

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

"Fantasia in G minor" (BWV 542)

J.S. Bach

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Just when life seems mundane and routine,
All God steps in and changes everything.
 One Just when we accept things as inevitable,
All God breaks in with a grand surprise.
 One Who knows what the next hour will bring?
All God knows and God will catch us unawares.

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

*Holy God, we praise Your Name; Lord of all, we bow before You;
 All on earth Your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore You.
 Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.
 Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
 Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
 Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.
 All apostles join the strain as Your sacred name they hallow;
 Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
 And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name You,
 While in essence only One; undivided God we claim You,
 And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.*

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
The Minute for Mission

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"Prelude" from *Cello Suite No. 4*

J.S. Bach

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“More Than Conquerors”

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- 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 MUSIC FOR DISPERSING

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing Grace; arr. M. Kincaid

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

“Fugue in G minor” (BWV 542)

J.S. Bach

Leading worship this morning:

Guest Preacher	Rev. Sara Dingman
Liturgists	Roger Colman (8:30), Sue Schriber (10:30)
Director of Music	Robert Nicholls
Guitar	Matt O'Neill

The Rev. Sara Dingman lives in Indianapolis and is our synod executive. She leads and serves the eight presbyteries of the Synod of Lincoln Trails (all located in IN and IL) and teaches discipleship and leadership development across the country. After graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary and then being ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in 1998, Sara served churches in Edinburgh, Scotland; New York City, and Nebraska. Sara is divorced and has no kids but loves being an aunt to her three nephews and one niece. She enjoys travelling around the world and on the back roads of Indiana, and walked the Portuguese Camino Trail last fall. She loves good conversation, modern and outsider art, hiking, gardening and all dogs (especially Labradors).

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Service

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.

This year, instead of shopping around for the best deal on **Jiffy cornbread mix** to give to the Evansville Rescue Mission's Gobbler Gathering, 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 Sunday. *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.** 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 **Bonnie Rinks**.

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

Sunday, November 8	Psalm 81	Thursday, November 12	Matthew 16:1-12
Monday, November 9	Matthew 15:1-20	Friday, November 13	Matthew 16:13-20
Tuesday, November 10	Matthew 15:21-28	Saturday, November 14	Matthew 16:21-28
Wednesday, November 11	Matthew 15:29-39		