



Welcome to Sanctuary Worship

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

First things first! Children and their people are always welcome in worship.

- Activity sheets for children to use during worship are available near the nametag table by the doors to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
- During the 10:30 Service, childcare for small ones up to age 4 is available in room 109 in the education wing.
- After the children's moment, children from kindergarten through fifth grade may go with the teachers to room 107 for Sunday School.

Please note that our worship services are live streamed.

You may visit our website: fpcevv.com,

our Facebook page: facebook.com/firstpresevansville,

and our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianevansville to join us online and stay up to date on the ministry and mission of First Pres.

Following worship, please stay for refreshments and conversation in the parlor.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.
Congregational responses are printed in bold.*

THE PRELUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Nun danket alle Gott; arr. Robert Nicholls

THE INTROIT

"Phos hilarion"

Katherine Webb

*O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven.
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the rising of the sun, and our eyes behold the morning light,
we sing thy praises O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds. - Book of Common Prayer*

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

Hold fast to your hope without wavering,
for God who has promised is faithful.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 618

*Deo Gracias; The Agincourt Song
Thomas à Kempis, 15C*

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

*For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.*

*For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.*

*For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*

*All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us give thanks to God!
We gather together to praise the One
who strengthens the weak and hears the prayers of the forgotten.
Come, let us give thanks to Christ!
We gather together to sing of the One
who calls us to serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.

Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!
We gather together to exalt the One
who provokes us to love not only those we know, but the guest among us.

***THE GATHERING PRAYER**

...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION . . . no. 702, verse 1
"Christ Be Beside Me"

Bunessan; Gaelic melody
James Quinn, SJ

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.*

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THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
(prayer continues in silence)

...God has forgiven us and provokes us to love and serve others.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As we share signs of Christ's peace, ushers will make their way through the worship space collecting the orange prayer cards. There are many ways to share signs of peace with one another. If you'd prefer not shaking hands or hugging, you may feel free to cross your hands across your chest or to hold your hands together in front of you. Please ask - especially children, youth, young adults, and senior adults - before assuming the person you are greeting wants a hug or handshake. Smiles are always appropriate as we share signs of peace with one another.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE

THE PSALTER

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

As for the holy ones in the land,

they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD, who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

THE ANTHEM

"Te Deum Laudamus" (Op. 10)

Charles Villiers Stanford

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Chereubin and Seraphin continually do cry, Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty; Thine honorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the Kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage. Govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify Thee, and we worship thy Name, ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

THE EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," and he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The ~~Impossible~~ Promise of Security

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 708**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Schumann; Cantica Laudis

William Walsham How

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.*

*The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace; it is a Christ-like thing.*

*And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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*, United Church of Canada

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...God of grace, hear our prayer.
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

The Call to Giving and Offertory Prayer

We who are full can now give bread to others. We who are well-off can reach out to raise up the poor. We who have everything can offer a seat of honor to those who have nothing. We who are blessed by you, Exalted God, can be blessings to others. And so we pray that the gifts we bring may give hope to the despairing, give strength to the weak, and justice to the oppressed. Amen.

The Offertory

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"Peaceful Blessing"

Vesper Hymn; arr. Sandra Eithun

*The Response and Dedication . . . 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 THANKSGIVING AND THE 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

THE INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 463

Foundation; American folk melody

"How Firm a Foundation"

"K" from *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 BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Amen"

Joey Hubbard

***THE CHARGE**

THE POSTLUDE

"Inception"

Jason W. Krug

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Mary Beth McCandless
Liturgist Gary Morris
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Chime Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church

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