



'The Blind Man's Meal', 1903
Artist: Picasso, Pablo, 1881-1973

Service for the Lord's Day

October 27, 2024

The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Anonymous (*Die Lüneburger Orgeltabulatur*)

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 126, adapted

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy!

Now we can say among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

Act again, O LORD, and restore our fortunes, like streams in the desert. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession



Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

**a prayer by Martin Luther*

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

a prayer by John Calvin

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

The grace of Jesus Christ frees us to live together in the security of his powerful love. May we be reconciled to each other and share Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination *a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli*

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Anthem

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending
Jim Stites, trombone

David H. Williams

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

All Sit

Sermon

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.



All Sit

Moment for Mission

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Or sus, serviteurs du Seigneur

Psalm 134

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

All Stand

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

a prayer by Martin Luther

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

*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*

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Benediction

Postlude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
Jim Stites, trombone

Michael Altenburg (transcr. Nathaniel Brown)

**Protestant churches celebrate the Reformation each year on October 31, the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Parts of today's liturgy draw on prayers and liturgy from the Protestant Reformers (prepared by Rev. Matthew A. Rich)*

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Johnna Smith, Aletheia Burt, Mack Overfelt, Wyatt Edmonds, Jeremiah Simpson and Quinn Hixon

LAY READER: Lauren Miller

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3: Ruth 1:1–18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34.

TODAY

TODAY'S GUEST MUSICIAN James (Jim) Napier Stites is the elder son of Pamela Napier and Joe Stites. He is a 2005 graduate of Bowling Green High, a 2009 graduate of Western Kentucky University (BM in Music Education), and a 2012 graduate of the University of Mississippi (MM in Music Education). Jim resides in Danville, KY and is the Band Director at Lincoln Co. High, having taught band classes in that district since 2018. In addition to enjoying teaching young people about music, Jim performs as frequently as he is able on bass (big fiddle) with the Kentucky Bourbon Trailers, on tuba or euphonium or trombone or trumpet with the Madison Community Band in Richmond, and on any/all of those instruments for church services and pit orchestras throughout the commonwealth. We are glad Jim is a regular at TPC and welcome him today. Thanks, Jim!

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

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will be eating out at Ruby Tuesday at 2945 Scottsville Road today. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others.

FALL FESTIVAL AT ROB BYRD'S FARM will take place today, October 27th. Rob Byrd is inviting our youth to have a Fall Festival at his farm from 3:00-6:00 p.m. This is a family event, so parents, grandparents, siblings and friends are welcome. Activities being planned include a hayride, fishing in the pond, volleyball, games, painting pumpkins and gourds, s'mores around a bonfire, and more. Bring a snack to eat with hamburgers!

BUCK IN THE BASKET for today will be for hurricane Helene relief efforts in Montreat. If you would like to make monetary donation online, please scan the QR code and it will take you directly to Montreat's donation page.



COMING UP:

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Saturday, November 2, from 1-3 pm at the home of Mary Evans (3468 Nugget Drive). Bring your current project and join us for conversation and fellowship. Questions? Reach out to Margaret Stein at 270-779-2579 or margaret_f_stein@hotmail.com.

OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER is having their **Annual Trick-or-Treating** for the preschoolers at the church on October 30th and 31st. We would love to have the church members to participate by setting up areas within the church for the preschoolers to pick up a treat or to do an activity (*Please note that some of our kids have peanut and garlic allergies*). We will also accept treat donations to help make this a fun and memorable day for our kids. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Cheryl or Robin at 270-843-4707 to be added to the signup sheet. Thank you in advance. -Kimberly Watkins, PLC Director.

SATURDAY MEALS November 16th is the next Saturday Meals delivery for our church.

- Volunteers are to pick up the bread at Panera on November 14 & 15 and deliver it to First Baptist Church on November 16 @ 6:30 am
 - 11 Volunteers needed to deliver meals. Arrive at 8:30 am
 - 5 Volunteers to set up and sort donated foodstuffs 6:30 am
 - 2 Kitchen volunteers to assist with packaging the meal 8:15 am
- Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving in any capacity (270-843-4707 or info@bgpres.org).

INVITATION FOR FELLOWSHIP PLANNING Are you interested in helping with planning fellowship gatherings? Are you interested in increasing our outreach and membership growth? Join us for a planning session on October 30 at 5:30. The meeting will last one hour and will be held at Kim Ferguson's home. Our initial goal is to plan holiday gatherings and gather ideas for 2025. Please join us.

OTHER NEWS

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY A signup page is online for upcoming lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



BG26.2 HALF-MARATHON will take place on Sunday, November 3rd. Please remember to watch for altered traffic patterns downtown when coming to church!

CHAIR YOGA will **NOT MEET** on Tuesday, November 5th but it will resume on the following Tuesday, November 12th.

TIME CHANGE Remember to set your clocks back one Hour on Saturday night. Daylight savings time officially ends, Sunday morning (2:00 a.m.), November 3.

SEASONAL SINGERS: Come sing Lessons and Carols with the Chancel Choir on December 8th during worship. Would you like to sing in the choir but cannot regularly make rehearsals? **NO PROBLEM.** We have assembled a collection of lovely and accessible anthems for the Lessons and Carols that require minimal rehearsal. If you can make it to a couple of rehearsals, you'll be fine. **AND** one of those will be at 9am, just before the Lessons and Carols service on December 8th. **AND** packets of the music and rehearsal tracks will soon be available. Give it a look and a listen! Feel free to ask Wayne or any choir member about it. #lovetosing#reasonfortheseason#Christmascarols#chancelchoirrockstar



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.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2025- Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden
Deacons: Class of 2025- Barbara Brindle, Craig Long, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan

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Calendar

Sunday, Oct 27

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Eating Out Sm. Group
3:00 p.m. Youth Group Fall Festival

Monday, Oct 28

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

Tuesday, Oct 29

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

Wednesday, Oct 30

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, Nov 1

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast Group

Saturday, Nov 2

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls

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