

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 here in Fellowship Hall, you'll see orange and yellow papers near you on the table. 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 the yellow slips in the offering plate when it is passed later in the service.

**Children are always welcome in worship with their people!** Just outside the door, there is a cart with books, activities etc. for children - feel free to pick up anything that looks interesting - then return the books and crayons to the cart after worship.

**Please note:** our worship services are live streamed and available on Facebook and YouTube. For more information please visit [fpcevv.com](http://fpcevv.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.

### GATHERING MUSIC

### GREETING AND WELCOME

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

...**What does that mean?** (*repeat as prompted by the liturgist*)

Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN. . . no. 5

*Jennings-Houston; Amanda Husberg  
John Thornburg*

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:  
you are the womb of all creation; we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance of the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,  
God the pillar in the darkness, God the beacon of the free:  
you are fount of all deliverance; we are aimless; lead us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:  
you are host at every table; we are hungry; feed us now.

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth.  
God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:  
you are present in every moment; we are searching; meet us now.

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### \*OPENING PRAYER

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

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

You have told us, O God, that you want us to trust and obey you  
like Abraham and Sarah did. But sometimes we do not.  
You have told us, O God, that you want us to be hopeful and faithful  
like the woman who touched Jesus' cloak. But sometimes we are not.  
Forgive us. Thank you for loving us even though we are not perfect.  
And help us to do better, O God, starting right now.

- confession continues -

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

...who forgives us and loves us forever. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

"Glory to God"

Jim Strathdee

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has the lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, praise our God for - ev - er." The second staff has the lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, praise the name of the Lord." The music consists of a simple melody with eighth and quarter notes.

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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.*

- USHERS WILL COLLECT THE ORANGE PRAYER CARDS DURING THE SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST. -

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Risen Christ, break open our silence, speak peace to our fear,  
and help us trust your good news. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as [Jesus] sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to [Jesus'] disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, [Jesus] said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." and the woman was made well from that moment.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, [Jesus] said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, [Jesus] went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

This is the Word of new life. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Psalm 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

**Praise befits the upright.**

Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

**Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

**He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made

and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

**He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,  
for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

**The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;**

**he frustrates the plans of the peoples.**

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,**

**the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.**

\*SONG

“God Spoke and This is What I Heard”

Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

God spoke and this is what I heard: God spoke and this is what I heard:

I will give you a new heart and a new mind, and I'll take  
I will call you my peo - ple. I will love you. I will give

— a - way your heart of stone. God spoke and this is what I heard:  
— you an o - bed - i - ent heart.

God spoke and this is what I heard: I will give you my spir - it to be with  
I will gath - er my peo - ple who are scat -

— you from to - day un - til the end of time. God spoke and this  
tered, and I'll give you back the land you call home.

— is what I heard: God spoke and this is what I heard: Lis - ten, lis - ten,

Lis - ten to the word of the Lord. God spoke and this is what I heard:

God spoke and this is what I heard: God spoke and this

— is what I heard: God spoke and this is what I heard:

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Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.

And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

SERMON

*Unfathomable*

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

\*SONG

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Marty Haugen

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row, *Fine*  
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.  
 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your  
 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter, *D.C.*  
 peace and glad - ness, Spir - it of all com - fort: fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, Give us all your vi - sion: God of love.  
 way of heal - ing, Spir - it of com - pas - sion: fill each heart.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er, Spir - it of all kind - ness: be our guide.

## \*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.

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 INTERCESSION

...our Creator, Christ, and Comforter, we pray. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

#### CALL TO GIVING

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

Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY SONG OF DEDICATION

"Only For Your Glory"

Handt Hanson



God, we sing this song to you; on - ly for your glo - ry.  
God, be praised in all we do; on - ly for your glo - ry.  
An - thems sweet our voi - ces raise, on - ly for your glo - ry.  
And we give our gifts to you, on - ly for your glo - ry.  
Sing we now, knees we bow, hearts un - fold - ing with re - joic - ing.  
Sing we now, knees we bow, hearts un - fold - ing with re - joic - ing.  
God, we join our hands and pray, on - ly for your glo - ry.  
Bring a - mong us u - ni - ty; on - ly for your glo - ry.

## 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 -*

...Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. 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.

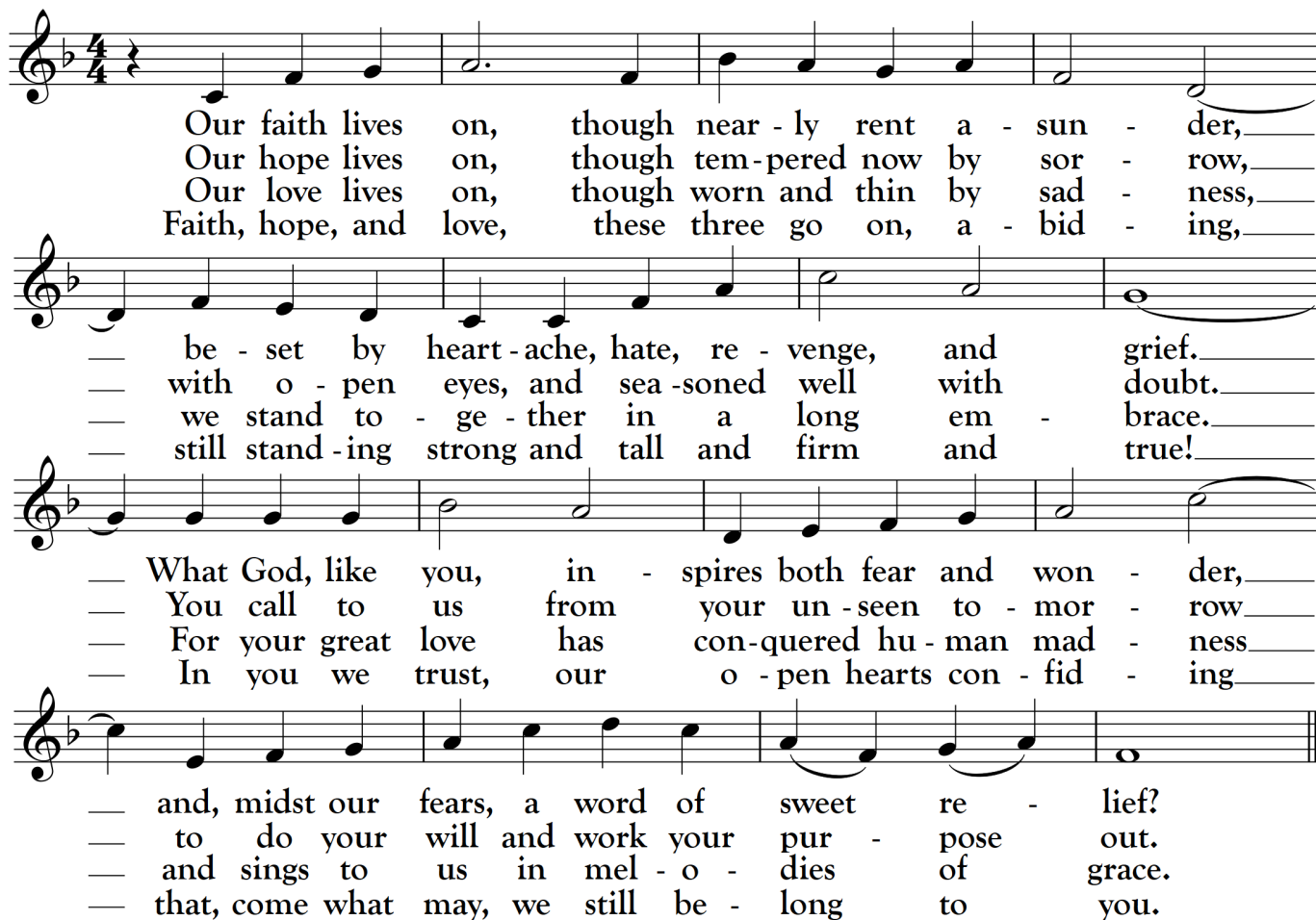
## SENDING

### \*HYMN

"Our Faith Lives On"

Charterhouse; David Evans

Paul Janssen



Our faith lives on, though near - ly rent a - sun - der,\_\_\_\_  
Our hope lives on, though tem - pered now by sor - row,\_\_\_\_  
Our love lives on, though worn and thin by sad - ness,\_\_\_\_  
Faith, hope, and love, these three go on, a - bid - ing,\_\_\_\_  
— be - set by heart - ache, hate, re - venge, and grief.\_\_\_\_  
— with o - pen eyes, and sea - soned well with doubt.\_\_\_\_  
— we stand to - ge - ther in a long em - brace.\_\_\_\_  
— still stand - ing strong and tall and firm and true!\_\_\_\_  
— What God, like you, in - spires both fear and won - der,\_\_\_\_  
— You call to us from your un - seen to - mor - row\_\_\_\_  
— For your great love has con - quered hu - man mad - ness\_\_\_\_  
— In you we trust, our o - pen hearts con - fid - ing\_\_\_\_  
— and, midst our fears, a word of sweet re - lief?  
— to do your will and work your pur - pose out.  
— and sings to us in mel - o - dies of grace.  
— that, come what may, we still be - long to you.

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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! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*SENDING SONG

“Go, Make a Difference”

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

Go make a diff - 'rence. We can make a diff - 'rence. Go make a diff -  
- 'rence in the world. Go make a diff - 'rence.  
We can make a diff - 'rence. Go make a diff - 'rence in the world.

The musical score is written on three staves in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a half note. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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## Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher	Murray McCandless
Liturgist	Elesha Downs
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Wide Awake Band	Tony Aiken, Bri Alley, Mack Gramooré, Matt O'Neill, Don Qualls
Audio	Blake Foerster-Daniels
Visual	Finch Parker

We thank First Pres' own Murray McCandless for preaching today. Rev. MB McCandless and Rev. Jerusha Van Camp are with our youth on a retreat in Louisville, KY. They will return to the office on Wednesday.

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

In honor of all parent figures, from mothers to fathers and all other caring folks, you are invited to **donate diapers and wipes** (or funds) for **Little Lambs** between Mother's Day, May 10, and Father's Day, June 21. See [Connect](#) or [First Reports](#) for examples of store brand diapers and wipes, and bring your donations to the lobby the next time you come to church! Thank you!

**Singing Resistance Evansville** gathers in the First Pres Sanctuary Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. through tonight. All are welcome to come and learn songs of resistance and peace in a relaxed setting in preparation for participation in a **Flag Day walk** down Main Street on Sunday, June 14. For more information, please contact Rev. MB.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, June 7**

- 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, We Make the Road
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 7:00 p.m. *Singing Resistance Evansville*

### **Monday, June 8**

- 10:30 a.m. Feeding Mission at UCS
- 6:30 p.m. Book Group

### **Tuesday, June 9**

### **Wednesday, June 10**

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

### **Thursday, June 11**

- 11:30 a.m. Communications Team

### **Friday, June 12**

*Church Office Closed*

### **Saturday, June 13**

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