



*Healing of the Possessed at Gadarene, 1923-1932. Artist: Weslie, Frank**

Service for the Lord's Day

June 22, 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

This Holy Place

Ernest H. Sheppard

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God. Let us worship the living God!

Call to Confession**Prayer of Adoration and Confession** (unison)

Loving God, you meet us with healing power and compassion. You deliver us from darkness and despair. God who frees us for life, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you, that we may reflect your grace in the world. 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)

In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

In Jesus Christ we are set free to live life in love and grace. The peace of Jesus 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)

God revealed in fire, earthquake, wind, and silence, reveal yourself to us now in the reading of your holy Word. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 22:19-28

But you, O LORD, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

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 for ever!

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.

*All Stand***Gospel Reading**

Luke 8:26-39

Then [Jesus and the disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*All Sit***Sermon***What Is Your Name?*

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word*All Stand***Response Hymn 318***In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

Affirmation of Faith (unison)excerpt from *The Book of Order, F-1.0301*

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

*All Sit***Offering***Call to Offering***Offertory***We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Ernie Small, mandolin/vocals, Wayne Pope, guitar/vocals

*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)

God of creation, salvation, and community, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love through Christ and the Spirit. 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 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Harold DeCou

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*Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. He used water colours, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings. Wesley's painting "Blue Madonna" was used for the first UNICEF Christmas card, while five of his paintings were exhibited at the 1950 Holy Year Exhibition in the Vatican. He is also known for designing the funeral urn for Mahatma Gandhi's ashes.

"This is an unusual work for Frank Wesley because of its abstract form combined with detailed, realistic human faces and hands. The impact is of greater momentum than that found in many other of his paintings. The movement of the demons out of the two twisted figures swirls through the canvas in almost full circle, gradually becoming the head of a thousand-headed cobra as it spills down the hillside in the bodies of the pigs. Demonic faces of men and animals are picked out indistinctly in red, blue and grey. All seem to rush with violence and speed to the lower left corner where the wild-eyed swineherds are looking over their shoulders as they race from the frightening event. Jesus is holding the twisting, writhing bodies of the two naked men with gentleness, his head bowed over them in concern and caring. He holds the shoulder of one man from underneath to support him while his other hand is grasping the chin of the frothing naked man who is breaking the chains with which he is bound. Earlier these chains were broken in madness; now their destruction signals a return to sanity. The artist says that Jesus always meets the needs of people where they are and with only what they require and are able to use or accept at that moment. At the lower right of this work, sharp jagged rocks symbolize the harsh place to which the men were exiled – the world where we all live until healed of our madness by God's love... The bodies of these two who are healed are the same mixture of the ugly and unexpected beauty. The beauty is Jesus' love exercised so firmly and gently in this terrifying situation... Between their writhing bodies and that of the healer is a space of sky-blue color, indicating the presence of God." From Frank Wesley: Exploring Faith with a Brush by Naomi Wray

Sermon Notes

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

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

LAY READER: Susan Thomison

MEDIA PERSONNEL/SEXTON: Margaret Stein

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY JUNE 29: 1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke 9:51–62.

TODAY

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.

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support the Food Pantry. Buck in a Basket Offering is a twice a month opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

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 Wednesday, July 9. *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. The class will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

OTHER NEWS

NEW SCULPTURED PIECES We are pleased to announce new sculptured pieces in the Ladies Parlor. The Cock and Hen were sculpted by Grace Allan Smyth (GAS, Jr. 1907-1994), and were displayed at the Philadelphia School of Fine Arts in 1939. At the feet of the hen are coins symbolic of Judas' betrayal of Jesus. The key represents the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus told Peter before the cock crows today, you will betray me three times. The two pieces were gifted to the church by the niece of the Sculptor, Ruth Vardell Smyth Brown.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES will **NOT** meet during the Summer months but will reconvene in September. The Tuesday Evening Circle will meet in June but **NOT** July (this is the only Circle that will reconvene in August).

CHAIR YOGA will **NOT** meet June 24 nor July 1. It will resume the Tuesday after Fourth of July.

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.

SAVE THE DATE August 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m. with concert starting at 7:00 p.m.— **Sunset Jazz** featuring **Jazz West**. The Peggy and Larry Pack concert series is partnering again with Traveler's Cellar Winery located off Fuqua Road in Rockfield. We are excited to offer another great night of jazz, food, and refreshments at this beautiful venue. Bring lawn chairs and a lot of friends as we reach out to our community. Food trucks will be available from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE Our church's annual Pig Pickin' picnic will take place on Sunday, August 17, at the Beard pavilion. Ribs and Pulled Pork are less than six months away!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Robin will be on Vacation the week of June 30-July 4. We are seeking two volunteers, one for Monday and one for Wednesday to answer the phones and assist with the pantry. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Robin (officeasst24@bgpres.org) or Terry (administrator@bgpres.org) by email or by office phone. Thank you in advance.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR JULY/AUGUST 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.



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, 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, June 22

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, June 23

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

Tuesday, June 24

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

Wednesday, June 25

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

Friday, June 27

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

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