



Service for the Lord's Day

April 28, 2024

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Lullaby
When Three Hens Go to the Fields
Chocolate Soldier
The Scissors Grinder

I. PHILLIP
French Folk Song/arr. P. Buhler
Hazel Cobb
B. B. Bentley

Millie Davenport, piano

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

People: Together we shall read and understand.

Leader: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

People: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Leader: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

ALL: Together we shall risk, and behold, we shall be changed.

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
 Opened my eyes, let me see
 Beauty that made this heart adore You,
 Hope of a life spent with You.

CHORUS

So here I am to worship;
 Here I am to bow down;
 Here I am to say that
 You're my God.
 And You're altogether lovely,
 Altogether worthy,
 Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
 Glorious in heaven above,
 Humbly You came
 To the earth You created,
 All for love's sake became poor.

Repeat CHORUS**Bridge**

And I'll never know
 How much it cost
 To see my sin
 Upon that cross.
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Repeat CHORUS**Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)**

Steadfast and loving God, you are our refuge in times of trouble and our shelter when we are afraid. In you alone we trust. In you we see the way forward; in you we see what is true and authentic; in you we find abundant life and new life. And so we worship and love you as God who creates and gives life, the son who preached the truth of the good news, and the Holy Spirit who guides us; this day and always. Amen

Declaration of Good News**Response Hymn 649***Amazing Grace***AMAZING GRACE**

*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.*

Passing of the Peace

By words and gestures, we share the love of Christ with each other.

Children's Choir

God is So Good
Books of the New Testament

Paul Makai
TRADITIONAL

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psaltery Reading

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. **For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.** To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. **Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

Anthem

The Gift of Love

arr. Hal Hopson

All stand

Gospel Reading

Acts 8: 26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road the desert road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized? And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

All Sit

Sermon

Just Like That

David Clarke

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

All sit.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Presentation of Presbyterian Women's Lifetime Membership Award to Mary Evans

Bearing the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 614

Great Is the Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD

Benediction

Postlude

Great Is the Lord

Michael W. Smith

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

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Announcements

USHERS: The Polen and Thomison families
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MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke, Lillan Hargesheimer
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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, May 5: Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Kim Ferguson. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY

JEREMIAH SIMPSON, TPC Collegiate Ensemble member, was a featured composer/arranger on the WKU Choral Concert this past Sunday. His arrangement of “The Lover’s Tasks” was performed by the WKU University Singers. In addition to major study in voice, Jeremiah studied theory/composition and recently hosted a full recital of his solo and ensemble compositions and arrangements. Jeremiah will graduate this spring with a BA in Music. Congratulations, Jeremiah.

PLC SPAGHETTI DINNER AND AUCTION – Join us in Fellowship Hall today after worship for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and a silent auction.! All donations to the fundraiser and silent auction are welcomed. Come and enjoy spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert along with fellowship at lunchtime!

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will join the PLC Spaghetti Dinner in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday. We will dine at The Bistro on May 5th. Please let Mary Evans (270-791-7205) know by May 3rd if you plan to join us on May 5th so we can reserve a big table!

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 9:15 a.m. Children’s Music
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:30 a.m. PLC Spaghetti Lunch
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, April 30

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
 11:00 a.m. Special Care

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group (Teresa’s)
 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 2

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

Friday, May 3

7:30 a.m. Mens’ Breakfast (Lisa’s)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:15am.

- Preschool taught by Jimmy and Betsy Tyrie
- Godly Play taught by Mary Evans – Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Middle and high school taught by David Clarke
- The Coffee and Conversation Class is reading *Holy Envy; Finding God in the Face of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor
- A Bible study class is studying the book of Mark

COMING UP:

SPRING PICNIC AND FELLOWSHIP at Preston Miller Park on Sunday, May 19th at 4:30pm — Mark your calendars and plan to join us! We are having the picnic at shelter #1 of Preston Miller Park, but ALSO we will have a scavenger hunt prior to the picnic. Meet at the church at 3:00pm for the start of the Scavenger Hunt, then come for a cookout and picnic at the park, or just come later for the picnic. Bring along a lawn chair if you like, and your favorite side or dessert to share!

SPECIAL EVENT! Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 22. The Christian Education committee has invited Friends and Family Outreach at WKU College of Health and Human Services to teach their **course on basic CPR and defibrillator use** in our fellowship hall. The course is free. No previous experience is required for this basic course. Breakfast will be served at 8:15 AM, and the course will begin at 9, and last approximately 2 hours. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table across from the Chapel (below where our defibrillator is located), or call the church office at 270-843-4707 to do so. Looking forward to your attendance.

CECELIA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 5th Annual Spring Giveaway – May 25, 2024 from 9am until 1pm. Household items, men's, women's, & children's clothing, toys, small appliances and much more! 716 College Street in Bowling Green. For more info, please call Lovelyn at 270-935-5110 (msg) or email ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN We have the date for the **PW Spring Gathering** - Wednesday, June 5th! We will be meeting at the Baker Arboretum/Downing Museum in Bowling Green. Please plan to join us! Heavenly Ham Boxed lunches will be available for purchase (Lunch at 12 noon). You may reach out to Donna Meredith for more info (270-791-9888 / donnawmeredith53@gmail.com). Please RSVP to her or to the church office if you plan to attend.

VBS Vacation Bible School will be June 9-12. We are partnering with the Episcopal and First Christian Church. We will be needing volunteers to help prepare dinner, work as group leaders, head craft stations and set up. If you are able to help, please contact Susan Howard at sfyusk@gmail.com or 270-303-1767.

MISSIONS - JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST on June 23. The meal will be served throughout the Sunday School hour 9:15 to 10:15 in the fellowship hall. If you do not want to miss your class, just take a plate with you! This will be a great time to honor those men in your life as a late Father's Day gift. There is no charge, but donations received will go toward our Habitat for Humanity benevolence.

SAVE THIS DATE: This year's **Pig Pickin'** church picnic will take place on Sunday August 18. Plan to join us for outdoor worship and fellowship, with good food and fun!

OTHER NEWS

AN EXHIBIT of Photography by Sheila and Alan Reeves and Paintings by Diane Simmons titled **The Lens and The Brush** will be on display in the Fellowship Hall Gallery, March 22 to May 3. The artists invite you to stop by and enjoy this tribute to the splendor of nature and the Glory of God

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR MAY and JUNE A signup page is online for upcoming lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49acac23a7ff2-layreader> Thank you!

A THANK YOU I wish to acknowledge the love and support of TPC for the well wishes upon my WKU retirement. I appreciate those who could come to the concert and reception this past Sunday. The body of Christ is at work. Thanks, all.
Sincerely, Wayne

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