

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

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Nun komm, der heiden Heiland

*Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, here make Your home.
 Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 From the Godhead forth You came, and return unto the same,
 Captive leading death and hell. High the song of triumph swell!
 You, the chosen Holy One, have over sin the victory won.
 Boundless shall Your kingdom be; When shall we its glories see?
 Brightly does Your manger shine, glorious is its light divine.
 Let not sin o'ercloud this light; ever be our faith thus bright.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
All Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
 One Greet One who comes in glory, foretold by ancient story,
All O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.
 One Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign.
**All Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,
 and shall name him Immanuel.**
 One In expectation and anticipation,
All Let us worship God.

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

"People, Look East"

Besançon

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: love the guest is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: love the rose is on the way.*

*Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today: love the bird is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim.
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: love the star is on the way.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: love the Lord is on the way.*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.**

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

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"Processional in C"

J.A. Behnke

THE SERMON

"Joy Despite Sadness"

Kevin Scott Fleming

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(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 Apostle's Creed*

THE MORNING OFFERING

You may send a check to the church office or give online at <http://firstpresevansville.com/giving/>

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord
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 of the Supper of Our Lord
The Communion of the People of God
The Prayer After Communion (*in unison*)

**God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of the justice, righteousness, and peace
of your promised new creation.
Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we seek to serve your holy realm.
Lead us to live in joyful expectation
of the coming again in glory
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WE DISPERSE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF NEW LIFE

THE MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

"Fantasy on Hyfrydol"

H.H. Hopson

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE MUSIC FOR DEPARTING

"Savior of the Nations, Come" (BWV 599)

J.S. Bach

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Rev. Kevin Scott Fleming
Liturgists Abby Greenwell (8:30), Michael Thissen (10:30)
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Mark G. Fox, Director

Happening at First Presbyterian Church

Worship

We will resume the **online mid-week prayer service**, beginning this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (Central Time). As we mark the days of Advent, we hope you will join us for this time of reflection and preparation. You can join by going to the church website, clicking the blue livestream icon, and choosing "Wednesday Evening Advent Prayer" or visit the church's Facebook page.

Each Sunday evening of Advent, at 6:30 p.m. (Central Time), we invite you to join us on Facebook for a service of candle lighting. Hopefully you have received your Advent candles through the mail. We will join together across the distance and light our candles against the darkness of sadness, despair, fear, and turbulent times. You can join by going to the church website, clicking the blue livestream icon, and choosing "Sunday 6:00 p.m. Advent Live" or visit the church's Facebook page.

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.

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

Sunday, November 29	Matthew 25:1-13	Thursday, December 3	Luke 20:27-40
Monday, November 30	Luke 20:1-8	Friday, December 4	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Tuesday, December 1	Isaiah 1:21-31	Saturday, December 5	Isaiah 4:2-6
Wednesday, December 2	Isaiah 2:1-4		

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