

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 Worship

*We are grateful for your presence and welcome you to participate in all First Pres has to offer!*

**New here?** If you are seated in the sanctuary, you'll see orange and yellow papers nearby. If you have joys or prayer concerns to share with the congregation during today's service, please fill out an orange prayer card. Ushers collect the orange cards when we share the Peace of Christ. The yellow slips of paper are to let us know you are here. We hope everyone will fill out their name(s) and any information you'd like us to have. Please place these in the offering plate when it is passed later in the service.

**Children are always welcome in worship with their people!** Childcare for pre-kindergarten and younger is available in room 109 in the education wing. Carts with books and activities for all ages are available in the rear of the room and outside the door at the front. 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:** our worship services are live streamed and available on Facebook and YouTube. For more information please visit [fpcewv.com](http://fpcewv.com).

**Following worship**, you are invited to 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

### INTROIT

"How Did My Heart Rejoice"

Robert Nicholls

*How did my heart rejoice to hear my friends devoutly say, 'In Zion let us all appear to 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.*

### GREETING AND WELCOME

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, what does the Lord require of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**  
In the city streets, what does the Lord require of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**  
In the wilderness, what does the Lord require of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**  
In our workplaces, what does the Lord require of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**  
In our schools, what does the Lord require of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**  
In our church community, what does the Lord require of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**  
Together, we worship God.

**\*HYMN . . . no. 308**

**"O God in Whom All Life Begins"**

Noel; English Melody

Carl P. Daw, Jr.

*O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,  
bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;  
deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.*

*Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts  
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.  
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name  
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.*

*Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;  
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.  
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray;  
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.*

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**\*OPENING PRAYER**

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

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION . . . no. 70**

**"What Does the Lord Require of You?"**

Moon

Jim Strathdee

*What does the Lord require of you?* (repeat as directed)

*Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your god.* (repeat as directed)

*To seek justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.* (repeat as directed)

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**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Loving God, in Christ you have made us one, but we confess how often we forget.  
We let differences divide us. We are not always kind. We ignore the needs of others.  
Forgive us. Change our hearts and change our lives.  
Help us to love and to follow your ways of peace, through Christ our Lord.

- silence is kept -

...In Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*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

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

“Let All the World”

Greta Tomlins

*Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!*

*The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.*

*The Church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.*

*- from The Temple, George Herbert*

### PSALM

Psalms 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

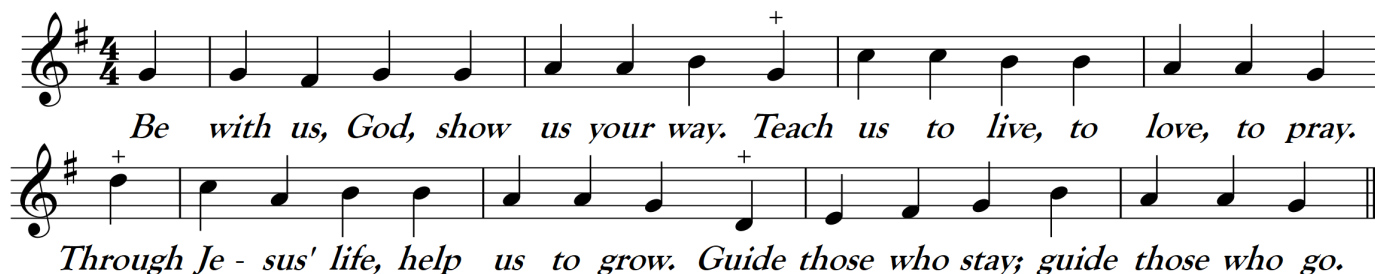
**Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

### CALL TO LIVE, LOVE, PRAY, GROW

Tallis' Canon

*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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
 Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
 and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.  
 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they  
 persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

## SERMON

*What Does the Lord Require?*

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

## \*HYMN . . . no. 753

*Prayer of St. Francis; Sebastian Temple*

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*Make me a channel of your peace: Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
 where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
 where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

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## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We are not alone, we live in God's world.*

*We believe in God:*

*who has created and is creating,*

*who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,*

*who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

*We trust in God.*

*We are called to be the Church:*

*to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,*

*to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,*

*to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.*

*In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.*

*We are not alone. Thanks be to God.*

- A New Creed, The United Church of Canada

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS IN OUR PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

#### CALL TO GIVING

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

Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

#### OFFERTORY

\*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...*

...we join the ancient and eternal 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...*

...Great is the mystery of 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...*

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

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

*The bread will be passed to you first; then the cup will be passed to you.  
You may eat the bread or drink the juice from the cup as soon as you receive them.*

## 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. 548

Dickinson College; Lee Hastings Bristol  
David Gambrell

"May God Support You All Your Days"

*May God support you all your days, in times of gladness and in deed.  
May God remember you with grace and bless your every word and deed.  
May God confirm your heart's desire and bring to fullness all your plans.  
May God's sustaining love inspire your shouts of praise and joyful dance.  
May God be near you when you pray, to help you with a gentle hand.  
May God forever guide your way and lead you to the promised land.  
Our hope is in the Holy One. The swift and strong will surely fall,  
but you will stand with God alone, who hears and answers when you call.*

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## INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND MISSION

## BLESSING AND CHARGE

...and the song of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Alleluia!  
...rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Amen.

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Send Me" from *In the Year that King Uzziah Died*

Rachel Aarons

*Here am I, send me.*

- Isaiah 6:8

## POSTLUDE

"Fugue on Carillon at Soissons Cathedral" Op. 127

Maurice Duruflé

## Leading worship this morning:

Preacher	Jerusha Van Camp
Liturgist	Steve Wylie
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First	Presbyterian Church
Audio	Blake Foerster-Daniels
Visual	Finch Parker

The flowers today are given by Jerusha and Kathryn Van Camp to the glory of God and in celebration of their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Liturgy adapted from the PAM Child of Blessing resource and the Book of Common Worship.*

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

**The Souper Bowl of Caring is back!** Root for your favorite team in this year's 'big game' by **bringing canned goods with you to church by next Sunday**. A special display is set up in Fellowship Hall where you can put your team's cans in their "end zone"! The real winners are our neighbors who use the food pantry at Patchwork Central - all the donations will fill their shelves. Go Team!

**First Light**, our group for Jr- and Sr-High students meets **Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00**. Tonight is **game night** - come for epic fun with your First Pres friends!

We are pleased to welcome **Hansol Kim** back to the Fisk organ bench for our February **First Friday Concert this week at 7:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come with you as we begin the weekend with beautiful music!

The staff has been at work on updating our list of **behind-the-scenes tasks** and have created a [new form on First Web](#) so you can let us know what things you would like to help do! We hope that everyone - those who are already doing and new folks - [will fill it out](#). Our goal is to not rely on just one or two people doing multiple tasks, but to have multiple people share the tasks (to have a rotation of people in the case of weekly items) and also to have substitutes when a regular 'church mouse' isn't available. We're not looking to replace any of our wonderful volunteers; rather, we want to give them some backup and assistance!

Have you got the 'cleanies' after last week's snow days? Share that energy to help First Pres! Rev. Jerusha is looking for a few folks to **help organize, sort, and clean up** the resource room from **10:00 a.m.-Noon this Saturday, February 7**. The resource room, located upstairs in room 202, will aid staff and educators in the planning and implementation of ministry and education. Your help is greatly appreciated! [Contact Rev. Jerusha](#) with questions or to RSVP.

**Evening Prayer continues into 2026!** Join First Pres friends in the parlor on **Sunday, February 8 starting at 6:15 p.m.** for fellowship followed by a short evening prayer service that finishes at 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend for a great way to wind down your weekend.

**Book Group** at First Pres meets next on **Monday, February 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact Francie Hubbard ([francie@myhubbards.com](mailto:francie@myhubbards.com)) to learn how to sign in. February's book is *Whalefall* by Daniel Kraus. The book is a scientifically accurate survival thriller about a teenage scuba diver who's been swallowed by an eighty-foot, sixty-ton sperm whale while looking for his father's remains in the Pacific Ocean off the California coast.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, February 1**

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  
Choir Rehearsal  
We Make the Road  
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
5:30 p.m. First Light

### **Monday, February 2**

### **Tuesday, February 3**

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

### **Wednesday, February 4**

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

### **Thursday, February 5**

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, February 6**

*Church Office Closed*  
7:00 p.m. First Friday Concert:  
Hansol Kim

### **Saturday, February 7**

10:00 a.m. Clean Up Day