



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21, 2023



Seeking the Faith – Sharing the Spirit – Serving God’s People

You are invited to join us on our journey of faith! We seek to serve God, to minister to our community, and to love one another. Help us in our quest to become an ever more inclusive church that welcomes all people from all backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Come and experience the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.



Order of Worship

Prayer in Preparation

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name; that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude

Open the Eyes of My Heart

arr. Jim Lucas

Gathering for Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Let us worship God.

*Hymn 462

I Love to Tell the Story

Call to Confession

Leader: Since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. Let us ask God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Giving of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

***Response #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* (sing twice)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me.

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.



Children's Sermon

Winging It

Prayer for Illumination

Reader: O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 68:1-10 and 32-35 (OT p. 529)

Special Music

Lord God, We Worship Thee
(Based on Bach harmonization)

Ahasuerus Fritsch

New Testament Lesson

John 17:1-11 (NT p. 111)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of the Word

Poems, Prayers, and Promises

***Affirmation of Faith -- The Apostles Creed**

Leader: Together, let us confess our faith:

All: 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 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.

***Hymn 66**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: The earth and all it contains belong to the Lord,
the world and those who live in it.

Offertory

Prelude in G-Flat Major

Alexander Scriabin

***#606 Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Ancient of Days, you call us not just to give us the blessing of being called your people, but also to be a blessing for all people on this earth. Give us the wisdom and the courage to be a blessing to this community and to this world. Through these offerings may we be channels of your compassion and healing to others, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Congregational Prayer

Joys and Concerns (*In the bulletin, on cards, or via Zoom Chat*)

Minister: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

All: Thanks be to God!

Minister: For all these people and all who are in need

All: Please hold your people near, O God!

Minister: God inspires us to pray, hears our prayers, and answers our prayers.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Minister: Let us pray...

Silent Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 623**

I've Got Peace Like a River

Announcements

Blessing

Minister: May God our Father bless you so that you can be a blessing to others.

May Christ bless you so that you can be healers of a world that is hurting.

May the Holy Spirit bless you so that you can spread the hope
that only the triune God can inspire and give to this world.

Postlude

Allegro con Fuoco

J. W. Hassler

Moment for Reflection:



Worship Assistants

Harry and Marta Davis- Greeter
Jane Swanson- Worship Assistant
Kathy Manfredi- Accompanist
Elwood Prest- AV Tech

Bill Martens- Head Usher
Ann Warner- Scripture Reader
Choral Ensemble- Special Music
Pat Manfredi- Zoom Greeter

MAY 21, 2023

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom
Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Faith Dialogues in Sanctuary and via Zoom

MAY 24, 2023

3:30 pm Bible Study via Zoom

MAY 28, 2023

9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary and via Zoom
Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
10:45 am Faith Dialogues in Sanctuary and via Zoom

Pastor Kerry's Office Hours:

Monday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 noon-4:30 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

If you would like a visit—or if you know someone who needs a visit—please let Pastor Kerry or one of the Deacons know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out **Joys and Concerns** cards at the back of the sanctuary prior to the beginning of worship. The cards are on the table as you enter, and there is a basket in which you can place the completed cards. If you are participating via Zoom, use the Chat feature to let the Zoom Greeter know what your Joys and Concerns are. Please complete these as early in the service as possible.

We invite you to join us for **Faith Dialogues** at 10:45. Deb Burris will lead reading and discussion of [A Woman Called Murn](#). Copies of the book are available on the workroom counter.

LEADERSHIP

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SESSION

Facilities James Prest (2026) Rolanda Quick (2024)	Faith Development John Baker (2024) Keith Beyler (2026)	Fellowship Bo Sullivan (2026)
Financial Rob Jensen (2024)	Membership Bob Luebbers (2026)	Mission Peter Hertzling (2025) Jane Swanson (2025)
Nominating Wendi Zea (2025)	Personnel Rob Jensen (2024)	Small Groups Vacant (2025)
Worship Kathy Manfredi (2024) Wendi Zea (2025)	Clerk Rob Jensen	Webmaster Jane Swanson

Deacons

CLASS of 2024 Phyllis Beck Brenda Gilbert Brenda Myers	CLASS of 2025 Mary Jane Brooks Rosey Gibbs Kitty Trescott	CLASS of 2026 Marta Davis Pam Holt (Moderator) Vacant
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You are encouraged to reach out to any of the above individuals regarding announcements, suggestions, questions, or concerns.

Please, as you are able, continue to contribute financially to the life and ministry of the church through Sunday offerings, direct deposit, by sending checks in the mail, online at <http://www.firstprescdale.org> or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.



Joys and Concerns

Remember to Pray for:

- Those struggling with addictions
- Those in the destructive path of natural disasters
- Those affected by threats of terrorism, mass shootings, and hate crimes
- Ukraine Situation
- Transgender community under attack legislatively
- Our National, State, Regional, and Community Leaders
- Covid19 Pandemic patients and the ongoing vaccination efforts
- Social unrest and political polarization
- Those who are homeless, hungry, and in harm's way
- Those in shelters on the southern border
- Those who continue to be marginalized and underrepresented
- Military Service Members

Each week we pray for one of the Carbondale Interfaith Council faith communities.

This week, please pray for: **Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance**

The Mission/Ministry we are praying for this month: **Nominating**

Household Prayer: Morning

The sunlight of the morning sometimes reminds me that I ache, that I'm sick, that I hurt. Remind me always to think about how I can be a healing presence for others, in your name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, I have tried to live as your child today. I have tried to let your voice guide me through the day and to find comfort in you during times of trouble. Allow me to find the rest that I need and thank you for all the faith and hope that you provide, without which I would not be able to take a step. Amen.

#462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

#582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (OT p. 529)

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm. A Song.

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds— his name is the LORD— be exultant before him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land. O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah* the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, *Selah* O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

John 17:1-11 (NT p. 111)

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

#66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back. [Refrain]

#606 Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

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.

#623 I've Got Peace Like a River

1 I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.