



# Wide Awake Worship

October 13, 2024

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m.

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!** We are glad to have you with us as we join in the worship of our God. Please make yourself at home!

**We invite you to visit** the church website: [www.fpcevv.com](http://www.fpcevv.com) and our [Facebook](#) page First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, Indiana (We hope you'll "like" us!) to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

**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 GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

*Congregational responses are printed in bold.*

The Music for Gathering

Greeting and Welcome

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**maker of heaven and earth.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*The Call to Worship

What can we do to have life?

**We can seek God, who gives us life in every moment.**

What can we do to serve justice in our world?

**We can set aside that which keeps us  
from following Jesus - wealth, pride, power, whatever.**

What can we do to share the good news with others?

**We can open ourselves to the Spirit,  
so people can see God at work in us.**

\*Opening Hymn . . . no. 475  
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Nettleton; Wyeth's Repository...*  
Robert Robinson

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**There are so many things, Wise God, which keep us from following Jesus. We try to turn justice into a bitter pill for others. We push righteousness out of the way, so we can seek those who tell lies. We know, deep down inside, that one thing which keeps us from faithful living, but just can't loosen our grip on it.**

**We can't seem to do it, God who remembers us, but because everything is possible with you, give us the wisdom to know what that one thing might be; the grace to let go and leave it behind us; and the courage to follow Jesus wherever he might lead us, especially into that life which you offer in love and hope.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Here, at the seat of grace, we are forgiven. God's love restores us to new life. Every moment, God offers us a serving of love and mercy, so we can continue to live as God intends.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*Response . . . no. 174  
"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

*Madeline; Donna Kasbohm*  
Ruth Duck

**Come and seek the ways of wisdom, she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches, for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice, showing us what love must do.**

**Listen to the voice of Wisdom, crying in the marketplace.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us, full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens, peace and righteousness embrace.**

**Sister Wisdom, come, assist us; nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.**

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\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you who turn justice to wormwood and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins - you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.  
**Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us  
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants  
and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us  
and prosper for us the work of our hands - O prosper the work of our hands!**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus

said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Proclamation of the Word

The ~~im~~possible Promise of Generosity

A Moment of Intentional Silence

\*The Song  
"Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord"

Carol Browning  
Psalm 90

*Refrain*



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

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Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*)

... Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
**who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, assuming human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a human,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name that is above every other name,  
so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

- 1 Timothy 2:1-11

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

## WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

### Offering

#### Call to Giving

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at [fjcevv.com/giving](http://fjcevv.com/giving)

#### Offertory Response . . . no. 750

*Goodness is Stronger*; John L. Bell

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Desmond Tutu

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.  
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#### Prayer of Dedication

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*the prayer continues...*

**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 ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

### Invitation to Ministry and Mission

#### Announcements

#### \*The Closing Hymn . . . no. 700

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*I'm Gonna Live*

African American Spiritual

*(Sing each line twice)*

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

#### \*Blessing and Charge

\*Response

“Go Out with Joy”

Leila Huerta and Joe Huerta

Go out with joy and be led forth in peace, the moun-  
- tains and the hills shall break forth sing - ing. sing - ing. And  
all the trees of the field shall clap their hands, the Lord al - might - y shall be  
praised. And all the trees of the field\_  
\_ shall clap their hands, the word of the Lord shall be for - ev - er.

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**Leading worship this morning:**

Pastor	Mary Beth McCandless
Liturgist	Susan Colman
Wide Awake Band	Tony Aiken, Chris Moore, Matt O'Neill, Don Qualls, Micaiah Van Camp

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Our **First Light Youth Group** will give out **treat bags** in front of the church on Halloween. You can help by **donating bags of candy** (including gluten- and sugar- free) through October 20 - look for the collection box in the Lobby. If you're not a shopper, monetary donations are most welcome; make your check to First Pres and put "Candy" on the memo line; if you'd like to give some hands-on help, be in touch with Carrie Aiken ([carrie@fpcevv.com](mailto:carrie@fpcevv.com)) or put a note on your yellow worship slip.

All are welcome to attend the **installation** service of our new **pastor, Rev. Mary Beth McCandless on Saturday, October 19 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. It will be a joyous celebration of the beginning of a new chapter in the life of First Presbyterian Church, so mark your calendars and join with your First Pres family!

Are you looking for some spooky fun this month? The Music Department has just the event for you - **Dinner and a (Silent) Movie** is back on **Saturday, October 26**. For a mere \$20, you will be treated to Robert Nicholls' improvised score to Buster Keaton's short film *The Haunted House*, a soup buffet, and reserved seating for the feature movie of the night, *Nosferatu*. Dinner and a Movie begins at 5:45 p.m. and tickets are available by clicking [HERE](#) or calling the church office. *Nosferatu* will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is free to all; donations to support the Music Department will be gratefully received after the movie.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, October 13**

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults  
Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 5:30 p.m. First Light

### **Monday, October 14**

- 6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

### **Tuesday, October 15**

### **Wednesday, October 16**

### **Thursday, October 17**

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, October 18**

*Church Office Closed*

### **Saturday, October 19**

- 11:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Installation Service for Rev.  
Mary Beth McCandless