

Good Samaritan, 1890. Artist: Le Breton, Gogh, Vincent van, 1853-1890*

Service for the Lord's Day

July 13, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Ruth Brown

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Lento Religioso

Frederic Chopin, arr. Stewart Landon

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Colossians 1

We gather to give thanks and praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the word of faith in Christ Jesus ring out from this place of worship.

Here the love of God is shared with all God's saints, all who come to God in faith.

May hope in God abound as the truth of God is heard and believed.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is bearing fruit and growing throughout the world, even as it is bearing fruit among us.

May love in the Spirit shine forth in our worship today. Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, we praise you for you are a God who blesses and who makes your people fruitful. You are holy and full of grace. Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. 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)

Christ has set us free. So we are bold to claim God's forgiveness. Hear the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

The mercy and love of God are from everlasting to everlasting. The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Special Music

Deep and Wide

PreTime Piano Hymns

Heidi Mielke and Jonan Mielke, piano duet

Children Are Welcome to Attend Children's Church at the Side Sanctuary Doors

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive your message for us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Deuteronomy 30:8-14 (adapted)

...You shall again obey the LORD, observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil.

For the LORD will again take delight in prospering us, just as he delighted in prospering our ancestors, when we obey the LORD our God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in the book of the law, because we turn to the LORD our God with all our heart and with all our soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'

No, the word is very near to us; it is in our mouth and in our heart for us to observe.

Anthem Solo

My Savior and My God
Blake Miller

Jay Althouse

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Sermon

Unexpected Mercy

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 762

When the Poor Ones

EL CAMINO

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *The Belhar Confession*

We believe...

that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Ach Gott, vom Himmel sieh darein

Johann Pachelbel

All Stand

Doxology

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*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)

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. We thank you for your grace and mercy. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

All Sit

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore, we join our voices with the saints and all creation to proclaim your praise...

SANCTUS

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

JERNIGAN

Benediction

Postlude

Mighty is the Lord of Hosts

Chester Nordman

**Building:* Kröller-Müller Museum

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

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NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY JUL 20: Genesis 18:1–10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15–28; Luke 10:38–42

TODAY

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

TODAY'S SOLOIST Blake Miller, a Collegiate Ensemble member since May 2025, is a rising sophomore Music Education major at WKU. As a freshman this past spring, he performed the title role of Aeneas in WKU's opera production of *Dido and Aeneas*. He is a member of the select WKU Chorale, which is a rarity for freshman. He is also a member of the popular men's acappella group, The Redshirts, who perform fun, lighthearted songs guaranteed to put a smile on everyone's face. Thank you for making us smile, Blake. We are blessed to have you with us.

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support the Habitat for Humanity. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today, at the end of the worship service. This meeting is for the purpose of electing a new class of officers.

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 16. *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. Class will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

OTHER NEWS

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 Settlemoir. 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.

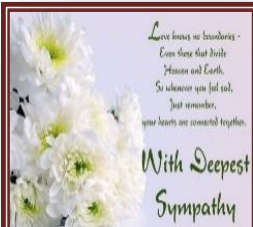
SAVE THE DATE August 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m. with concert starting at 7:00 p.m.— **Sunset Jazz** featuring **Jazz West**. The Peggy and Larry Pack concert series is partnering again with Traveler's Cellar Winery located off Fuqua Road in Rockfield. We are excited to offer another great night of jazz, food, 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 The Pig Pickin' takes place Sunday, August 17, with the worship service at **10:00 a.m.** and the picnic lunch immediately afterward. Please bring a dessert or side dish. As always, we thank the Beard family for hosting our event! Join us at **1061 Garvin Lane**, Bowling Green KY 42101. There will not be any activities at the church this Sunday!

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.



We express sympathy to the Lucas family in the death of long-time church member Mary Lucas, who died on Saturday, July 5, 2025. You are invited to attend the visitation and funeral for Mrs. Lucas this week. Visitation will be at The Presbyterian Church from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 18, and the funeral will be on Saturday, July 19, at 11 am in sanctuary.

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, July 13

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 14

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

Tuesday, July 15

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

Wednesday, July 16

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

Friday, Jun 18

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
4-7:00 p.m. Visitation-Mary Lucas

Saturday, Jun 19

11:00 a.m. Funeral-Mary Lucas

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