

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. After the *Call to Live, Love, Pray, Grow*, children from kindergarten through sixth grade may go to *Follow Me Time* with the leaders to room 101 in the education wing.

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.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"The Lord Gave The Word" from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of the preachers.

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, children of God: this is our time for worship.

Rejoice, people of God, because God is good.

God invites all of us to be part of the beloved community.

God is faithful to us. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Then with joyful hearts, let us worship God!

*HYMN . . . no. 12

St. Denio; Welsh folk melody

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Walter Chalmers Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:

thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;

thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,

then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All praise we would render; O help us to see

'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***OPENING PRAYER**

...through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Today's confession is an active prayer, using both our hearts and our bodies to pray. You are invited to join in the prayer, responding with actions as you are prompted and as you feel comfortable.

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

***CONFESSION RESPONSE . . . no. 62**

"Love the Lord Your God"

Great Commandment
Jean and Jim Strathdee

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all you are.**

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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.**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me."

So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

ANTHEM

"Moses Sing Unto God Thy King"

Old King Cole; arr. Charles Wood

*Moses sing unto God thy King who hath won the victory,
and hath laid low haughty Pharaoh underneath the deep Red Sea.
Yea, merry, merry, merry may we be, as bird upon the berry of the may or cherry tree,
while as we stand with harp in hand on the shore of the Red Sea.
God perforce overthrew the horse, rider, car, and axle tree.
They sank as lead, and their men lie dead as stone: so mote it be!
His right hand and His wonder-wand did divide at His decree,
the surging wave, and thereby did save us and ours from slavery.
Thou didst blow, and entomb our foe in the bottom of the sea:
and, if dry-shod we went o'er, O God, be ascribed the praise to thee!*

- G.R. Woodward

Praise the LORD!

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Remember us, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;

help us when you deliver them; that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory in your heritage.

Both we and our ancestors have sinned;

we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image.

They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.

They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

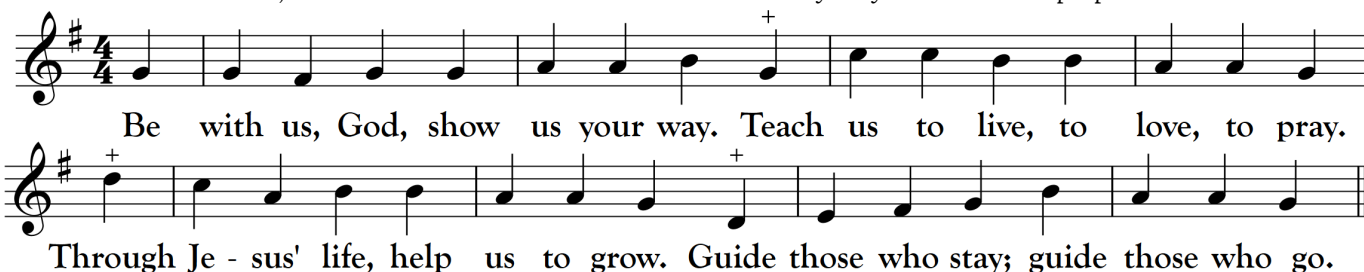
Therefore he said he would destroy them - had not Moses, his chosen one,

stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

CALL TO LIVE, LOVE, PRAY, GROW

Tallis' Cannon

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 5th 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.



EPISTLE

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

- SILENCE FOR REFLECTION -

*HYMN . . . no. 802

St. Columba; Irish melody

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

*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*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

...Only say the word, Lord, and all shall be well.

...through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

CALL TO GIVING

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at fpcew.com/giving, or text "GIVE" to 833-921-6520.

Let us offer our lives to God.

OFFERTORY

"Blessed Assurance"

Phoebe P. Knapp; arr. Brent Olstad

*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.

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 -

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

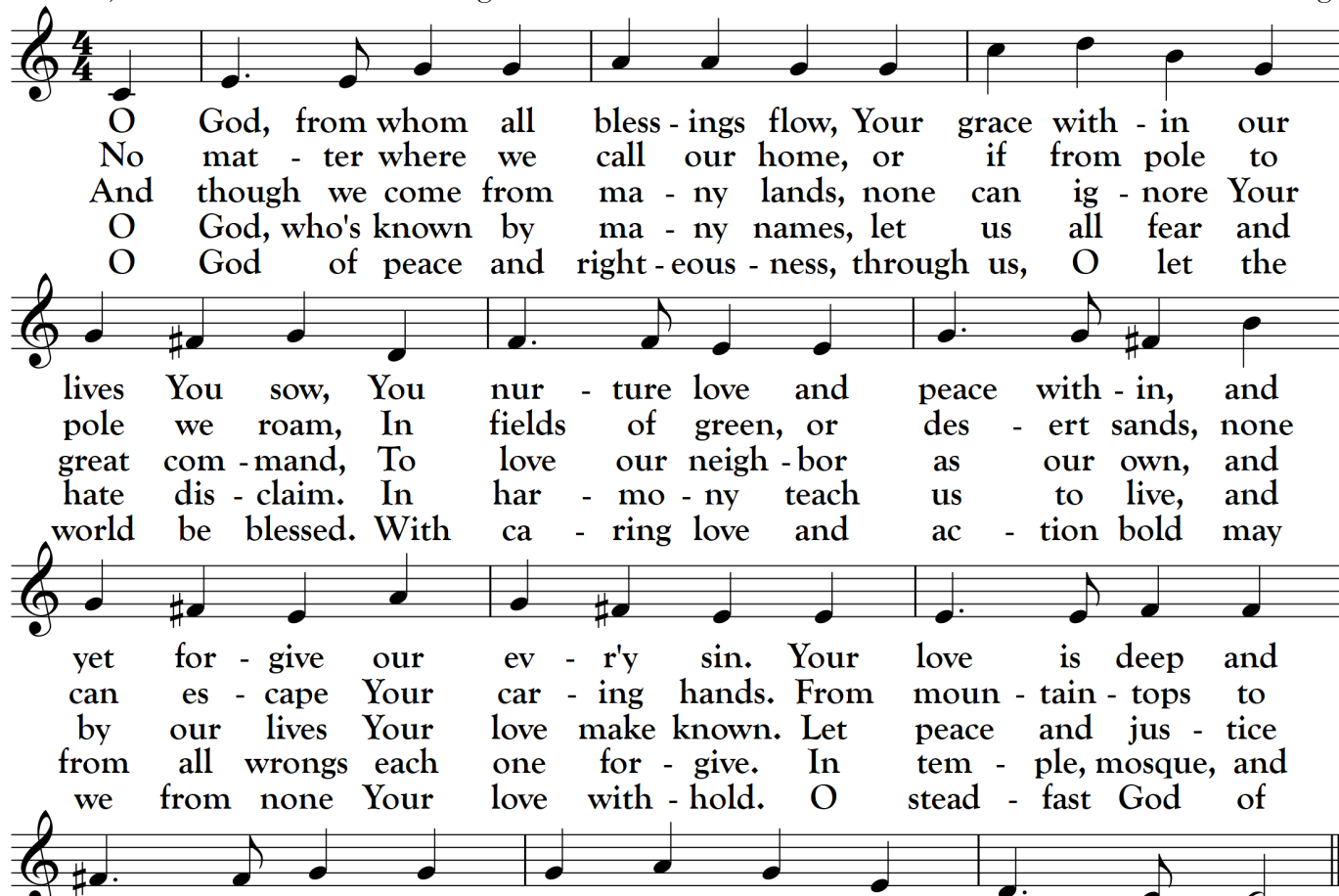
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN

Melita; John Bacchus Dykes
Kevin Scott Fleming

“O God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”



O God, from whom all bless - ings flow, Your grace with - in our
No mat - ter where we call our home, or if from pole to
And though we come from ma - ny lands, none can ig - nore Your
O God, who's known by ma - ny names, let us all fear and
O God of peace and right - eous - ness, through us, O let the
lives You sow, You nur - ture love and peace with - in, and
pole we roam, In fields of green, or des - ert sands, none
great com - mand, To love our neigh - bor as our own, and
hate dis - claim. In har - mo - ny teach us to live, and
world be blessed. With ca - ring love and ac - tion bold may
yet for - give our ev - r'y sin. Your love is deep and
can es - cape Your car - ing hands. From moun - tain - tops to
by our lives Your love make known. Let peace and jus - tice
from all wrongs each one for - give. In tem - ple, mosque, and
we from none Your love with - hold. O stead - fast God of
broad and wide, and from that love no one can hide.
o - ceans deep, in love and peace all peo - ple keep.
be our aim, and so ex - alt Your ho - ly name.
chur - ches, too, teach us to live our lives in You.
truth and peace, through us, let peace and hope in - crease.

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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!**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Sim Shalom”

Jennaya Robison

Grant peace everywhere; goodness and blessing unto your people, Israel and all the world.

POSTLUDE

“Chorale Prelude on St. Columba”

Charles Villiers Stanford

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Mary Beth McCandless
Liturgist	Jerusha Van Camp
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Organ Scholar	Magdalena Truta
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church	
The Flute Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Dick Bernhardt, Director	
Audio	Blake Foerster-Daniels
Visual	Finch Parker

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Join Pastor MB in the courtyard (weather permitting!) **this evening** 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!

Presbyterian Women are offering an opportunity to bring a **reminder of our historic building** home with you! From now through November 8, order a Rose Window Ornament at the table in the lobby. There are 4 versions, from unfinished through various finishes ranging from \$20-\$25. On November 14 between noon and 2:00 p.m., PW will host a "painting party" in Fellowship Hall for all who wish to paint their unfinished ornaments. Finished versions will be available for pickup (just in time for Christmas shipping!) starting November 15 in the lobby.

Book Group at First Pres meets next **tomorrow evening**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 105. A Zoom option is available; contact [Francie Hubbard](#) to learn how to sign in. The Group will discuss *Lesser Beasts: A Snout-to-Tail History of the Humble Pig* by historian Mark Essig. This surprisingly accessible book explores the cultural and culinary history of swine.

LGBTQ+ folks are invited to come together for a **potluck on Friday, October 23!** The location is still to be confirmed - if you'd like more information, please contact Rev. Jerusha (jerusha@fpcevv.com; 812-774-7402) for details.

Presbyterian Women invite you to **lunch on Saturday, October 24 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.** First Pres' own Sue Schriber will share how she serves Evansville with *Strength through Faith*. We'll hear how, inspired by her family, she works with adults and children in the Evansville theater community to raise funds for the Jacob Ball Wish Fund. There's no cost for lunch, but an RSVP by clicking [HERE](#) is appreciated so there's plenty of food for all!

This year's annual **silent movies are scheduled for Halloween weekend!** On Friday, October 30, Director of Music Robert Nicholls will improvise the soundtrack to FW Murnau's 1926 masterpiece, *Faust*. Saturday's feature is *Phantom of the Opera*, with Carl Laemalle's cast of thousands. Both shows begin at 7:00. Invite your friends and plan to have a great spooky time at First Pres. Donations will be gratefully received to help send First Pres' young musicians to summer camps and other special experiences.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 11

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*
6:15 p.m. S'mores and Evening Prayer

Monday, October 12

10:30 a.m. Feeding Mission at UCS

Tuesday, October 13

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. We Make the Road

Wednesday, October 14

12:00 p.m. We Make the Road
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
7:00 p.m. We Make the Road

Thursday, October 15

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 16

Church Office Closed
6:00 p.m. *Haunted Historic Evansville Ghost Walks*

Saturday, October 17

9:00 a.m. Feeding Mission at Sister Joanna's Table
6:00 p.m. *Haunted Historic Evansville Ghost Walks*