

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!

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

THE PRELUDE

"Prelude on St. Magnus"

M. Archer

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One O praise the Lord's name with me,
All Let us exalt God's name together.
 One From the rising of the sun to its setting
All The Lord's name is great among the nations.
 One Joining hearts and spirits,
All Let us worship God.

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Azmon; Martha Lyn Thompson

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
 Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
 Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
 Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.
 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
 To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

***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 FIRST LESSON

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“Celebration No. 5 in C”

M.R. Keller

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

THE SERMON

Rev. Wendy McCormick

“The Nature of Citizenship”

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

*THE APOSTLES CREED *(in unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE MORNING OFFERING

*We receive the Beyond Our Walls stewardship 2021 pledge cards with today’s offering. Thank you for your faithfulness!
You may place your offering in the plate as you exit after worship, or give online at <http://firstpresevensville.com/giving/>*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table
The Prayer of Thanksgiving
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.**

The Words of Institution
The Communion of the People of God
The Prayer After Communion (*in unison*)

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE DISPERSE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE MUSIC FOR DISPERSING

"For All the Saints"

Sine Nomine; Arr. R. Nicholls

*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!
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!*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

"Sine Nomine"

J. Weaver

Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher the Rev. Wendy McCormick
Liturgists John Strange (8:30), Michael Thissen (10:30)
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Mark G. Fox, Director

We welcome and thank Wendy McCormick, Presbyterian minister and former pastor at First Pres (1997-2008) for joining us today. She serves as the Satellite Director for the Center for Congregations, providing consulting, education, and grants to Indiana congregations of all traditions, and sharing learning about congregations nationwide.

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Service

The Mission Committee invites all to join them for a **workday at the Tri-State Food Bank** at its new location on Lynch Road **Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**. We'll be sorting donations and packing boxes. Masks and temperature checks are required, and social distancing will be strictly practiced. Children under 15 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, and ages 15-17 must have written consent from a parent/guardian. **To help, please contact Nancy Erwin** at 812-470-6113 or nerwin1949@gmail.com.

We are called to care for our planet, and you can learn new ways to do so by joining in Tri-State Creation Care's next learning event. **On Monday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m.**, Tri-State Creation Care will host **Carbon Neutral Indiana** via Zoom. Daniel Poynter, founder of CNI, will explain their program of helping the willing to attain a carbon neutral life. There is no cost. A Zoom invite will be sent to you by emailing tristate.creation.care@gmail.com.

The Evansville Rescue Mission will continue the tradition of filling and distributing **Thanksgiving food baskets** for the needy in late November. This year, instead of shopping around for the best deal on Jiffy cornbread mix, we're asking you do something safer for everyone involved. **Consider how much you would have spent and write a check** or put some cash in an envelope. Either mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate in the narthex on Sundays. *Just make sure it is clearly marked "For Jiffy Mix."* We'll forward it all to the Rescue Mission, and they'll do the shopping and picking up from one place at one time. Thank you for continuing your generosity using this "pandemic-safe" plan.

Worship

In years past, the **One God, One Community** congregations - First Pres, Temple Adath B'Nai Israel, The Islamic Center of Evansville, and St. Ben's Catholic Church - have come together to celebrate an interfaith **Thanksgiving service**. And we're happy to say that this year will be only a *little* different. Instead of coming together in person, we will worship **online - on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.** via Facebook live. You can "tune in" by going to firstpresevansville.com and clicking on the blue livestream icon in the middle of the page. Mark your calendar to celebrate the goodness and mercy of God with our interfaith partners.

Weekly Offerings

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

Each week of Kevin's sabbatical, an Elder from Session is "on call." The **Elder of the Week** is available to respond to those with special needs, and may be reached directly or by calling the church office. This week's Elder is **Gary Morris**.

An important part of **Kevin's sabbatical** is a complete leave taking from the rigors and responsibilities of serving our congregation. While he is away, please help him accomplish this! If you find yourself wondering "what's Kevin up to," check out his personal Facebook page (facebook.com/kevin.s.fleming) where he will share photographs and video blogs or the September/October issue of *First Reports*.

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

Sunday, November 1	Psalm 139	Thursday, November 5	Matthew 14:1-12
Monday, November 2	Matthew 13:36-43	Friday, November 6	Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday, November 3	Matthew 13:44-52	Saturday, November 7	Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday, November 4	Matthew 13:53-58		

Join us in person or online **next Sunday, November 8**, when we welcome the Rev. Sarah Dingman to lead us in worship.