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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

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

During Today's Worship

- Please make a name tag from the clipboard in each pew. We want to be able to call everyone by name. We are very glad that you are here!
- Please fill out the yellow worship attendance slip found in the pew rack so that we may know of your presence and give thanks to God for it. This is an excellent way to communicate anything you want the church staff to know.
- Large-print bulletins and individual hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Hymn numbers refer to the blue Presbyterian Hymnal in the pew rack.
- The orange-colored cards in the pew racks are for submitting prayer requests to be included in the Prayers of the People. Complete the card and place it in the offering plate.
- If you have a "smart" phone and have a Facebook page, please "check-in" and let your friends know that you are at First Pres! Then, please silence your phone.
- Parking is available in the small church lot, located diagonally across the street from the tower entrance at the corner of Mulberry and South East Second Streets, and at Echo Health Care, one block East on Mulberry Street.
- Following worship, please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall, directly behind the Chancel. Use the door on either side of the Chancel to enter Fellowship Hall.

Information for Families

- Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in room 107 of the education wing. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions.
- Diaper changing facilities are located in the restrooms and lounge.
- The lounge (room 120 in the office area) is available for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher for more information.
- *Living the Word* is available for children in Pre-school through second grade. Following the Children's Moment, participants are dismissed to Sunday School. Parents are asked to pick their children up in the education wing following worship.

Keep in Touch

- 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!

Our 2019-2020 Children and Youth programming year begins on September 5! **Presbyterian Youth Explosion (PYE)** is our faith formation, service, music, and worship education opportunity for PreK-8th grades on Thursday afternoons. On Sunday nights, grades 7-12 meet for **First Light Youth Group** and participate in a variety of activities that include faith formation, fun activities, and acts of service. To register your child or teenager for these programs, go to our website (firstpresevansville.com), click on the Ministry Tab and scroll down to choose children or youth to find the online registration form.

The theme of the fall quarter of lessons in the **Bible Bunch** Sunday school class is *Responding to God's Grace*. During September lessons come from the Old Testament and focus on God's faithfulness to God's people. This adult class meets in **room 103/5 in the education wing at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays**. Visitors and occasional attendees are welcome.

Calendar

Sunday, August 25, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. Wide Awake Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, August 26, 2019

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Power Yoga
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. NA Group

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Unclassified
- 7:00 p.m. Beer Choir at Myriad Brewing

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

- 1:00 p.m. Little Lambs Store Open
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, August 29, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Unclassified
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Power Yoga

Friday, August 30, 2019

Saturday, August 31, 2019

Sunday, September 1, 2019

- 7:30 a.m. Wide Awake Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, September 2, 2019 Labor Day Church Office Closed

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Music

The next **Beer Choir Evansville** “rehearsal” is set: we’ll meet at the **Myriad Brewing Company** **this Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.** for lots of singing, fellowship, and great beer. Come early for food by *Jayson Munoz Caters*. All age-21+ singers of any skill level are welcome. Our “rehearsal” will be led by First Pres’ own renowned organist, choir master, and beer enthusiast, Robert Nicholls. Invite your friends because it is always a GREAT time. The bigger the crowd, the bigger the fun!

Service

First Presbyterian Church will prepare and serve (but not clean up after!) **lunch at United Caring Services on Saturday, September 14**. About eight volunteers will be needed from about 10:30 until 12:30. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall, your yellow worship form, or through First Web: go to the calendar, click on the event on September 14, and follow the instructions there.

Our children and youth ministry programs are looking for **volunteers!** You (yes, you!) can be a **classroom helper** on Thursday afternoons at PYE or Sunday evenings at First Light. If the Kitchen is more your area of interest, PYE is always looking for **kitchen coordinators and cleanup folks**. Please contact Jerusha (812-423-6297; jerusha@firstpresvansville.com) or make a note on your yellow worship slip if you’d like more information or to help.

Education and Faith Formation

Many of our members and regular guests did not grow up in the Presbyterian Church. As a result, there are lots of questions about lots of things! Pastor Kevin will take on some of those questions over the next few months in short-term seminars designed to introduce some aspects of what it means to be Presbyterian. Our first seminar is entitled, **“Worship Unclassified.”** We will explore why Presbyterians worship as we do, we’ll help you to interpret the weekly bulletin, understand the liturgical year, discuss the Sacraments, and much more. Part two of this seminar continues this week on **Tuesday, August 27, from 7:00-8:15 p.m.** and **Thursday, August 29, from 10:00-11:15 a.m.** You can reserve your spot by making a note on your yellow worship form, contacting the church office, or by going to the calendar on First Web: click on the event and follow the instructions there.

The 2019-2020 Bible Study sponsored by Presbyterian Women for all church members and friends will begin on Wednesday, September 4. Led by Jean Beckman, ***Jubilee! Overtuned Expectation in the Gospel of Luke*** will focus on the tradition-toppling messages in many familiar passages of the third gospel. September’s class begins at the beginning: ***Babies are Born.*** For background, read the first two chapters of Luke... and imagine that the information there is everything you know about the beginning of Jesus’s story. The class starts at 12:30 (and finishes around 1:30) in Kerr Chapel, but come early, with or without your lunch, if you’d like to visit with others in the class.

*Let those who are able stand at this sign.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

THE PRELUDE

“Quick March”
“Slavic Dance”

D. Kabalevsky
G.P. Tingley

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One This is an hour of change.
All **Within it we stand uncertain on the border of light.**
One Shall we withdraw or cross over?
All **Where shall our hearts turn?**
One Shall we draw back, my brother, my sister, or cross over?
All **This is the hour of change, and within it, we stand quietly on the border of light.**
One What lies before us?
All **Shall we draw back, my brother, my sister, or cross over?**

***THE OPENING HYMN**

“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

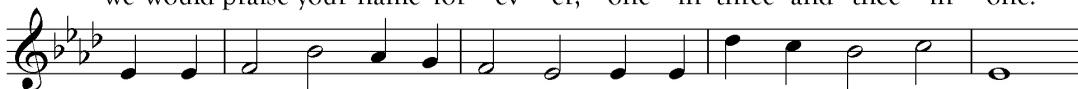
Raquel



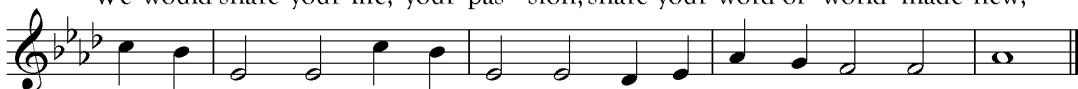
Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less heart,
Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond birth,
Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our friend.
Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly Son:



in your name the worlds a - wak - ened; you have loved us from the start.
you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth.
When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us whose we are, what we in - tend.
we would praise your name for - ev - er, one - in - three and thee - in - one.



We, your chil - dren, gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare.
Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death,
La - bor with us; aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be,
We would share your life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new,



Shar - ing sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
ris - en Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
free of ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
ev - er sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

This Morning's Music

Hymns

“Womb of Life and Source of Being” is a text by Ruth Duck. Ruth Duck (b. 1947) is a noted hymn writer, best known for her skilled use of inclusive language in both hymnody and worship. An *emerita* professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Duck has authored several published resources that offer practical and theological strategies for the use of inclusive language. The tune, *Raquel*, was composed by Skinner Chavez-Melo, an organist, conductor and composer who was music director at the St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church in Manhattan. Mr. Chavez-Melo was born in Mexico City, but completed his musical studies in the United States, receiving degrees at Eastern Nazarene College and the Union Theological Seminary, and pursuing further studies at the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School. He toured internationally as an organist and conducted orchestras in Mexico, Brazil, and the United States. As a composer, he wrote works for organ, choir and orchestra, and contributed hymn settings to several published hymnals, including those of the United Church of Christ and Yale University. He also lectured and presented workshops on Hispanic church music. He died of spinal cancer in 1992.

“O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face” is a hymn-text by Shirley Erena Murray and first published in 1987, where it is entitled “A Hymn About Racism.” Born in Invercargill, New Zealand, Ms. Murray was educated in the classics, French, and music at Otago University and became a teacher of languages. She has written poems and satirical songs as well as hymns. The tune, *Song 1*, is by Orlando Gibbons and first appeared in 1623. Gibbons was born at Oxford and was a chorister at King’s College. He served as organist at the Chapel Royal and later at Westminster Abbey.

“Help Us Accept Each Other,” by Fred Kaan, was inspired by a Bible study written for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Kaan served as a staff member at the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. The tune, *Baronita*, was composed by Doreen Potter in 1975 especially for this text. The hymn was used by Church Women United in the 1983 World Day of Prayer service.

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . no. 471** *(verse 7)*
“O Praise the Gracious Power”

Christpraise Ray

O praise the living Christ with faith’s bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world and with these words rejoice:
We praise You, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

***THE POSTLUDE**

“Allegro” from *Sonata in a minor*

C.P.E. Bach

Please feel free to stay and enjoy the Postlude or leave the Sanctuary.

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor	Kevin Scott Fleming
Liturgist	Becky Sparks-Thissen
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Musicians	Leanne Hampton, flute; William Nicholls, piano

The flowers today are given by Jack Schriber to the glory of God and in celebration of Sue’s birthday.

***THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 488** *(verse 3)*
“The God of Abraham Praise”

Leoni

You have eternal life implanted in the soul,
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

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

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Following the Children’s Moment, children in pre-school through second grade may be dismissed to Living the Word. Parents are asked to pick their children up in the education wing following worship.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE FIRST LESSON

Psalms 80

One Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
All In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
One Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
All O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
One You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
All You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
One Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
All You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.
One You prepared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
All The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
One You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
All Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE HYMN . . . no. 385

“O God, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face”

Song 1

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP *(in unison)*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community.
This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation
and shares the labor of healing the enmities which separate men and women from God
and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to Christ’s call.

- From The Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (USA)

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Words of Invitation

The Offertory

Offering envelopes are available in the pew rack or you may give online at <http://firstpresevansville.com/giving/>.

“Sicilienne” Op. 78

G. Fauré

*The Presentation of Our Offerings . . . no. 592

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Spoken Prayer

The Silent Prayer

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 LEAVE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 358

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Baronita

One The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

All **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

One They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

All **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

One And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

All **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“Les Folies d’Espagne”

M. Marais

THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 1:26-2:2

Then God said, “Let us make humankind 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 humankind 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. And on the seventh 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.

THE RESPONSE . . . no. 330 *(verse 4)*

Shepherds’ Pipes

“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

**For all the writings that survived, for leaders, long ago,
Who sifted, chose, and then preserved the Bible that we know,
Give thanks, and find its promise yet our comfort, strength, and call,
The working model for our faith, alive with hope for all.**

THE SERMON

Kevin Scott Fleming

**“The Secret of Life:
8. Catching a Glimpse of God”**