



Jesus Praying, ca.2000. Louisville, Kentucky

Service for the Lord's Day

July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

In Church

Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky/arr. Benton Price

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive) Psalm 95:1-2

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Call to Confession**Prayer of Adoration and Confession** (unison) based on Daniel 2:20-23

Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him. To you, O God of our ancestors, we give thanks and praise, for you have given us wisdom and power. Yet we have acted ignorantly and despised your counsel. We have remained in darkness and ignored your light. Deliver us and forgive us, we pray, that we may bless your name and the world you created. 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)

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. Know that in Christ we are forgiven and made whole.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

And also with you!

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

Mary Evans

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path through, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 22:1-5

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

Anthem Solo

Lord, Here Am I
Johnna Smith, soprano

Jay Althouse

Psalm Reading

Psalm 143:1-5

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. For the enemy has pursued me, crushing my life to the ground, making me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old, I think about all your deeds, I meditate on the works of your hands.

Sermon Bad News, Bad News, Bad News then Good News, Well Sort Of Dr. Rob Byrd

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

This We Pray
Johnna Smith, soprano

Jay Althouse

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)

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the undeserved blessings you give us. Most of all, we thank and praise you for your indescribable gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Give us grateful hearts and willing lives so we may follow our Lord where he leads us and serve our Lord as he calls us. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (prayed through twice)

Rob Hale

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 734

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

Benediction

Postlude

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lani Smith

Sermon Notes

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

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

LAY READER: Larry Warden

MEDIA PERSONNEL/SEXTON: Claire Ellington/Sara Parkerson

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY JULY 13: Deuteronomy 30:9–14; Psalm 25:1–10; Colossians 1:1–14; Luke 10:25–37.

TODAY

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'S SOLOIST Johnna Smith, a Collegiate Ensemble member since January 2024, is a rising Junior Music Education major at WKU who has been awarded academic merit and music scholarships. She performed the role of Second Lady in WKU's recent opera production of *Dido and Aeneas* and is a member of the popular women's a cappella group, The Treble Makers. She will join the select WKU Chorale this fall. We are blessed to have Johnna with us!

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

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 cock 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.

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 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.



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 6

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 7

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

Tuesday, July 8

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

Wednesday, July 9

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
10:30 a.m. Pastor Kyle's Bible Study

Friday, July 11

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

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