



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/@firstpresbyterianevasville
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 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

PRELUDE

"Antiphon III:

I am black but comely, Ye Daughters of Jerusalem" (Op. 18, No. 3)

Marcel Dupré

INTROIT

"We Praise You, O God"

Ralph Vaughan Williams, adpt. Robert Nicholls

*We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship you; the Father everlasting.
We gather here and we worship you. We believe that you will come and join us here.*

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Today, the words of God come to us in love,

inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Today, the word of God comes to us in faith,

inviting us to trust in the One who knows us, to place our hope in the One who saves us.

Today, the Word of God comes to us in hope,

inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

prayer continues...

...hear us as we pray. **Amen.**

*HYMN . . . no. 691

Land of Rest; American folk melody

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

Fred Kaan

*Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.*

*In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.*

*So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.*

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***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

God of incredible patience, we must confess that our love is not always what we might hope it would be. We focus so much on ourselves, the needs of others pale in significance. Too often, we find ourselves rejoicing in the miseries of others, believing they must have done something to deserve what comes their way. We continually push our families and friends away from us, simply by insisting that everything be done our way.

Faithful Deliverer of our foolish lives, forgive us and have mercy on us. As you rescue us from ourselves, may we become your people. As you touch us with faith, may we be witnesses to the world of your dreams. As you pour out hope upon us, may we be your compassion to those who hurt. As you drench us with your love which comes to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, may we be made whole.

prayer continues in silence...

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSE . . . no. 693, verse 1**

Gift of Love; English folk melody

“Though I May Speak”

Hal H. Hopson

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

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As we share signs of Christ's peace, ushers will collect the prayer cards. There are many ways to share signs of peace with one another. Feel free to cross your hands across your chest or to hold your hands together in front of you if you'd rather not shake hands or hug. Please ask 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.**

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SCRIPTURE

READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"The House of Faith Has Many Rooms"

Craig Philips

*The house of faith has many rooms where we have never been;
there is more space within God's scope than we have ever seen.
We dare not limit God's domain to what our creeds declare,
or shrink from probing things unknown lest God should not be there.
The way to God is not escape, though truth does make us free:
the life of chosen servanthood is perfect liberty.
Yet still we seek at journey's end the last and sweetest grace,
the gift of room to turn around and know God face to face.*

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RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 71:1-6

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

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.

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

SERMON

Hometown Boy

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

*HYMN . . . no. 162

Lewis-Town; William Billings
Richard Leach

"O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench?"

*O carpenter, why leave the bench where wood yields to your art,
and take instead, to try your skill, 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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SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God,
you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
Hear our prayers for your church and world:
for the hungry and the overfed, **may we have enough;**
for the mourners and the mockers, **may we laugh together;**
for the powerless and the powerful, **may we share power wisely;**
for the peacemakers and the warmongers, **may truth and love lead us to harmony;**
for the silenced and those with platforms, **may we speak our own words in truth;**
for the unemployed and the overworked, **may our actions be kindly and creative;**
for the troubled and the secure, **may we live together as wounded healers;**
for the unhoused and the pampered, **may our homes be warm and welcoming;**
for the vibrant and the dying, **may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

CALL TO GIVING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

...as we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at fpcev.com/giving

"In Paradisum" from *Requiem*

Maurice Duruflé

*In Paradisum deducant Angeli in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.
Chorus Angelorum te suscipit et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the angels receive them in Paradise, at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee
and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem. There may the chorus of angels receive thee,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may thou have eternal rest.

*DEDICATION . . . no. 606

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

prayer continues...

...offering our songs of grateful praise:

RESPONSE . . . no. 552

Land of Rest; American Folk

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

prayer continues...

...the One who came to reveal them to us, singing:

RESPONSE . . . no. 553

Land of Rest; American Folk

*Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

prayer continues...

...God in Community, Holy in One.

RESPONSE . . . no. 554

Land of Rest; American Folk

Amen. Amen. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The bread will be passed to you first; then the cup will be passed to you.
You may eat the bread or drink the juice from the cup as soon as you receive them.
"Rhosymedre"*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

...Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

*HYMN . . . no. 734
“Hope of the World”

Donne Secours; Genevan Psalter
Georgia Harkness

*Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.*

*Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:
still let thy Spirit unto us be given to heal earth’s wounds and end our bitter strife.*

*Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light:
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.*

*Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
from death and deep despair, from sin and guilt:
we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.*

*Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!*

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*BLESSING

...communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Alleluia!**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”

African-American Spiritual

*It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my father, nor my mother, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, nor my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*CHARGE

...rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

“Great Day”

Adolphus Hailstork

Leading worship this morning:

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

The flowers today are given by Gail Riecken to the glory of God and in honor of her father, Edgar L. Engel, MD, whose birthday was in February.

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The Music Department is at it again - making all sorts of delicious foodstuffs to fill your pantry and stomachs! Next **Sunday, February 9**, after each worship service, you can **purchase soups, breads, and other delicious baked goods** handmade by our music families. All proceeds help send our musicians to summer camp experiences. Thank you!

First Light invites all to participate in the **Souper Bowl of Caring! Today and next Sunday, February 9**, Fellowship Hall will look a little different, inspired by the big football game happening on the 9th. Root for your favorite team by bringing canned goods with you to church, and placing them in the “end zone” of your team! The real winners will be our neighbors who use the food pantry at Patchwork Central - all the donations will fill their shelves. Go Team!

Mark your calendars and invite your people to join you this Friday, **February 7 at 7:00 p.m.** for the next **First Friday concert**. We will welcome the **Riverside Brass Trio** to the Sanctuary for a free hour of works by Bach, Corelli, Debussy, and more.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 2

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 5:30 p.m. First Light Youth Group
(with Supper, finishing at 7:00)

Monday, February 3

- 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 4

- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
- 4:45 p.m. Handbell/Chime Rehearsal
- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 5

- 2:00 p.m. *Coldest Night Planning Meeting*

Thursday, February 6

- 4:00 p.m. Beginner Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 7

- Church Office Closed*
- 7:00 p.m. First Friday Concert:
Riverside Brass Trio

Saturday, February 8

- 2:00 p.m. Music Department
Bowling at Burgh House