

Welcome to Worship from First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

- Please visit the church website: www.firstpresevansville.com to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.
- Please visit our Facebook page - First Presbyterian Church - Evansville, Indiana. We hope you'll "like" us!

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

THE PRELUDE

"I Was Glad" (8:30)
Improvisation (10:30)

J. Beech

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One This is the day, the hour, the moment,
 All **When we gather as God's people to worship.**
 One Let there be love and understanding among us.
 All **Let peace and friendship be our shelter in life's storms.**
 One And may God be ever with us,
 All **Giving each moment of life the fullness of wonder and joy.**

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

O Quanta Qualia

As the opening hymn is played, read these words to yourself and hum along with the tune:

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor!
 Enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
 You are the rock of your people's salvation,
 To whom our jubilant praises belong!

Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
 Held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
 You are our Maker, and to you we pray.
 Gladly we kneel in obedience before you,
 Great is the one whom we worship this day!

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
 Open our hearts to receive what you say.
 Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
 Trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

We are easily distracted by so many things, O God,
that we often fail to experience the present moment.
Our minds race to what needs to be done,
our ability to focus on the here-and-now is impaired,
and we are hardly ever present to ourselves, to you, to others.
Slow us down, O God, that we might find the joy in now.
Help us to savor the gift of life that you give us.

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Concerns of the Church

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE LESSON

Proverbs 27:1

“Do not boast about tomorrow,
for you do not know what a day may bring.”

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prelude for Violin and Organ”

Nancy Plummer Faxon

THE SERMON

“The Wisdom of ‘Now’”

Kevin Scott Fleming

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

- from *A Brief Statement of Faith* Presbyterian Church (USA)

THE MORNING OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit after worship, or give online at <http://firstpresevansville.com/giving/>

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

The Spoken Prayers

The Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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.

WE DISPERSE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

Leading worship this morning:

Preacher	Kevin Scott Fleming
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Violin	Sarah Pearce

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Service

Did you know that SWIRCA, a local public service organization that works to empower seniors and people with disabilities, **has a small food pantry?** And that its shelves are a bit bare? If **you can share** microwavable meals, canned goods, soups, vegetables, fruit, canned meat (tuna/chicken), spaghetti sauce, beans, canned juices, instant potatoes, rice, instant oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, dried fruit, granola bars, powdered milk, and hand sanitizer, **drop off items at the Baker Street** entrance between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and call 812-464-7800 to let SWIRCA know it's there.

Education

The **Bible Bunch** continues to gather each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. for fellowship and a Sunday School lesson via **Zoom**. The group welcomes visitors and potential new members to the class. If you'd like to give it a try, send a note with your email address to Jean Beckman (jb37@evansville.edu) and she will add you to the weekly mailing list. NOTE: Asking to be put on the list does not require you to attend; attending once does not require you to attend again. The summer theme is *Wisdom*, and beginning on August 2 the lessons will come from the book of *James*.

Weekly Offerings

We continue to offer **Wednesday Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m.** on our Facebook page. This 15-20 minute service is a time for quiet reflection and prayer at the middle of the week.

We also continue to offer thirty minutes of **music on Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.** Robert will use the various instruments in the sanctuary to provide you with some music at the midday.

Next week's **daily reading schedule** includes:

Sunday, August 23	Psalm 67	Thursday, August 27	Mark 14:12-26
Monday, August 24	Mark 13:14-27	Friday, August 28	Mark 14:27-42
Tuesday, August 25	Mark 13:28-37	Saturday, August 29	Mark 14:43-52
Wednesday, August 26	Mark 14:1-11		

We hope you will **join us - online** - throughout the week.