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 and Litany for All Saints' Day

We are gathered **to tell stories.**
We are gathered **to remember.**
We are gathered **surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses.**
We are gathered **to celebrate the saints.**

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.

***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.

***GATHERING PRAYER**

...and with you we can do all things. **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

...let us confess our sins.
God, you always listen.
We are sorry for the times we have not shown mercy to our neighbors,
our family, and even sometimes ourselves.
Forgive us for raising our voices about things that do not matter
and staying quiet about things that do.
Help us to live the example of love that Jesus taught us and the saints showed us.
- silence is kept -
...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE . . . no. 699** *Fill My Cup*
"Fill My Cup" Isaiah Jones, Jr.

Refrain **Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow;**
fill my cup; let it overflow with love.

Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land;
let people see your works in me; help me to live the best I can. *Refrain*

It's my desire to live for you and to always walk upright;
give me the strength to face each day; stay with me through each dark night. *Refrain*

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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

First Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the HOLY ONE at all times; **God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
My soul makes its boast in the HOLY ONE; **let the humble hear and be glad.**
O magnify the HOLY ONE with me, **and let us exalt God's name together.**
I sought the HOLY ONE, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to the HOLY ONE, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried and was heard by the HOLY ONE and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the HOLY ONE encamps around those who fear them and delivers them.
O taste and see that the HOLY ONE is good;
happy are those who take refuge in the HOLY ONE.
O fear GOD, you holy ones, for those who fear GOD have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the HOLY ONE lack no good thing.
The HOLY ONE redeems the life of God's servants;
none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

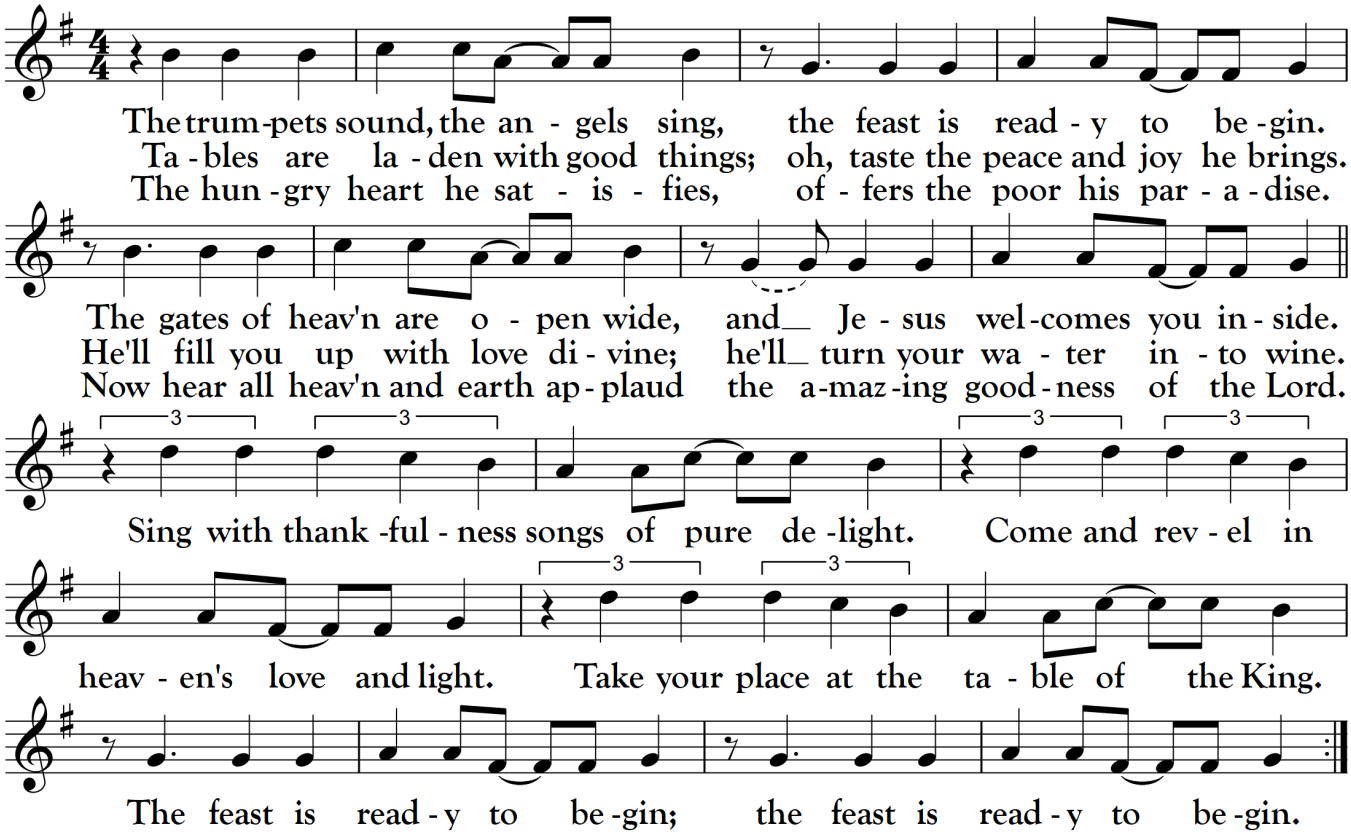
EPISTLE READING 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" Graham Kendrick



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GOSPEL LITANY Matthew 5:3-9

Blessed are the poor in spirit, **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**
- silence is kept -
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed are those who mourn, **for they will be comforted.**
- silence is kept -
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed are the meek, **for they will inherit the earth.**
- silence is kept -
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, **for they will be filled.**
- silence is kept -
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed are the merciful, **for they will receive mercy.**
- silence is kept -
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
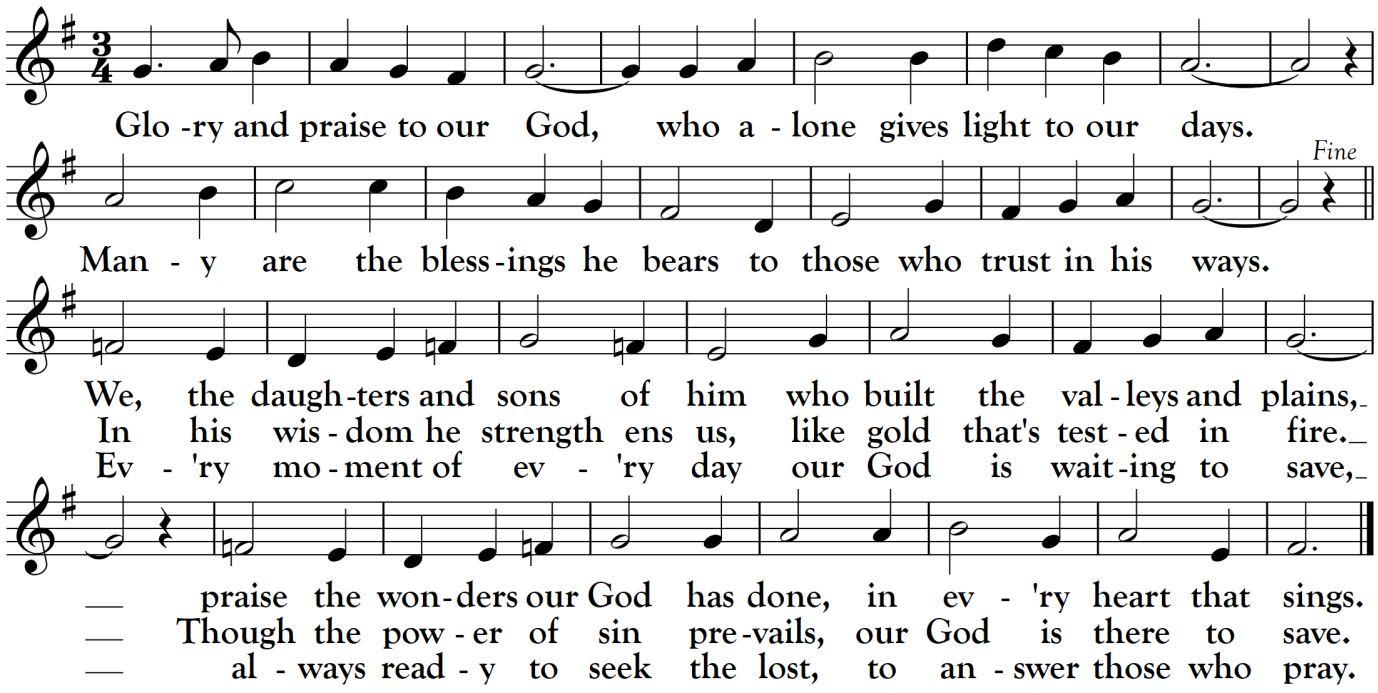
Blessed are the pure in heart, **for they will see God.**
- silence is kept -
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed are the peacemakers, **for they will be called children of God.**
- silence is kept -
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful Savior...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

*SONG
"Glory and Praise to Our God" Daniel Schutte



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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 in Canada*

Offering of our Lives

All may ponder in silence all that is happening in their lives, and may, with renewed commitment, offer themselves and their gifts for ministry to the service of Jesus Christ in the world.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Intercession for Healing and Wholeness

God, our creator, your will for us and for all your people is wholeness and salvation:
have mercy on us.
Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance:
have mercy on us.
Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence:
have mercy on us.

Hymn . . no. 797, v. 1 — *Ye Banks and Braes*; Scottish melody
"We Cannot Measure How You Heal" — John L. Bell and Graham Maule

We cannot measure how You heal or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

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To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us offer our prayers.
For all who are in need of healing...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
For all who are disabled by injury or illness...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
For all who are troubled by confusion or burdened by pain...
...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
For all whose increasing years bring weariness...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HYMN . . no. 797, v. 2 — *Ye Banks and Braes*; Scottish melody
"We Cannot Measure How You Heal" — John L. Bell and Graham Maule

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

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For all about to undergo surgery...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
For all who cannot sleep...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
For all who practice the healing arts...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

HYMN . . no. 797, v. 3 — *Ye Banks and Braes*; Scottish melody
"We Cannot Measure How You Heal" — John L. Bell and Graham Maule

So some have come who need your help and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let Your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain and make Your broken people whole.

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

THANKSGIVING

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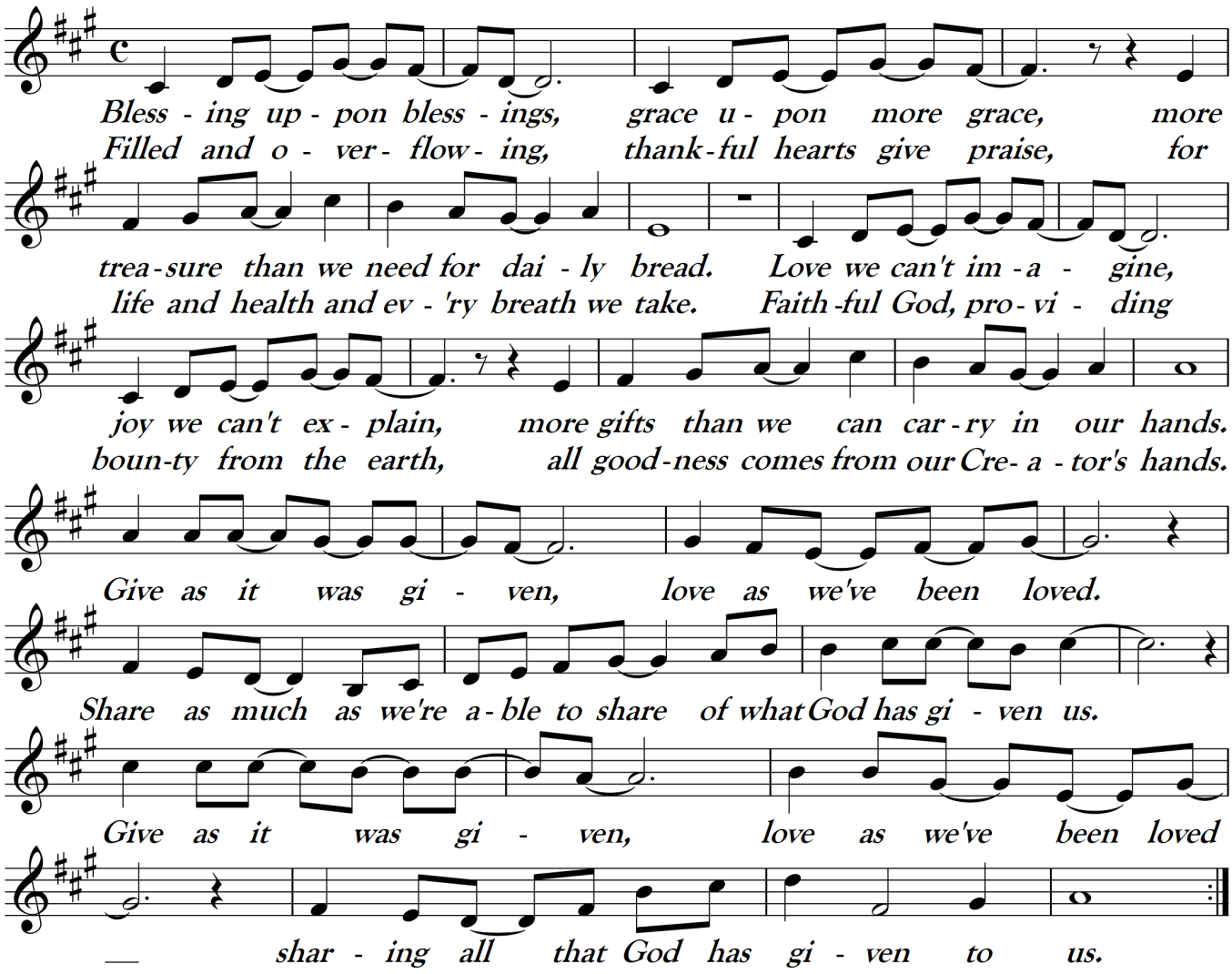
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Let us offer our lives to God.

OFFERTORY SONG OF DEDICATION

"Give As It Was Given" — Handt Hanson



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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE 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 ancient and eternal hymn:

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.

- thanksgiving continues -
...great is the mystery of our faith:

RESPONSE . . . no. 560 *Memorial Acclamation*; Per Harling

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

- thanksgiving continues -
...all glory and honor our 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 come forward to receive the bread and cup.
Ushers will bring the bread and cup to those who are more comfortable remaining in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

...feeding the bodies and hearts of all those who are hungry. **Amen.**

Sending

***Hymn . . . no. 326** *Sine Nomine*; Ralph Vaughan Williams
"For All the Saints" 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

...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 . . . no. 80** *The Trees of the Field*; Stuart Dauerman
"You Shall Go Out with Joy" Steffi Geiser Rubin

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

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Leading worship this morning:

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Liturgist	Jerusha Van Camp
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Wide Awake Band	Carrie Aiken, Tony Aiken, Mack Grammoré, Matt O'Neill, Don Qualls
Audio	Blake Foerster-Daniels
Visual	Jake Kohlmeyer

The flowers today are given by Matt and Sarah Groves to the glory of God and in celebration of their twenty-second wedding anniversary.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Come Plan With Us in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 on Wednesday, November 4 for an upcoming "Advent Event" scheduled for the afternoon/evening of November 29. The event itself will include lots of playing (games) and making (crafts, cookies?)! We'd love your ideas and creativity! Vegetable soup will be available at the planning meeting for anyone who might need to eat - click HERE to let us know you're planning to help us plan!

November will soon be here, and that means it's **Jiffy Mix time**! The Mission Committee invites you to bring Jiffy Cornbread with you to church for the Evansville Rescue Mission's Gobbler Gathering, where over 2,200 area households will receive a 70-pound food basket. Our goal is **500+ boxes of Jiffy Mix by Sunday, November 16**. Not a shopper? Monetary donations to be passed along to ERM are welcome, too, via a check to the office or by clicking HERE. Thank you!

The Music Department is ready to help you stock your pantry with deliciousness! The annual **Soup + Bake Sale is next Sunday, November 8 after each worship service**. Frozen homemade soups, Rob's famous bread, and more will be available to fill your kitchen. All proceeds help First Pres' young musicians attend camp and special music events.

Our church next **serves lunch** at United Caring Services on **Monday, November 9**. If you're interested in serving the meal or helping prepare food in advance, contact Debbie Meyer at 812-568-6102 or debbiejmeyer@outlook.com.

The Congregation is invited to the **wedding** ceremony of Tim Black and Andy Herbertz in the Sanctuary this **Saturday, November 7, at 5:00 p.m.**

Book Group at First Pres meets next on **Monday, November 9**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact Francie Hubbard (francie@myhubbards.com) to learn how to sign in. The group will discuss *Gossip Men: J. Edgar Hoover, Joe McCarthy, Roy Cohn, and the Politics of Insinuation* by Christopher M. Elias. This non-fiction book explores how three towering figures of midcentury American power solidified their power through the skillful use of deliberately misleading techniques like implication, hyperbole, and photographic manipulation.

Presbyterian Women are offering an opportunity to bring a **reminder of our historic building** home with you! Order a Rose Window Ornament at the table in the lobby or click HERE by November 8. There are 3 versions, white-washed, stained, and painted, priced from $20-$25. Finished versions will be available for pickup (just in time for Christmas shipping!) starting November 15 in the lobby.

Join Pastor MB in the courtyard (weather permitting!) **next Sunday evening** (November 8) for **Evening Prayer** for a time of fellowship and s'mores starting at 6:15 p.m., followed by a brief service of evening prayer at 6:45 p.m. If you'd like to help set up, come at 6:00. Thank you!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 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
4:00 p.m. Singing Resistance - Evansville
5:30 p.m. First Light Youth Group

Monday, November 2

Tuesday, November 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
6:00 p.m. We Make the Road

Wednesday, November 4

12:00 p.m. We Make the Road
5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee
5:30 p.m. Advent Event Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m. We Make the Road

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 7

5:00 p.m. Black/Herbertz Wedding