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Service for the Lord's Day

August 10, 2025

Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Psalm 150

John Harper

Blake Miller, baritone 1 Jeremiah Simpson, baritone 2

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

from Revelation 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you!

Opening Hymn 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, you are the God of Hope and Promise. Your peace calms us even when we are most troubled. But we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and our grudges often overwhelm us. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and lean on our efforts. Guide us back to harmonious relationships by acts of forgiveness. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful conversations filled with grace. 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)

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Let us announce together the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

May 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)

Mary Evans

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God, your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand your message and follow your will. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 37:1-7, 14-17, 39-40

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright.

But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken. Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Anthem Duet *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* Spiritual/arr. L. Van Camp
Blake Miller, baritone 1 Jeremiah Simpson, baritone 2

All Stand

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:4-8

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

All Sit

Sermon

God's Gift to Us

Mr. Larry Gildersleeve

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 706

Commit Your Way to God the Lord

GUILSBOROUGH

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *The Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church....With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Récit de Cromorne

Nicolas de Grigny

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)

God who gives beyond measure, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. 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 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

Benediction (responsive)

May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you.

May the Lord lift up his countenance and grant you peace! Amen.

Postlude

Praeambulum

Heinrich Scheidemann

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**Note: Elements of today's liturgy have been adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Teri McDowell Ott*

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USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

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

LAY READER: Dillon Miller

MEDIA PERSONNEL/SEXTON: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 17: Jeremiah 23:23–29; 2:18–23; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49–56.

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.

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support the David's Room in the Inn (DRITI). 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 FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and provided by Ron Shrewsberry.

OTHER NEWS

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!

FALL GIVEAWAY Due to unforeseen circumstances, Cecelia Memorial has postponed the 6th Annual Fall giveaway. However, they are still accepting donations for the Fall giveaway. They are in need of school items and clothing for young men and women. Also, if you have gently used sports or music items that you would like to pass on, we will accept them as well. There is a great need this year for clothing and shoes. Please contact Lovelyn at lovelynab@yahoo.com; ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com, text or call 619-368-2103 for drop off location. Thank you so much for whatever help you can give. Lovelyn.

RESTOCK FOOD PANTRY Our Food Pantry has seen a great many requests for food assistance recently. The office is always appreciative of food donations for restocking our shelves. Items may be brought to the church office. Thank you for any help with this ministry! It is also possible to volunteer as one of our Pantry Shoppers, who buy in bulk, using church pantry funds. Call the office if you have questions.

FOOD DONATIONS THAT ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED: Canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, canned fruit or vegetables, 1 pound bag of dried beans, 1 pound bag of rice, mac n' cheese, and cans of meats (tuna or chicken).

OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER is requesting assistance with some small items for the children for the 2025-2026 school year. The following items will be greatly appreciated:

- baby wipes
- disinfectant spray and/or wipes
- sidewalk chalk
- card stock
- cookies
- jugs of water
- napkins
- 3 oz bathroom cups
- toys for outside
- Cheez-it
- Kleenex boxes
- crayons
- Play-doh
- Goldfish crackers
- veggie straws

All items will be put to good use in the upcoming school year. And remember that the **PLC registration** is still open and the new school year begins on August 18! Consider mentioning our PLC to any folks you know with children ages 2-4. Thank you!

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 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 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028- Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028- Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, August 10

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

Monday, August 11

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 12

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle

Wednesday, August 13

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, August 15

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

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