



## 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](http://fpcevv.com),  
our Facebook page: [facebook.com/firstpresevansville](https://facebook.com/firstpresevansville),  
and our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianevasville](https://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.

# A SERVICE OF WORSHIP - SAVED TO SERVE THE WHOLE WORLD

## GATHERING

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

*Congregational responses are printed in bold.*

### PRELUDE

“Verse”

Thomas Thomkins

### INTROIT

“Bonse Aba”

trad. Zambian; arr. Andrew Fischer

*Bonse aba mu pokelela balipele maka akuba bana. Kuba bana bakwa lesa. Muya yaya bakwa lesa.*

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.

### GREETING AND WELCOME

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

**And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in these endless days, Precious God,  
people in need of the constancy of your love:

**may we drink deeply from your fountain of life;**

**may we continue to be guided by your Light.**

We gather in these weary days, Water-changing God,  
people looking for signs of hope and wonder:

**may we drink deeply from your fountain of grace;**

**may our weariness be wrapped in your Hope.**

We worship in these overwhelming days, Gifting God,  
people who try to point others to Jesus:

**may we drink deeply from your fountain of joy;**

**may our life be strengthened by your Life.**

...Holy in One, **Amen.**

\*HYMN . . . no. 156

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

Salzburg; Jakob Hintze  
Carl P. Daw, Jr.

*Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.*

*Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”  
Then from heaven a double sign - dove-like Spirit, voice divine -  
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”*

*Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s call.*

*Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain’s crest,  
where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.*

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\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Delight of the Ages, we cannot remain silent, but must speak of the ways we misuse your gifts. In our desire to have more and more, we cause more damage to your good creation. In our obsession with ourselves, we have desolated that lives of those around us. When we hoard what you have given us, we cannot be a blessing to other people.

Forgive us, Restless God, so we might be restored to life. May your steadfast love save and strengthen us to share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the Gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*prayer continues in silence...*

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

\*RESPONSE . . . no. 693, verse 3

“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 word 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

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

### SCRIPTURE

#### READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

### ANTHEM

"Let There Be Light!"

Gilbert Martin

*Thou, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight:*

*Hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel's day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!*

*Thou who didst come to bring, on thy redeeming wing,*

*healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind; O now, to all mankind, let there be light!*

*Spirit of truth and love, life giving, holy dove, speed forth thy flight;*

*Move o'er the water's face, and in earth's darkest place, let there be light!*

*Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, grace, love and might!*

*Boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light! - John Marriott*

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;**

**your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,**

**and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you**

**and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grades may go to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children after worship from Room 107 in the education wing.*

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it.

When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

SERMON

*The Illumination of New Wine*

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

\*HYMN . . . no. 505

*The Feast Is Ready*  
Graham Kendrick

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

*The trumpets sound; the angels sing; the feast is ready to begin.  
The gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.*

Refrain *Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.*

*Tables are laden with good things; O taste the peace and joy he brings.  
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine.* Refrain

*The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.  
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.* Refrain

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

## 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](http://fpcev.com/giving)*  
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Amy Rice-Young

\*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.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

**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.**

## SENDING

### INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

#### \*HYMN . . . no. 761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service ”

Beecher; John Zudel  
Jane Parker Huber

*Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.*

*Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.*

*Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

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#### \*BLESSING

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

#### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

“I Will Sing with the Spirit”

David Goodenough

*I will sing with the Spirit. I will sing with the understanding  
O sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth.*

- RSCM Motto, Psalm 96:1

#### \*CHARGE

...And as you go, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### \*POSTLUDE

“Improvisation on the *Te Deum*”

Charles Tournemire; trans. Maurice Duruflé

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Mary Beth McCandless  
Liturgist Steven Wu  
Director of Music Robert Nicholls  
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church  
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Dick Bernhardt, director

## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

**First Light Youth Group** will meet this and next Sunday, January 19 and 26: REGROUP & REBOOT - Pastor MB will be developing the FIRST LIGHT plan through May with the youth. She will also introduce a couple of potential camps/conferences for middle school and high school youth for summer in addition to (but not competing with) Montreat and RSCM. Parents, please watch for opportunities to connect with Pastor MB in January and February.

The **annual meeting of the Congregation** has been scheduled for next Sunday, January 26 at **10:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Agenda items include approval of the Pastor's terms of call and election of officers to begin service this year. Please plan to attend this short, but important meeting. If you have questions, please contact the [church office](#).

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, January 19

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  
11:45 a.m. Justice/Peacemaking  
5:30 p.m. First Light

#### Monday, January 20

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 21

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

#### Wednesday, January 22

#### Thursday, January 23

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

#### Friday, January 24

*Church Office Closed*

#### Saturday, January 25

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