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Service for the Lord's Day

September 14, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Fancy

Thomas Tomkins

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

The Lord is God, the Lord alone. He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.

Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit and in truth.

Let us worship God today and always!

Opening Hymn 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

Call to Adoration and Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

based on Psalm 51

O God we praise you for your loving kindness and mercy. You are a God of grace and peace. But we find ourselves lost in our transgressions, our sin, and the evil we have done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. From the moment of our conception we have worked to separate ourselves from your love. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

Refrain: Change my heart, O God make it ever true

Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

to Refrain

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

based on 1 Timothy 1:14,16

Hear the good news: With utmost patience, Christ offers mercy so that we may thrive in eternal life. In Christ's name, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

May the grace of our Lord overflow for you with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 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)

O Lord who welcomes sinners, send your Spirit to dwell with us as we hear your Word proclaimed. Find us where we are lost, create in us clean hearts, and help us to see the joy of your mercy. Amen.

New Testament Reading (responsive)

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Anthem

The Time for Singing Has Come!

Natalie Sleeth

Gospel Reading

John 3:13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon

Christ Crucified

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

All Sit

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers (See Insert)

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness (from Biblical Songs)
Blake Miller, baritone

Anton Dvořák

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)

Lord, we respond to your goodness in this act of giving because we have been given so much. Lord, take these offerings and use them to faithfully transform the world into your realm of love and righteousness. May your work continue in the world that all people may know life. 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 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in F

Adolf Friedrich Hesse

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Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Sammy DelRey, Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, and Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Julia Roberts

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21: Amos 8:4–7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Nancy Carwell. 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 Living Waters. 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.

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 a cappella 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.

EXCITING NEWS!! This Sunday our Topper Campus Ministry is hosting a special welcome luncheon for college students in the Fellowship Hall. We invite all college students to attend luncheon, featuring a delicious home-cooked meal provided by Dick and Julia Roberts. Know a college student? Please let them know they are welcome. (Note, this is not an all-church meal, but intended for our college students and Campus Ministry leaders.) At the luncheon, the college students and our interested Campus Ministry volunteers will meet and discuss ideas for our Topper Ministry in the coming weeks and months. Interested in helping out? Let Margaret Stein or Donna Wolbe know! You can email Margaret or Donna at topper@bgpres.org. We will need future volunteers willing to prepare home-cooked meals, to transport students, or help in other ways as we grow to know and care for college students. We would love for you to get to know these special young people and welcome them to make us their church family away from home.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at 12:00 p.m. at Hokkaido Ramen and Sushi House Japanese Restaurant, 2323 Nashville Road. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others. Come join us!

OTHER NEWS

NEW ADDRESS FOR CINDY TANNER Cindy Tanner has moved across the street from her previous address. She is still in the same facility, but has a different address. The new address is: 1375 Perryville Rd #218, Danville, Kentucky 40422. If our church family and friends would like to express your support by sending a card or letter, we believe Cindy would welcome it with open arms. Thank you in advance.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY we are updating our database to get ready for a new Church Directory. If you haven't recently updated your information, please pick up a communication card outside the office doors, at the entrance of the sanctuary or simply scan the QR code to update your information. You can return your card to the office Monday-Friday during office hours or hand it to the Usher after worship.

Directory Form



FALL GIVEAWAY Cecelia Memorial 6th Annual Fall giveaway is this Saturday, September 20, 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. at Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church, 716 College Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky! They are accepting donations for the Fall giveaway and 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.

WALK4WATER Millions of women and children walk more than three miles to collect water for their families every day. Often, this water is not safe to drink, resulting in illness and even death. **We can change this.**

Walk4water is providing water wells and water filtration systems for communities in Africa without access to a source of safe water and also providing the tools and resources needed to conduct village-wide workshops to help educate communities.

Some of our youth are Walking for Water on Sunday, September 21. The walk is at Preston Miller Park, 2303 Tomblinson Way. Sign in at 1:30 and the walk starts at 2:00. Come join them on the walk or let them know you support this important cause by making a donation.

SATURDAY MEALS The Presbyterian Church is scheduled for Saturday Meals sorting, cooking, and delivering on September 27. We are looking for volunteers for the following:

- 5 volunteers to cover delivery 8:30-9:30

If you have any questions, want to help, or know others that would like to assist, contact Susan Thomison, 270-791-6950.

HELP FOR THE HELP MINISTRY is needed. Our Churches United in Christ Help Ministry (CUICHM) helps families with utilities annually with money from our church budget and individual donations. Unfortunately, the bills that are usually presented are several hundreds of dollars and, due to our constricted funds, we are only able to help them with \$75-100 annually. Families receive a voucher for the amount of assistance made to the billing agency. This might prevent them from being disconnected for a time.

For January 2025 through July 2025, The Presbyterian Church assisted 107 families for a total \$11,783.80. If you are so inclined, donations can be made through the church office by indicating CUICHM on the memo line of your check. If you would like to volunteer your time with us, contact Sandy Franklin, Bud Schlinker, Faye Patton, or Kyda West.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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, September 14

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Circle
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Topper Student Ministry Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, September 15

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 17

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
10:30 a.m. Crisis and New Creation Class
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Cecelia Memorial 6th Annual Fall Giveaway

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