

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.

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

...Children of God, **God's love is always with us.** *(repeat as prompted by the liturgist)*

Let us worship God.

*HYMN

“Shake Up the Morning”

Shake Up
The Iona Community



Shake up the morn - ing, let the dawn un - dress, let
Shake up the world and let the King - dom come, the
Shake up the Church and let all Chris - tians show that
Shake up the eve - ning, let the shad - ows range as



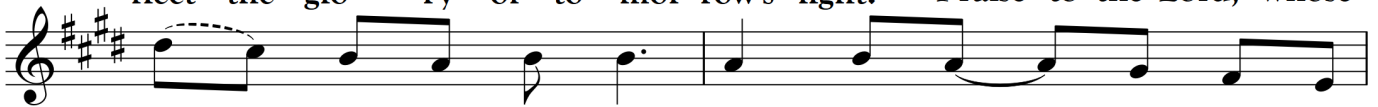
dew re - glis - ten na - ture's love - li - ness;
dumb be lis - tened to, the lost find home;
faith is real, that God is good to know;
clouds to cas - tles in the sun - set change;



Wak - en the song - bird and un - seal the throat that
Make earth - ly pol - i - tics the stuff of prayer till
Fash - ion new sym - bols of the com - ing age when
Kin - dle the moon and stars which through each night re -



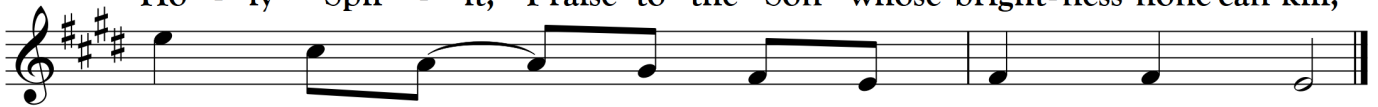
greet the day - break with a crys - tal note. Praise to the Lord, whose
want and war - ring are dis - pelled by care. Praise to the Lord, whose
hope and love will take the cen - ter stage. Praise to the Lord, whose
flect the glo - ry of to - mor - row's light. Praise to the Lord, whose



mor - ning we in - her - it; Praise cre - a - tion's fuse, the
world we in - her - it; Praise God's cat - a - lyst, the
Gos - pel we in - her - it; Praise God's bird of love, the
eve - ning we in - her - it; Praise God's pres - ence in the



Ho - ly Spir - it; Praise to the Son who ris - es with the dawn,
Ho - ly Spir - it; Praise to the Son whose choice it is to bless
Ho - ly Spir - it; Praise to the Son whose will and worlds de - cree
Ho - ly Spir - it; Praise to the Son whose bright - ness none can kill;



leav - ing grave - clothes scarce - ly three days worn.
those who work for peace and live on less.
all are one in his com - mu - ni - ty.
light - ing paths for those who seek his will.

***OPENING PRAYER**

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

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Loving God,

We turn to you knowing that, in your abundant mercy, you turn to us with steadfast love.

Forgive us when we do not turn to others with the kind of love you have for us,

when we hurt one another and the Earth you made.

Teach us to love the whole wide world.

- confession continues -

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

What message does heaven speak to Earth again and again?

Do not be afraid.

God, who is full of mercy, hears our prayers and answers us with

love, love, love.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

"Glory to God"

Jim Strathdee

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, praise our God for - ev - er.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, praise the name of the Lord.

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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

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

SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

PSALM

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you,

O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant;

save the child of your maidservant.

Show me a sign of your favor,

so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,

because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

HYMN
"Good Soil"

Handt Hanson

Lord let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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THE READING

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, [Ishmael], for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, [Ishmael], and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, [Hagar] cast the child [Ishmael] under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

SERMON

Anything But Ordinary - Winners and Winners

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

*HYMN . . . no. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Faithfulness; William Marion Runyan
Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

*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 fbcew.com/giving, or text "GIVE" to 833-921-6520.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

OFFERTORY SONG OF DEDICATION . . . no. 709

Abundant Blessings
James E. Clemens

"God, We Honor You"

God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

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'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

The Ash Grove; Welsh Folk Melody
Omer Westendorf

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Sent forth by God's bles - sing our true faith con - fes - sing, the
With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the
peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er
en - ded, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's child - ren of
all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. God's
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share. Then
grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us to
may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give
work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

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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.

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Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher	Jean Beckman
Liturgist	Jingle Hagey
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Wide Awake Band	Tony Aiken, Mack Gramooré, Matt O'Neill, Don Qualls, Micaiah Van Camp
Audio	Blake Foerster-Daniels
Visual	Finch Parker

We thank First Pres' own Jean Beckman for preaching today. Rev. MB McCandless is at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, North Carolina.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Thank you to everyone who **donated diapers and wipes** (or funds) for **Little Lambs** between Mother's Day and Father's Day this year. Your generosity not only provides those necessary items, but also safety items like carseats. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 21

- 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

Monday, June 22

Tuesday, June 23

- 5:00 p.m. RSCMMw Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 24

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

Thursday, June 25

- 5:00 p.m. RSCMMw Rehearsal

Friday, June 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, June 27

- 10:00 a.m. RSCMMw Rehearsal

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