



Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry the Cross. Location: Cedar Hill, TX\*

## ***Service for the Lord's Day***

**September 7, 2025**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

### ***Gathering Around the Word of Worship***

**Gathering Music**

Ruth Brown

**Striking of the Hour**

**Prelude**

*Praeambulum*

Martin Radeck

**Welcome**

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

**Opening Hymn 307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

**Call to Adoration and Confession**

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)**

**O God, we praise you for you are the God of wisdom and life. You order all things to bring forth the fruit of righteousness and peace. We worship you in humble adoration and seek to walk according to your ways. Yet we confess that we have turned aside from your ways and trusted in our own cleverness and deceitful scheming. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace, and bring us back to the path of life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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)**

All the paths of the Lord are righteousness and peace for all who love God. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)**

Jesus Christ is the Lord of peace and reconciliation. The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Young Christians are welcomed to the front to go to Children's Church**

***Hearing the Word***

*All Sit*

**Prayer for Illumination (unison)**

**Lord God, as your Word is read, may our minds and hearts receive your wisdom and guidance, that we may walk in the way of life. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading (responsive)**

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Anthem**

*I Lift My Soul*

William Miller

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**Sermon**

*Choices*

Kyle Otterbein

***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 457**

*How Happy Are the Saints of God*

WAREHAM

**Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**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. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

*All Sit*

**Offering**

*Call to Offering*

**Offertory**

*Adesto unus Deus*

*Hieronymus Praetorius  
transcr. Nathaniel Brown*

*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*

## ***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.*

#### **Communion Anthem**

*A Chorale for Communion*

*Stephen H. Prushing*

#### **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 718**

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

**BOURBON**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*Praeludium in Dm*

Heinrich Scheidemann

Notes: Stations of the Cross artwork that surrounds Good Shepherd Episcopal Church sanctuary during Lent

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## ***Announcements***

**USHERS:** Hines and Kernohan families

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Clark Carthrae, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan, Frederica Kernohan, John Kernohan, Sheila Reeves, Julia Roberts, and Larry Warden

**COMMUNION PREPARERS AND CLEANUP:** Frederica Kernohan, Sandy Franklin, and Larry Warden

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

**LAY READER:** Larry Warden

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Sarah Parkerson

**NURSERY:** Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14:** Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 51:1–10; 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10

### **TODAY**

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

**NEW COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE MEMBER** Today we welcome our new Collegiate Ensemble member, Sammy DelRay. Sammy is a Bowling Green native and graduate of Greenwood High School. He is a sophomore Music Education Major (Integrated Track in Voice and Trumpet) at WKU. Sammy is a member of the WKU University Singers, The Redshirts, and the select choral ensemble, The WKU Chorale. Welcome, Sammy. We're glad you're here.

**THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP** will meet today at 12:00 p.m. at Burger and Bowl, 1131 Fairview Avenue. 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 CHURCH DIRECTORY** we are updating our database to get ready for a new Church Directory. If you haven't recently updated your information, please scan the QR code to update your information.



**FALL GIVEAWAY** Cecelia Memorial 6th Annual Fall giveaway is 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](mailto:lovelynab@yahoo.com); [ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com](mailto:ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com), text or call 619-368-2103 for drop off location. Thank you so much for whatever help you can give. Lovelyn.

**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:

- 11 volunteers to cover delivery 8:30-9:30
- 8 volunteers to set up and sort donated foodstuffs 6:30 -8:00 am
- 5 Kitchen volunteers to assist with packaging the meal 8:15 - 9:00 am

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.

**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:

- 3 oz bathroom cups
- toys for outside
- gallons of water

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 began on August 18! Consider mentioning our PLC to any folks you know with children ages 2-4. Thank you!

**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](mailto: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.

### The Presbyterian Church Staff

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### Calendar

#### Sunday, September 7

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  
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

#### Monday, September 8

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love  
11:00 a.m. Personnel Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Circle 9  
5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

#### Tuesday, September 9

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, September 10

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group  
10:30 a.m. Wed. Young Mothers and Others Circle  
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

#### Friday, September 12

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

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