

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, ability, 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 carts 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.
- After the *Call to Live, Love, Pray, Grow*, children from kindergarten through fifth grade may go to *Follow Me Time* with the leaders to room 107 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/firstpresevensville,
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

"Trio"

John Stainer

INTROIT

"How Did My Heart Rejoice"

Robert Nicholls

How did my heart rejoice to hear my friends devoutly say, 'In Zion let us all keep the solemn day'.

I love her gates, I love the road;

the church adorned with grace stands like a palace built for God, to show God's milder face.

Peace be within this sacred place, and joy a constant guest;

with holy gifts and heavenly grace be all believers blest. Amen.

- Isaac Watts

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,

so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us...full of grace and truth.

From Christ's fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Let us give glory to God.

*HYMN . . . no. 730

Grand Isle; John Henry Hopkins

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Lesbia Scott

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,

who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:

they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;

and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:

and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;

the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,

in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;

for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

*LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Be gracious to us; deliver your people. **Hear us, O God.**

You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise. You spoke through the prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world. **Hear us, O God.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven and was born of the virgin Mary; who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world and has washed us from our sins; who on the third day rose from the dead and has given us the victory; who ascended on high and intercedes for us at the right hand of God. **Great is your love.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the one holy catholic and apostolic church. For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized. For all holy people of faith. For prophets, apostles, martyrs, and angels. **Thanks be to God.**

Be gracious to us; deliver your people. **Hear us, O God.**

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism. Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross. Clothe us in compassion and love. Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

Hear us, O God.

God of all the faithful, we rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. Work out your good purpose in us and help us in our weakness as we await, with eager longing, the redemption of all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Eternal God,

In every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are often indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

- silence is kept -

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

*RESPONSE . . . no. 59 (refrain)

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

The Steadfast Love of the Lord
Edith McNeill

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

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*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

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

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

ANTHEM

“There is a Land of Pure Delight”

Margaret Burk

*There is a land of pure delight, where saints immortal reign,
infinite day excludes the night, and pleasures banish pain.
There everlasting spring abides, and never withering flowers:
death, like a narrow sea, divides this heavenly land from ours.
Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood stand dressed in living green
so to the Jews old Canaan stood while Jordan rolled between.
But timorous mortals start and shrink to cross this narrow sea;
and linger shivering on the brink, and fail to launch away.
Oh, could we make our doubts remove, those gloomy thoughts that rise
and see the Canaan that we love with unclouded eyes!
Could we but climb where Moses stood, and view the landscape over,
not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood should fright us from the shore!*

- Isaac Watts

EPISTLE READING

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

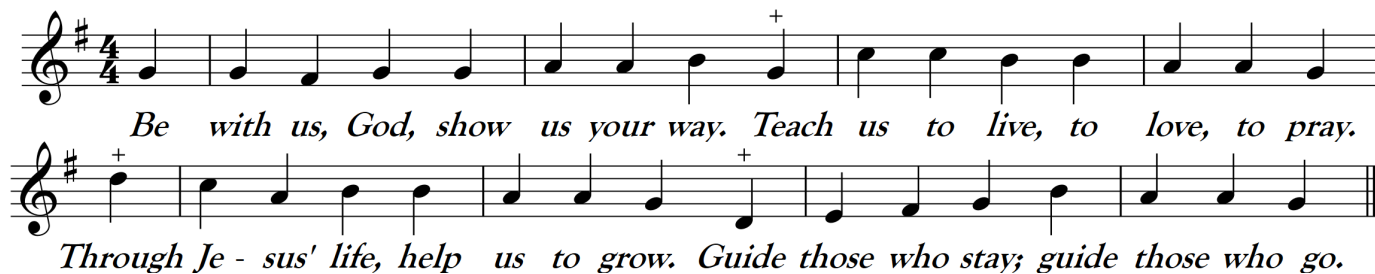
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

CALL TO LIVE, LOVE, PRAY, GROW

Tallis' Cannon

All will sing one time through together - children grades 5 and younger are invited to come forward as we sing (bringing the blue information card from the pew rack with them). After the first time through, we'll sing in canon twice each: lectern side, middle, pulpit side, choir loft. After the song, those 5th grade and younger may choose to go to Follow Me Time with their leaders, and those who wish to remain in the Sanctuary may return to their people.



SERMON

Give Us the Faith of Our Ancestors

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at fpcevv.com/giving, or text "GIVE" to 833-921-6520.

...through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Let us offer our lives to God.

OFFERTORY

"Love Bade Me Welcome"

David Hurd

*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guiltie of dust and sinne.
But quick-eyed Love observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
if I lacked anything. A guest, I answered, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I, the unkinde, ungrateful?
Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?
Truth, Lord but I have marred them: let my shame go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame? My deare, then I will serve.
You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.*

- George Herbert

*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 heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

RESPONSE . . . no. 559

Sanctus; Per Harling

*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...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

RESPONSE . . . no. 560

Memorial Acclamation; Per Harling

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

prayer continues...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

RESPONSE . . . no. 561

Amen; Per Harling

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

You are invited to partake of a bit of bread and juice at this time.

"Lay Me Low"

Shaker Song; arr. Kevin Siegfried

Lay me low, where the Lord can find me, where the Lord can own me, where the Lord can bless me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

SENDING

*HYMN . . . no. 326
“For All the Saints”

Sine Nomine; Ralph Vaughan Williams
William Walsham How

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

BLESSING AND CHARGE

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Lord is Thy Keeper”

Robert Nicholls

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

- Psalm 121:5-8

POSTLUDE

“Joy and Brilliance of the Saints in Glory”

Oliver Messiaen

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Matthew 13:43a

Leading worship this morning:

Preacher	Jerusha Van Camp
Liturgist	Gary Morris
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First	Presbyterian Church
Organ Scholar	Magdalena Truta
Audio	Blake Foerster-Daniels
Visual	Finch Parker

The flowers today are given by Gail Riecken to the glory of God and in honor of Sally Becker, a 2025 member of the EVSC Hall of Fame.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Future Hope co-chair Scott Wylie will host a **leadership giving gathering** for those interested in hearing more about the comprehensive campaign on **Thursday, November 6 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** at 900 South Colony Road. In addition to enjoying fellowship and sociable beverages and nibbles, attendees will have the opportunity to be leaders in giving by making early commitments to Future Hope. For more information or to RSVP, [email Scott](#).

November is here, and that means it's time to invite your family and friends to our **First Friday concert!** This month, Clare Marie Hopp, a Masters of Music student at IU will share selections on the Fisk organ. Start your weekend downtown with music **this Friday (11/7) at 7:00 p.m.!**

Our **Feeding Mission** group continues serving lunch on the **second Monday of the month at UCS** (November 10 is the next date!) for our neighbors in need. The team is asking for simple desserts for this month's meal. Cookies, pies, brownies, etc. are welcome and can be dropped off in the First Pres kitchen next Sunday (November 9) - please label your sweets "For UCS"! For more information contact Francie Hubbard (francie@myhubbards.com; 812-204-0646).

Book Group at First Pres meets next on **Monday, November 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact Francie Hubbard to learn how to sign in. November's book is the multiple award-winning novel, *James*, by Percival Everett. The book is loosely based on Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (No need to have read or to remember *Huck Finn* to appreciate *James*). Among his peers, James is revealed to be much more thoughtful, resourceful and insightful than is assumed and assigned by the white society in which he is trapped. Prepare to be intrigued.

CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice & Empowerment) invites everyone to the **2025 Community Problems Assembly** on **Monday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m.** at Central United Methodist Church, 300 Mary St., Evansville. At this gathering, community leaders and those personally affected by injustice will share their stories. Together, we will identify and vote on the most pressing issues our community should address. Your voice matters - come, listen, and help shape the change we need! Please contact [Jake Kohlmeier](#), [Tracy Shaw](#), or [Gina Robinson Ungar](#) for more information.

First Pres is delighted to host this year's **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on behalf of the Mayor's Interfaith Advisory Committee on **Wednesday, November 19**. Join our neighbors in faith in the **First Pres Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.** as we give thanks for all God has done. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall; if you are interested in helping provide refreshments, use the QR code or contact [Jake Kohlmeier](#).



Breakfast with Santa is back! On **Saturday, November 22 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**, the jolly elf himself will be at First Pres spreading cheer while folks enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, and all the trimmings. No one is too old to enjoy pancakes nor Santa, but if this event isn't for you, consider purchasing tickets to donate! Donated tickets will be distributed to families in need, particularly in the Glenwood, Lincoln, and Culver School districts as well as ECHO Pediatrics and the House of Bread and Peace. The **\$10 tickets** are available from choir members, the church office, and by using the [Breakfast with Santa form](#) on First Web. All proceeds will benefit the choir and youth of First Pres. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 2

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
8:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
Choir Rehearsal
We Make the Road
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
Follow Me Time
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
5:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, November 3

Tuesday, November 4

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:45 p.m. Teen Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Ed Committee

Wednesday, November 5

12:00 p.m. We Make the Road
7:00 p.m. We Make the Road

Thursday, November 6

4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
5:00 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
5:15 p.m. Personnel Committee
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 7

Church Office Closed
7:00 p.m. First Friday Recital:
Clare Marie Hopp, Organ

Saturday, November 8