



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/@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.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP - SAVED TO SERVE THE WHOLE WORLD

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

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. 401
"Here in this Place"

Gather Us In
Marty Haugen

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Gather us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in, and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own.
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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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. 137**

“He Came Down”

He Came Down
Cameroon song

*He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.*

*He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.*

*He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.*

*He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.*

***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**

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.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 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!**

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

...Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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OFFERTORY HYMN OF DEDICATION
"Give As It Was Given"

Handt Hanson

Bless - ing up - pon bless - ings, grace u - pon more grace, more
Filled and o - ver - flow - ing, thank - ful hearts give praise, for
treasure than we need for dai - ly bread. Love we can't im - a - gine,
life and health and ev - 'ry breath we take. Faith - ful God, pro - vi - ding
joy we can't ex - plain, more gifts than we can car - ry in our hands.
boun - ty from the earth, all good - ness comes from our Cre - a - tor's hands.
Give as it was gi - ven, love as we've been loved.
Share as much as we're a - ble to share of what God has gi - ven us.
Give as it was gi - ven, love as we've been loved.
— shar - ing all that God has gi - ven to us.

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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...
...your Spirit's power, now and forever. **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

*SONG

“Your Constant Love”

Handt Hanson



Your con-stant love reach-es to the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness ex-tends to-ward the
Your con-stant love's deep-er than the o - ceans. Your shel-ter is the shad-ow of your



sky. Your righ - teous - ness tow - ers like the moun - tains. How
wings. Your feast of life flows like a riv - er. How



pre - cious is your love, your con - stant love, God of great pow'r and might.
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*BLESSING

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

*CHARGE

...Go now and bear witness to the light of Christ. **Amen.**

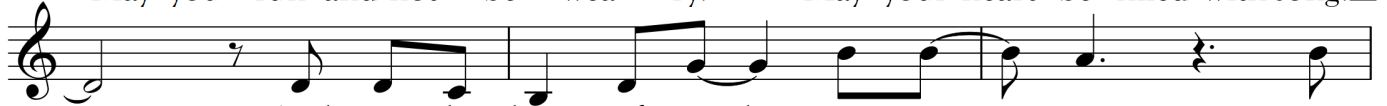
*SENDING SONG

“May You Run and Not Be Weary”

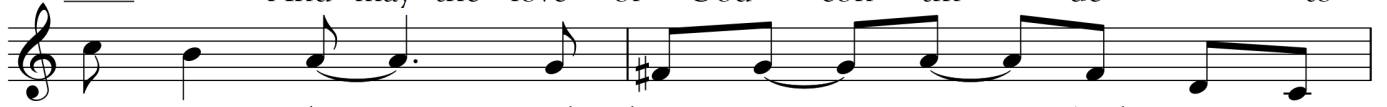
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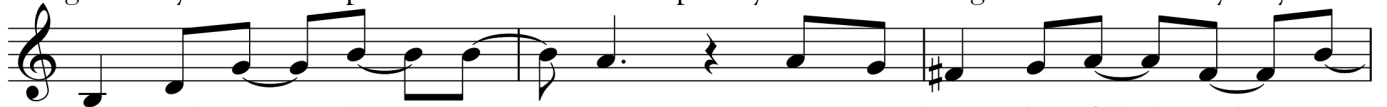
May you run and not be wea - ry. May your heart be filled with song._



And may the love of God con - tin - ue to



give you hope and keep you strong. And may you



run and not be wea - ry. May your heart be filled with joy!_



And may the road you tra - vel al - ways bring you home.

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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

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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