

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 outside the door at the front and at the rear of the room, where there is also a PrayGround for children and their adults.

**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.

### PRELUDE

### GREETING AND WELCOME

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN . . . no. 1

*Nicaea*; John Bacchus Dykes  
Reginald Heber

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,

who wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

...your word of love and righteousness. **Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Dear God,  
You made the land and the water and said it was good.  
But we don't always take good care of it.  
You made the plants and the animals and said they were good.  
But we don't always take good care of them.  
You made a world of people and said we all are good.  
But we don't always take good care of each other.  
We are sorry. Forgive us.  
Help us care for this whole world that you love so much.

*- confession continues -*

In the name of the Trinity we pray. **Amen.**  
...assuring us of God's forgiveness and love. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS . . . no. 582**

**"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

*Glory to God*  
Paul M. Vasile

**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. (sing three times)**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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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

### FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

PSALM

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark  
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Galiardo” (The Earl Of Salisbury)

Orlando Gibbons

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

SERMON

*Go Make, Baptize, Teach, Remember*

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

\*HYMN . . . no. 285

Bridegroom; Peter Cutts  
Carl P. Daw, Jr.

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Like the murmur of the dove’s song, like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind’s rush, like the new flame’s eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ’s body, to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- the Nicene Creed

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...In the name of the Triune God - 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 [fbcew.com/giving](http://fbcew.com/giving), or text "GIVE" to 833-921-6520.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY

"Cantible for two organs" from *Concerto No. 5*

Antonio Soler

### \*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 here below.**

**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 LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT 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.**

*- thanksgiving continues -*

...we join the hymn that never ends:

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.**

*- thanksgiving 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.**

*- thanksgiving continues -*

...All this we pray in Jesus' name.

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.*

“Allemande” from *Partita No. 4* (BWV 828)

Johann Sebastian Bach

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, you have met us at the table.  
You have fed us with love broken and shared.  
You have washed us with grace that knows no end.  
Now help us to serve with humility, to love without conditions,  
and to remember who we are: your Body, your Beloved.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.

## SENDING

\*HYMN

“God, the All-Holy”

Bunessan; Gaelic Melody  
Brian Wren

God, the All - Ho - ly, mak - er and Moth - er, glad - ly we  
Spi - rit, All - See - ing, knit - ting and blend - ing, joy in de -  
Christ, All - Com - plete - ing, Na - ture en - fold - ing, e - vil ex -  
gath - er, bring - ing in prayer old hurts for heal - ing, new hopes for  
sir - ing, friend - ship and ease, make our be - long - ing loy - al and  
haust - ing in love's em - brace, weav - ing and mend - ing, make ev - 'ry  
hold - ing, giv - ing, re - ceiv - ing lov - ing and care.  
last - ing, so that our pled - ging fresh - ens and frees.  
end - ing God's new beg - in - ning glow - ing with grace.

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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!**

### POSTLUDE

“Carillon”

Malcolm Archer

### Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Mary Beth McCandless
Liturgist	Andrew Singleton
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Organist	Neal Biggers
Audio	Blake Foerster-Daniels
Visual	Finch Parker

The flowers today are given by Sarah Groves to the glory of God and in memory of Diane Pope, mother to Sarah and grandmother to Elliott and Evie, remembering her on her birthday.

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## Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Join your First Pres friends in showing your love and support for the LGBTQIA+ community at the **2026 River City Pride Festival** downtown this Saturday, June 6. Although the signup deadline to walk in the parade has passed, there are other ways to participate - from sitting at the First Pres information table to pre-preparing items to be shared at the Festival. Contact Rev. Jerusha ([jerusha@fpcevv.com](mailto:jerusha@fpcevv.com)) for more information, or fill out the form by using the [QR code](#) to let us know you'll help!



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 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!

Start your weekend off with wonderful music! Our **June First Friday concert** features First Pres' own Music Assistant, Bri Alley, and Director of Music Robert Nicholls. Robert will play the harpsichord and organ, and Mezzo-Soprano Bri will share selections from their recent Senior Recital. Bring your family and friends downtown at **7:00 p.m. this Friday, June 5!**

**Singing Resistance** Evansville gathers in the First Pres Sanctuary **Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** through June 7. 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.

Church Administrator Lora Blaylock is on **vacation this week**. The rest of the staff are working, and will be in and out of the building as commitments require. If you need to visit the building this week, **please call ahead** to be sure there is someone to let you in. Thank you!

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, May 31**

- 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 1**

- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Planning Team

### **Tuesday, June 2**

- 11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

### **Wednesday, June 3**

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

### **Thursday, June 4**

- 5:00 p.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal

### **Friday, June 5**

*Church Office Closed*

### **Saturday, June 6**

- 10:00 a.m. RSCM Midwest Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. *River City Pride Festival (on Main St.)*
- 3:00 p.m. First Light Youth Leave for Louisville

## First Presbyterian Church Staff:

**Rev. Mary Beth McCandless**  
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