



Welcome to Wide Awake 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.

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/@firstpresbyterianeansville 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.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

Music for Gathering

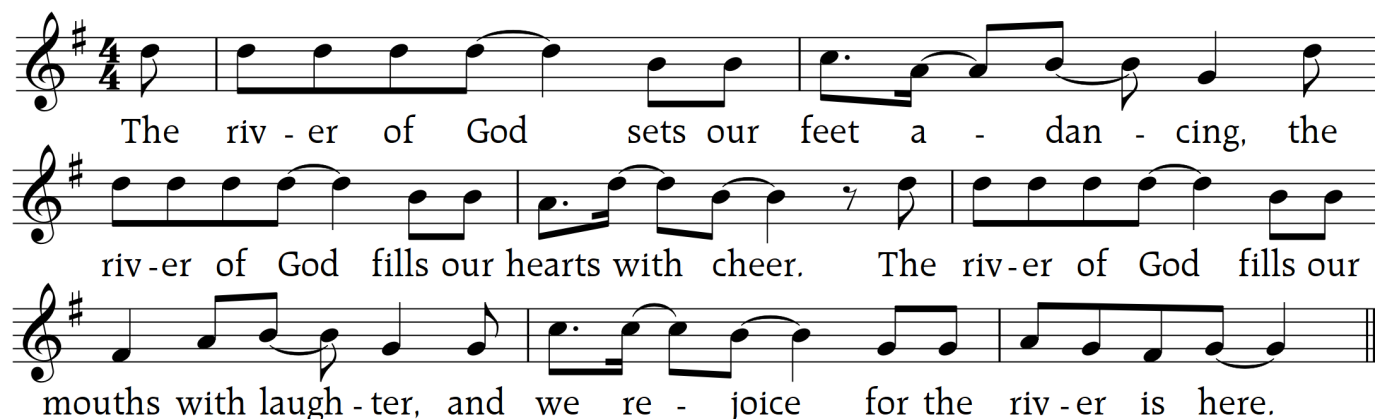
Greeting and Welcome

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.

*Opening Song

"The River is Here"

Andy Park



The riv - er of God sets our feet a - dan - cing, the
riv - er of God fills our hearts with cheer. The riv - er of God fills our
mouths with laugh - ter, and we re - joice for the riv - er is here.

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*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.**

*Gathering Prayer

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

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.*

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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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture

Psalm

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.

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.

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.

Sermon

The *Impossible* Promise of Security

A Moment of Intentional Silence

*Song

Salley Gardens; Irish folk melody

"There's a Place that our God has Provided"

Kevin Scott Fleming

There's a place that our God has pro - vid - ed, where all
In this place of God's lov - ing cre - a - tion, there is
O Lord, God of hosts, God who wel - comes, Source of
peo - ple are wel - comed in, and are joined to each sis - ter and
room for each liv - ing soul. And with words and with sweet acts of
Joy, Fount of Life made new no good thing do you keep from your
broth - er, as God's own be - lov - ed kin. The poor and the rich to -
kind - ness, the bro - ken are made whole. The spar - row can live con -
child - ren, all good gifts come to us from you. O may we walk in your
geth - er, the old and the young as one, and with
tent - ed, the swal - low can rest in peace, and God's
path - way, till that day when we all will come to that
words of peace and com - pas - sion, they wel - come each oth - er home.
peo - ple can lift songs of prais - es, and that song will nev - er cease.
mom - ent that leads to the dawn - ing of our e - ter - nal home.

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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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF LIFE

Offering

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.

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*Offertory Hymn of Dedication . . . no. 693
"Though I May Speak"

Gift of Love; English folk melody
Hal H. Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

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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

*Closing Hymn . . . no. 817

Dunlap's Creek; Samuel McFarland

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

Henry Alford

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

*Benediction and Charge

*Sending Song . . . no. 853

Siyahamba

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

South African

*We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, OO, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, OO, we are marching in the light of God.*

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