

First Presbyterian Church in Evansville, Indiana,  
is called to embody God's love, made known in Jesus Christ,  
in life-giving ways, and to engage with God  
in transforming lives, communities, and institutions  
to reflect God's goodness.

As a community of open-hearted disciples,  
we covenant to support and encourage one another  
as we explore God's grace on our journey of faith.

Convinced of God's Grace and Love,  
we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the worship of Christ.  
We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age,  
gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socio-economic standing.  
We encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.



## 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 supplies for children to use during worship are available near the nametag table by the doors to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- 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](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.

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## GATHERING

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

### PRELUDE

"Veni Creator Spiritus"

arr. Frank Zinti

### GREETING AND WELCOME

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Let us rejoice and call upon God's name.

**Holy God, your people have gathered in this space.**

God, pour out your Spirit:

**Upon all people, young and old, near and far, friend and stranger - all neighbors.**

God, pour out your Spirit:

**Empower us to speak for justice.**

God, pour out your Spirit:

**Grant us visions of peace.**

God, pour out your Spirit:

**Inspire us with dreams for the future.**

God, pour out your Spirit:

**Renew the face of the earth.**

God, pour out your Spirit:

**Let us worship and praise!**

*- prayer continues -*

...through the love Christ and the calling of the Spirit. **Amen.**

### \*HYMN . . . no. 289

Munich; *Neuvermehrtes Meningsches Gesangbuch*

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

Jane Parker Huber

*On Pentecost they Gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.*

*The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.*

*God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive,  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.*

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago.  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of mercy,  
we confess to you the ways in which we have grieved your Spirit:  
by ignoring the needs of others to avoid our own discomfort,  
by being afraid of differences and slow to seek understanding,  
by letting our boundaries become barriers and our identities become idols.  
We have fanned the flames of anger and division.  
We have neglected our stewardship of your good creation.

Forgive us, renew us, and remove from our hearts all fear, anger, and greed.  
Lead us by your Spirit into the way of compassion and mercy,  
for the sake of Christ Jesus.

*- silence is kept -*

In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*RESPONSE . . . no. 582

Glory to God; Paul M. Vasile

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

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\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the Spirit and peace of the risen Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us share the Peace of Christ!

*There are many ways to share signs of peace with one another. You may cross your hands across your chest or hold your hands together in front of you if you'd rather not shake hands or hug. Please ask before assuming that the person you are greeting wants a hug or handshake. Smiles are always appropriate as we share signs of peace.*

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

...following the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O HOLY ONE, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

There is the sea, great and wide;

**creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

**when you give to them, they gather it up;**

**when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created,**

**and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the HOLY ONE endure forever; may the HOLY ONE rejoice in their works -

**who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the HOLY ONE as long as I live;

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to the HOLY ONE, for I rejoice in God.

**Bless the HOLY ONE, O my soul. Praise the HOLY ONE!**

READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

\*HYMN . . . no. 291

Spirit

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

James K. Manley

Refrain     *Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”*     Refrain

*You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*     Refrain

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*     Refrain

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.*     Refrain

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Creator:

hovering as the creative Spirit before the worlds were made, speaking the cosmos into being, flinging stars across the sky, singing the seas to their limits, drawing up the dry land, greening the earth, animating creatures great and small, and breathing into us the very spirit of life.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the living Word:

the teacher, healer, the boundary-crosser, the model of forgiveness and mercy, the caller of disciples, the embodiment of humility and service, the bringer of peace, and the bestower of the Spirit of comfort, advocacy, and truth.

We believe in the Holy Spirit:

who disrupts the tired patterns of the world, who crashes through barriers, who seeks out disciples from every corner of the earth, who inspires hearts to do justice and to love kindness, who gathers the Church, and who unites us across all time and space into one body, with the communion of saints, across all time and space, for the eternal glory of God. Amen.

- from *Illustrated Ministry*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

# THANKSGIVING

## OFFERING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

...Let us offer our lives to God.

### OFFERTORY

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

African American Spiritual

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . no. 609

Lasst Uns Erfreuen; Geistliche Kirchengesäng

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Brian Wren

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your heart and your spirit. **We lift them up to God.**

Give thanks and praise to God, three in one. **We joyfully give our thanks and praise.**

*prayer continues...*

...we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

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...*

...we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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...*

...and to bring love and justice to our community:

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

*This week, we celebrate communion by intinction; you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice of juice. You may respond to the servers' "the bread of heaven" and "the cup of salvation" with a simple "Amen". If you prefer to remain seated, ushers will bring the elements to you.*  
"The Lone Wild Bird (Prospect)" arr. Bruce Broisma

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Holy and Precious Spirit of God, you have brought us together, with all of our glorious differences, to find unity at the table of Christ. You have fed us with the bread that sustains life, and you have quenched our thirst with the cup of salvation. Thank you, dear Creator, for your overwhelming love that created us in diversity and gathers us in common love. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*HYMN . . . no. 692

"Spirit Open My Heart"

*Wild Mountain Thyme; Irish Melody*  
Ruth Duck

Refrain **Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.**

*God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.*

*All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.* Refrain

*Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.*

*In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.* Refrain

*May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.*

*In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.* Refrain

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## INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

## BLESSING AND CHARGE

...who abides in you now and always. **Amen!**

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

## POSTLUDE

"Invention in G Major"

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Mary Beth McCandless
Liturgist	Jerusha Van Camp
Guest Organist	Neal Biggers
Audio/Visual	Finch Parker, Blake Foerster-Daniels

The flowers today are given by Steve Gibson and Steve Wylie to the glory of God and in celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Liturgy adapted from the *Book of Common Worship* and *Illustrated Ministry*.

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of Presbyterians.



## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

First Pres is exploring opportunities to **help with food insecurity** among school age children this summer. One local organization making a difference for young people in Evansville is Young & Established, whose director has invited First Pres to **volunteer this Wednesday, June 11 from noon to 2:30 p.m.** to put together and hand out food boxes. Email [firstpres@fpcevv.com](mailto:firstpres@fpcevv.com) (subject Y&E) to let us know you'll join Pastor MB and Tracy Shaw at Young and Established (1308 Vann Ave, Evansville, IN 47714) to lend a hand!

**Celebrate fathers by helping Little Lambs!** Located in the education wing, Little Lambs has been helping families for over 25 years with baby needs. Bring diapers and wipes (store brands are great, especially sizes 3 -7) to church **next Sunday** - there will be a box in the lobby for them. Not a shopper? Monetary donations are welcome, too: make your check to "Little Lambs" and put it in the offering plate or send to the church office.

Do you have an interest in being a part of First Pres' **Justice and Peacemaking Team**? Please email [firstpres@fpcevv.com](mailto:firstpres@fpcevv.com) and put "Justice" in the subject line. In the body of the email please include your preferred contact information (email and mobile number) along with your preferred meeting days, times, and ways to meet (for example, Mondays or Tuesdays, after 5:30 p.m., in person or on Zoom.) Want to know more? Send us your email and we'll loop you into the conversation about the ways First Pres is engaging issues of justice and peacemaking in our community, state, nation, and world.

Our **Feeding Mission** group is back in the kitchen! Join Gail Riecken on the **second Monday of the month at UCS** (June 9 - tomorrow - is the next date!) to prepare, serve, and clean up lunch for our neighbors in need. If lunchtime doesn't work for you, how about bringing dessert? Cookies, pies, brownies, etc. are welcome and can be dropped off in the First Pres kitchen the (Sun)day before - please label your sweets "For UCS"! For more information or to volunteer, contact Gail (812-550-2328; [griecken77@aol.com](mailto:griecken77@aol.com)).

**Book Group at First Pres** meets next **tomorrow evening, June 9, 6:30-8:00**. In June, the group will discuss two short novellas by Claire Keegan. Both set in Ireland, *Foster* is the first-person story of twelve-year-old girl sent to live with foster parents for a season, and in the award-winning *Small Things Like These* a middle-aged man slowly grasps the enormity of the local convent's heartless treatment of unmarried mothers and their babies.

### Weekly Calendar

#### **Sunday, June 8**

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship  
9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:30 a.m. Montreat Families Meeting

#### **Tuesday, June 10**

#### **Wednesday, June 11**

#### **Thursday, June 12**

#### **Friday, June 13**

*Church Office Closed*

#### **Monday, June 9**

10:30 a.m. Feeding Mission at UCS  
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Book Group

#### **Saturday, June 14**