



## 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.

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our Facebook page: [facebook.com/firstpresevansville](https://facebook.com/firstpresevansville),  
and our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianevansville](https://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 SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## GATHERING

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

*Congregational responses are printed in bold.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### 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.**

#### \*SONG

"Be Near Us, Lord Jesus"

Handt Hanson and Paul Murkami

Be here with us as we gath - er to - geth - er,  
Be the cen - ter of our wor - ship to - geth - er,  
as we join our hearts in praise Be here mov - ing by your  
in the shar - ing of your word. Be the lov - ing arms to  
Spir - it a - mong us; teach us how to love and pray. Be  
hold and sur - round us; give us peace to rest as - sured.  
near us, Lord Je - sus, as we wor - ship in your name. Be  
near us, Lord Je - sus, as we wor - ship in your name to - day!

**\*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*

...serve one another, and live with one another. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*RESPONSE**

“Lord, Listen to Your Children”

Handt Hanson

On bend-ed knee with need-y hearts we come and pray.  
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren. With will-ing hearts and  
o-pen arms we come and pray. Lord, lis-ten to your  
chil-dren. With sim-ple words of heart-felt thanks we come.  
Be-liev-ing in your prom-is-es we come. On bend-ed knee with  
need-y hearts we come and pray. Lord,  
lis-ten to your chil-dren, lis-ten to your chil-dren.

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**\*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.**

#### 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.**

#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:21-30

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.**

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

\*SONG

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

Henry McFayden and Marty Haugen

The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is still with  
 The ends of earth are in your hands, the sea's dark  
 Each se - cret thought is known to you, the path I  
 In se - cret depths you knit my frame, be - fore my  
 O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re - new my  
 thee, nor leaves thy sight. And I am thine, I  
 deep and far - off lands. And I am thine, I  
 walk my whole life through; my days, my deeds, my  
 birth you spoke my name; with - in my soul, as  
 life, my spir - it heal; for I am thine. I  
 rest in thee, Great Spir - it, come and rest in me.  
 rest in thee, Great Spir - it, come and rest in me.  
 hopes, my fears, my deep - est joys, my si - lent tears.  
 close as breath, so near to me, in life, in death.  
 rest in thee, Great Spir - it, come and rest in me. (repeat vs 1)

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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

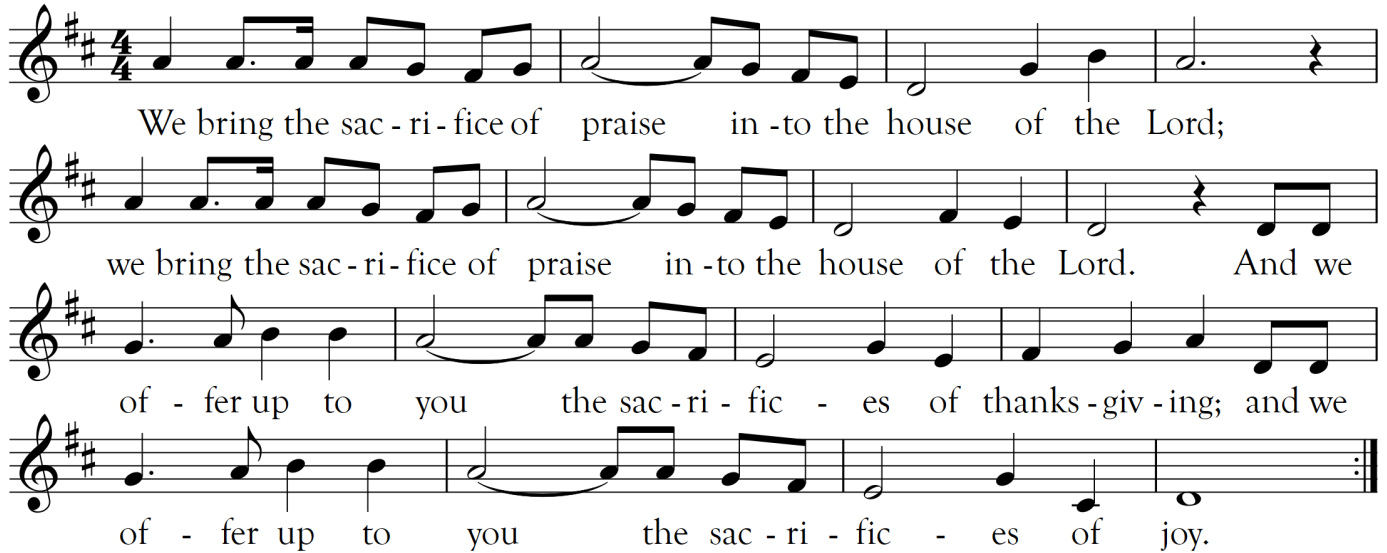
...as we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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

OFFERTORY HYMN OF DEDICATION

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

Kirk Dearman



We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord;  
we bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the Lord. And we  
of - fer up to you the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; and we  
of - fer up to you the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

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## 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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

SENDING

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

\*SONG

"You Are the Lord of Me"

R. Sims

You are the Lord of the earth and the heav - ens; You are the Lord of the  
 You are the Lord of the rocks and the flow - ers; You are the Lord of the  
 sky and the sea. You are the Lord of the val - leys and moun - tains;  
 hills and the trees. You are the Lord of the days and the hou - rs;  
 You are the Lord of me. And I will praise you,  
 You are the Lord of me. And I will thank  
 you for all of the won - ders you've done. And I will thank  
 you for Je - sus, your on - ly Son.

**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*CHARGE**

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

**\*SENDING SONG**

“As You Travel from This Place”

Jim Strathdee

As you tra - vel from this place our love is with you, when you  
jour - ney near at hand or far a - broad. All the life we've shared to - geth - er will con -  
tin - ue, as you grow in the know - ledge,  
learn of the wis - dom, and live in the spir - it of our God.

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**Leading worship this morning:**

Pastor	Mary Beth McCandless
Liturgist	Bob Jacobs
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Wide Awake Band	Tony Aiken, Chris Moore, Matt O'Neill, Don Qualls, Micaiah Van Camp

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.

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## 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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