

July 7, 2024

The Seventh 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!

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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

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One God is mighty in word and deed.
All God's mercy is everlasting.
One Blessed be the one holy and living God.
All Glory to God forever!

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation; American folk melody

"K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 844, verse 1**

“Incline Your Ear, O Lord to Me”

*Danby; English folk melody
Psalm 86; para. Michael Morgan*

**Incline your ear, O Lord, to me, for I am poor, and need your care,
My God, the anchor of my trust, the truest answer to my prayer.**

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements
The Blessing of the Iona Pilgrims

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM

Psalm 123

One To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
All so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.
One Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
**All for we have had more than enough of contempt,
too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

One The Gospel 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

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know - God knows. And I know that this man - whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows - was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Anna von Winckler

"Living in Grace"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 162

Lewis-Town; William Billings

"O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench"

Richard Leach

**O carpenter, why leave the bench where wood yields to your art,
and take instead, to try your still, the stony human heart?**

**O carpenter, why leave the tools to carry out your plans,
and go instead to do God's work with empty, open hands?**

**O carpenter, why leave the world of table, bed, and house,
to face the empire's carpentry, to lift a Roman cross?**

**O carpenter, why leave repairs with wood and clamp and glue,
and rise from death to seek instead to make the whole world new?**

**O carpenter, who else could do the work that you have done?
What can we do but sing your praise, O Savior, Mary's son!**

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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 give online at firstpresevansville.com/giving or by sending a check to the church.

*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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One May the Spirit of love be with you.

All And may the love of Christ be with you.

One Open wide your cautious hearts.

All May the hope of our Creator pour peace in our souls.

One Let us give thanks to the one who created this time and space:

All From our joy we give God thanks and praise.

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. 726
 "The Summons"

Kelvingrove; Scottish melody
 John L. Bell and Graham Maule

"Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er

be the same? Will you let my love be shown,
 be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare,
 be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
 be the same? Will you use the faith you've found
 be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go

will you let my name be known, will you let my
 should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to
 to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
 where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown in you and you in me?"
 an - swer pray'r in you and you in me?"
 what I mean in you and you in me?"
 touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 live and grow in you and you in me.

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*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler
Liturgist Steve Wylie
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Gathering Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Sue Schriber to the glory of God and in memory of Jack Schriber on his birthday.

Today's Communion liturgy was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigan.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

PNC Update: The committee has selected a final candidate to be reviewed by the Presbytery before presenting it to the congregation. We feel strongly that God is leading us in the right direction, and we look forward to presenting our candidate for congregational approval soon. Please keep us in your prayers as we finalize our work as the Pastor Nominating Committee and transition to our role as the New Pastor Support Committee!
- In Christ's service, Steve Wylie, PNC Chair

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 7

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
11:30 a.m. Iona Group

Monday, July 8

6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee
6:45 p.m. Education Committee

Tuesday, July 9

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 10

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, July 11

7:00 a.m. Iona Pilgrimage Begins
5:00 p.m. PNC

Friday, June 12

Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 13