



Abraham, Lazarus, and Dives, 12th century. Location: Moissac, France*

Service for the Lord's Day

September 28, 2025

Sixteenth 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)

based on Psalm 146

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!

Come! Praise the Lord!

Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Come! Praise the Lord!

The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

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Call to Adoration and Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Almighty God, we praise you as the creator of all people. You are full of mercy and grace. You call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. 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)

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Let us be ready to love and serve. Amen!

Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

God acts to bring reconciliation and renew lives. 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)

My Trust Is In the Name of the Lord Hosanna Music

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of wonder, as we hear your Word for us today, fill us with holy imagination. Help us hear your holy invitation and ignite within us a passion to live your truth and follow your way. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Anthem

Psalm 91
Megan Puckett, oboe

Craig Courtney

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Sermon

Divine Economy

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Deo Gratias (Thanks Be to God)
Megan Puckett, oboe

James J. Chepponis

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)

O Lord, we thank you and bless your holy name. All that we have is a gift from you. Loving God, bless these gifts and inspire us to use them in ways that transform and enliven your people. May they be a blessing to those who need them most. 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 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on Vater unser im Himmelreich* Johann Ulrich Steiglede

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¹Notes: Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Rae Watson.

²Notes: *Building*: Abbey of St. Peter, Moissac. Object/Function: Relief sculpture. Material: Stone.

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Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

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

LAY READER: Annette Parkerson

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 5: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4; Psalm 37:1–9; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:5–10

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Sharon Hendrix. 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 GUEST MUSICIAN Megan Puckett is wife to Troy and mother to Dean and J.T. She is in her 16th year of teaching in public schools as well as 20 plus years of teaching private students. Megan holds the Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting and a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education (oboe) from Western Kentucky University. She frequently performs with Orchestra Kentucky on oboe and keyboards. We welcome Megan back to TPC and thank her for sharing her music talents with us.

PHOTOGRAPH FOR DIRECTORY Today, Pastor Kyle Otterbein will be taking photographs for our new church directory after worship service. If you or your family have not updated your photograph for our directory, please see Pastor Kyle after service.

TOPPER CAMPUS MINISTRY is hosting a luncheon for college students in the Fellowship Hall today. We invite all college students to attend the luncheon, featuring a delicious home-cooked meal. 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.

HELP WITH TOPPER CAMPUS MINISTRY Interested in providing lunch or giving students a ride? Let Margaret Stein (270-779-2579) or Donna Wolbe know. Email us at topper@bgpres.org. There will be more opportunities to serve this ministry in the near future. We would love for you to get to know these special young people and help make our congregation their church family away from home.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at 12:00 p.m. at India Oven, 1755 Scottsville Road. This is one of our favorite places and we invite you to join us! You can choose mild, medium, or spicy seasoning and be sure to order the Garlic or Onion Naan bread! This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others.

OTHER NEWS

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 an usher after worship.

Directory Form



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK FOR 2025 Please scan the QR code, review the available scriptures, and consider signing up for a scripture verse. After you sign up for a verse, share a personal message or what this verse means to you in writing, and send your draft to Erika at solberg770@gmail.com by Sunday, October 19th. Drafts can be in the body of the email, in a Google Document, or in a Word Document. Any questions please contact Erika Solberg or Michelle Fluit (fluitmichelle@gmail.com). With your permission, and after finalization, we would like to share your message in the 2025 Advent Devotional Book.



INSPIRATIONAL MEDITATION The Tuesday morning yoga class has a new name. It is now Inspirational Meditation. Class meets here at the church on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. If you would like the opportunity to learn how integrate your mind, body, and spirit to align with God's Spirit, please come join this class. Instructor: Trudy Burkeen.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 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!

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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.

Newsletter



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 28

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
11:45 a.m. Topper Ministry Luncheon
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

9:30 a.m. Inspirational Meditation
11:00 a.m. Special Care

Wednesday, October 1

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
10:30 a.m. No Crisis and New Creation Class (Class returns next week)
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 2

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

Friday, October 3

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

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