**\*THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE RESPONSE . . . no. 363, verse 1**

*Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>; John Darwall*

*"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"*

*Charles Wesley*

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**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 23

One The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**All You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.**

One You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways  
for your name's sake.

**All Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

One You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**All Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

### THE ANTHEM

*"Es war ein wunderlicher Krieg"  
from Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Es war ein wunderlicher Krieg,  
Da Tod und Leben rungen,  
Das Leben behielt den Sieg,  
Es hat den Tod verschlungen.  
Die Schrift hat verkündigt das,  
Wie ein Tod den andern fraß,  
Ein Spott aus dem Tod ist worden.  
Halleluja!*

It was a strange battle  
where death and life struggled.  
Life won the victory,  
it has swallowed up death.  
Scripture has proclaimed  
how one death ate the other,  
death has become a mockery.  
Alleluia!

### THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus

Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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

## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life - only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

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

## THE SERMON

Anna von Winckler

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

\*THE HYMN . . . no. 239

*Gelobt sei Gott; Melchior Vulpius  
Cyril A. Alington*

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away.  
Let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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](http://fpcevo.com/giving)*

"Laudation"

Brenda Austin

\*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 PRAYERS**

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

One God of goodness and mercy,

All hear our prayer.

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. 236**

*"The Strife is O'er"*

*Victory; Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*  
Latin hymn

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;  
Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

**\*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*"Choral Amen"*

Joey Hubbard

**THE POSTLUDE**

*"Lift up your heads, ye Mighty Gates"*

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

## Leading worship this morning:

Pastor                      Anna von Winckler  
Liturgist                  Sarah Cross  
Director of Music        Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Barbara Witte to the glory of God and in memory of the anniversary of Ed and Barb Witte.

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists welcomes all to the First Pres Sanctuary this afternoon **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! Next **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!

The Justice and Peacemaking team invites you to the **CAJE Nehemiah Action on May 6 at St. Benedict Cathedral** in the auditorium. This powerful community event is where executive and legislative leaders in our city and county are asked to stand up for the issues CAJE congregations advocate for. This year, the projects seeking support are continued funds for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, restoration of funding for Aurora's second case worker, and for school leaders to allow community members to support teachers and students to improve literacy. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the program kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Your presence will make a difference. Talk to Gina Robinson Ungar or Jake Kohlmeyer if you have any questions. Learn more here: <https://www.greaterevansvillecaje.org/our-process>.



The Choir of First Presbyterian Church will present a **spring concert on Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary, featuring JS Bach's cantata *Christ Lag in Todesbanden*. This event is a feast not only for the ears, but also for the body: the Music Support Committee welcomes all to a **Taco Bar** following the concert. Tickets for the Taco Bar are \$15, payable at the door. All proceeds from the meal help send First Pres musicians to summer camp experiences.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, April 21**

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  
12:00 p.m. First Light to Audubon Park  
4:00 p.m. Concert:  
Mendelssohn Organ Sonatas  
4:30 p.m. Iona Group

### **Monday, April 22**

6:30 p.m. Deacon Check-In

### **Tuesday, April 23**

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 24**

### **Thursday, April 25**

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 26**

*Church Office Closed*

### **Saturday, April 27**

10:30 a.m. PW Team Meeting

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

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