



*Symbol of Peace with the Eye of Providence**

Service for the Lord's Day

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Introitus

Jean Richafort (transcr. Nathaniel Brown)

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

May all the earth know your saving power. Let all the peoples praise you, O God!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you work justice among the people and guide the nations.

Let all the peoples praise you, O God, and the ends of the earth be in awe! May God continue to bless us. Amen.

Opening Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, you are awesome in power and full of compassion. Gentle and true are all your ways. You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Anthem

KYRIE

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

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

The love and mercy of Jesus Christ fills our hearts and lives. 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 (unison)

Lord Jesus, you left your disciples with words of hope and promise. Send your Holy Spirit to us once more that we may hear your words with faith and confidence. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Anthem *I know that my Redeemer liveth, from Messiah* Georg Frideric Handel
Keelin Murrell, soprano

All Stand

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

All Sit

Sermon *Holy Companion* Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

Affirmation of Faith (unison) excerpt from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe that [the] unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

Presentation of an Honorary Lifetime Membership in Presbyterian Women

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory *Graduale* Jean Richafort (transcr. Nathaniel Brown)

*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)

O Lord our God, we are grateful for the many blessings that you have provided us. Empower us to bless others through our actions, words, and resources so that we may support and love others as you have loved us, expressing life by being your people in this city. May we use this offering to reflect your love and grace in our world. 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 295

Go to the World!

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Benediction

The Lord Bless You And Keep You

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

Missa Papae Marcelli: Credo

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

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USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, Jeremiah Simpson and Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Sheila Reeves

MEDIA PERSONNEL/SEXTON: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY JUNE 1: Acts 16:16–34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21; John 17:20–26.

TODAY

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will meet today at 9:15 a.m. It will conclude an hour later in time for 10:30 a.m. church service.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD the Presbyterian Women will be presenting Nancy Keyser with an Honorary Life Membership Award.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will **NOT** meet during the summer months. They will resume after Labor Day.

COMING UP:

LIVING WATERS CLASS Want another way to experience growth in our resurrection life? Join Pastor Kyle in a special Bible Study on Wednesdays beginning May 28. Living Water: Watershed Moments in the Scriptures will explore key passages in the Bible that help shape our central Christian understanding and life in Christ. You may choose to come at either 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING will be Thursday, June 5 at 12:00 p.m. at the Lost River Cave, in the meeting room, here in Bowling Green. The guest speaker will be Joanna Whelan from Mayfield, Kentucky. Joanna is the Moderator of PW Western Kentucky Presbytery in The Synod of Living Waters!

For lunch, boxed lunches from Heavenly Ham will be available for purchase for \$11 each. You will have a choice of a ham or turkey box. Bottled water and tea will be served during lunch. If you plan to attend, please contact Donna Meredith at 270-791-9888 or by email at donnawmeredith53@gmail.com or Robin in the church office at 270-843-4707 or by email at officeasst24@bgpres.org.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION You are cordially invited to the New Member Reception on June 8 at noon. We welcome all members to come and celebrate our newest members. We look forward to seeing you there.

SUGGESTED OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2025 This is a friendly reminder to turn in your Officer Nomination Form with your suggested candidates for Deacons and Elders by June 8. Officer Nomination Forms are available outside the office in the lobby.

OTHER NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 8-11 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The theme is Wild Wonder. Children will be invited to delight in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all living things by immersing them in the wonders of the created world. A registration form is now available online for participants. Please scan the QR code to visit link:



If you are interested in volunteering for the 2025 Vacation Bible School, please scan the QR code to visit the link to sign up:



ART EXHIBIT We are pleased to announce a new exhibit of watercolors by seven local artists: Misha Ambrosia, Betsy Patel, Delare Rowe, Chandra Carter, Margaret Ann King, Sylvi Alexander and Belinda Settlemaier. Soft or bold, always vibrant, watercolor produces stunning artworks with an ethereal quality. The church exhibit space in the fellowship hall is greatly appreciated by artists and our privilege to enjoy. The art will be on display in the Fellowship Hall from May 23-Jul 17. Everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy this Exhibit.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Sunday Morning Circle meets the second Sunday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor. Circle 9 meets the second Monday in each month at 12:00 noon at a member's home; Tuesday Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday in each month at 7:00 p.m. at Diane Simmons' home; Wednesday Morning Circle meets the second Wednesday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the 10th Street Parlor. An exact location for Circle 9 meetings will be provided on the church bulletin's calendar and in the 60-second email.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR JUNE/JULY A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve 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!



NEWSLETTER FOLDERS/SEALERS A signup page is online for upcoming months for Newsletter folders/sealers. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the office with this task, scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date, contact Robin by phone at 270-843-4707, or email at info@bgpres.org.



OFFICE CLOSED The office will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Please have an enjoyable but safe holiday.

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 the minister, 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, May 25

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

Monday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY-OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, May 27

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
1:00 p.m. CUICHM

Wednesday, May 28

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
10:30 a.m. Living Waters Class
5:30 p.m. Living Waters Class

Friday, May 30

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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