

June 2, 2024

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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.

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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

"Communion" (Op. 153)

Melanie Bonis

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Sing aloud to God our strength. Shout for joy; raise a song!

All With Miriam, we will sound the tambourine.

One From new moon to full moon, we praise the God
who has freed our hands from the brick baskets of Egypt.

**All With Moses, we praise God,
who feeds us with the finest of wheat and with honey from the rock.**

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 393

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

Es flog ein kleins waldvögelein; 17thC

Christopher Woodsworth and Charles P. Price

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
on you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.

On you, at earth's creation the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious, a triple light was given.

On you, God's people, meeting, the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting, through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God of the outstretched arm, though you lead us into freedom, we choose again
and again the chains of sin. Forgive us, we pray, for bowing to the false gods of
our time: We believe we have made ourselves, rather than being made in your
image - the work of your hands. We practice legalism against others, yet expect
exceptions for ourselves. We rest in ease, while others bear heavy burdens on our
behalf. Heal us where we are withered in hand or heart or faith. Stretch us
beyond what we have managed or imagined, to live as you intend and command.
In the name of Christ, who came to set us free. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 722, verse 1**

"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

Canonbury; Robert Schumann
Frances Ridley Havergal

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

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 81:1-10

- One Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- All Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.**
- One Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
- All For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob,
who laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph,
when they came out of the land of Egypt.**
- One I heard an unfamiliar voice saying,
"I eased their shoulders from the burden;
their hands were set free from bearing the load.
- All You called on me in trouble, and I saved you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.**
- One Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- All I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
'Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.'**

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"Improvised Fugue"

transcribed by Roger Wibberly

Performed live by David Briggs at a Mass in Saint-Sulpise on May 29, 2011

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

"Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

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 return to their seats. Childcare is available for infants and children up to age 4 in room 109 of the education wing.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

One The Gospel of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Anna von Winckler

"What Does Keeping the Sabbath Mean?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 523

Bicentennial; Robert E. Kreutz

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Omer Westendorf

Refrain You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. *Refrain*

**Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?** *Refrain*

**The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.** *Refrain*

**You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and clarity.** *Refrain*

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***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 send a check to the church office, or give online at fpcevo.com/giving

"Allegretto" (Op. 154)

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Melanie Bonis

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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution and Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer After Communion

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

***THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 687**

St. Anne; att. William Croft

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Isaac Watts

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

***THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

“Fugue in E^b *St. Anne*”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Anna von Winckler
Liturgist	Jean Beckman
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls

The flowers today are given by Steve Gibson and Steve Wylie to the glory of God and in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary (June 3) and Paul and Lora Blaylock’s 27th wedding anniversary (May 31).

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

On **Monday, June 10**, join Gail Riecken to prepare a simple **lunch** of sloppy joes, corn, salad, and dessert for our neighbors at **United Caring Services**. Many hands make light work, so text Gail at 812-550-2328 and say you'll add your hands to the effort!

This **Friday, June 7**, we welcome Matt Benkert, a DMA student at the IU Jacobs School of Music, to the Fisk organ bench. Matt's **First Friday program** will include works by Bach, Demessieux, Marchand, deGrigny, and Courperin. Bring your friends downtown this Friday at **7:00 p.m.** for a great way to kick off your weekend!

During the week of June 10, Evansville and First Pres are host to one of only four intergenerational choir camps in the country. Plan now to attend a few of the public worship services by the **RSCM Midwest Summer Choral Residency** during the week:

Wednesday, June 12, 5:00 p.m. in Neu Chapel on the UE Campus

Friday, June 14, 5:00 p.m. at Saint Benedict Cathedral

Saturday, June 15, 7:00 p.m. at Saint Benedict Cathedral

Sunday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 2

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
Justice and Peacemaking
Music Support Committee
4:30 p.m. Iona Group
5:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, June 3

Tuesday, June 4

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 p.m. Education Committee

Thursday, June 6

5:00 p.m. PNC
6:00 p.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

Friday, June 7

Church Office Closed
7:00 p.m. First Friday Concert:
Matt Benkert

Saturday, June 8

10:00 a.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal