

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 sheets 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,
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.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

*You may rise in Body or Spirit.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Those who desire life and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous;

God's ears are open to their prayer.

- prayer continues -

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

*HYMN . . . no. 301

"Let us Build a House" (All Are Welcome)

Two Oaks
Marty Haugen

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
a place where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we come the faith of Jesus: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome;
all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy One, we believe that we were created in love;
yet when we face ourselves in the mirror, too often we do not see love.

**For our prejudice, for our hatred, for our pride,
for our apathy, for our cruelty, for our blindness:**

*RESPONSE . . . no. 551

Land of Rest; arr. Richard Proulx

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Holy One, we believe we are created in Your image;
but when we look in the mirror, we do not see anything good.

**For our hollow sense of self, for our inflated ego, for our inner critic,
for our needless stoicism, for our sense of worthlessness,
for our inability to see ourselves as beloved:**

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Holy One, we believe we are called to see the face of Christ in all;
but we refuse to see Christ in some.

**For holding on to old resentments, for calling another 'enemy',
for allowing the color of one's skin to influence us, for negating the other names
by which You are called, for seeing borders as fences and not invitations to exploration,
for not living the truth that the whole world is in your hands:**

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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- silence is kept -

...Know that you are forgiven and freed to love and serve.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE . . . no. 595

Argentine Santo

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **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

...we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

PSALM

Psalm 66:1-9

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.
**Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.**
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."
Come and see what God has done: God is awesome in God's deeds among mortals.
God turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in God, who rules by might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations - let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
**Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Molto sostenuto" from *Suite for Viola Solo in G minor* (op. 131, No. 1)

Max Reger

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22, 31-34

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." Jesus said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Finding Our Place

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE NATION

...grant that by your Holy Spirit, we may walk in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Andante sostenuto" from Suite for Viola Solo in G minor (op. 131, No. 3) Max Reger

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . no. 606

Old Hundredth; Genevan Psalter

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Thomas Ken

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*HYMN . . . no. 596

Du Är Helig

"You Are Holy"

Per Harling

*You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness; you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!*

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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.*

"Allegro" from *Fantasy for Solo Violin No. 1*

Georg Philipp Telemann

"Largo" from *Fantasy for Solo Violin No. 1*

Georg Philipp Telemann

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. 747

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Enviado; Pedro Infante
José Aguiar

*The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.
The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.
The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.*

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INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

BLESSING AND CHARGE

...be with you all. **Alleluia!**

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

POSTLUDE

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Mary Beth McCandless
Liturgist	Jerusha Van Camp
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Audio/Visual	Finch Parker, Blake Foerster-Daniels

The flowers today are given by Sue Schriber to the glory of God and in honor of Jack Schriber's 80th birthday.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Study Groups begin July 8 for conversation on John Pavlovitz's book, *A Bigger Table - Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*. Rev. MB and Rev. Jerusha will lead **four groups**: Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays at noon (bring your lunch), Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., or Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. All options will be hybrid experiences (both in person and on Zoom.) Watch for more information!

Presbyterian Women invite all for **Yoga and Yummies, Saturday, July 12, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. All ages and abilities are welcome (children should be able to focus on directions and must accompanied by an adult) for an hour-long **beginner Yoga** class led by certified instructor Delanie Davis. A **healthy lunch** of salad, fruit, and other treats will be enjoyed following the class. There's **no cost** to attend (although a tip jar for Ms. Davis will be available); your **RSVP is helpful** - (let us know if you need to borrow a mat) [contact the church office](#) or make a note on your yellow worship slip.

Plan to explore *Mindfulness and Christianity* with First Pres' own Dr. Emma Nicholls. This 4-week study group will look at what mindfulness is and isn't, what different religious traditions have to say about it, as well as how to incorporate a mindfulness practice in your daily life. There are two sessions available each week, one on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** (7/13, 7/18, 8/17, 8/24), and one on **Fridays at Noon** (7/11, 7/20, 8/15, 8/22).

Our **Feeding Mission** group is back in the kitchen! Join Gail Riecken on the **second Monday of the month at UCS** (July 14 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).

Book Group at First Pres meets next on **Monday, July 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in Room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact Francie Hubbard (francie@myhubbards.com) to learn how to sign in. July's book is *Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Radden Keefe. The author is an American writer and investigative journalist, and his book is eminently readable. According to Maureen Corrigan of NPR, it "captures the complexities of a historical moment by digging deep into the lives of people on all sides of [Northern Ireland's Troubles]."

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 6

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
5:30 p.m. First Light First Sunday

Monday, July 7

Tuesday, July 8

10:00 a.m. A Bigger Table
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 2

12:00 p.m. A Bigger Table
7:00 p.m. A Bigger Table

Thursday, July 3

10:00 a.m. A Bigger Table
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee
6:00 p.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

Friday, July 11

Church Office Closed
12:00 p.m. Be Still

Saturday, July 12

10:00 a.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Yoga and Yummies