



Zacchaeus, 1913. Artist: Stevns, Niels Larsen, 1864-1941.²

Service for the Lord's Day

November 2, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Vor deinen Thron tret' ich hiermit, BWV 668

J. S. Bach

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 96: 1-4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Opening Hymn 192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Call to Adoration and Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. You are generous and kind. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the realm of glory you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center on ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence and abuse. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now, we pray.

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)

The LORD is righteous and God's judgements are right. But he has extended mercy to his people. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

In Christ, all God's people, the living and the dead, are one people. God has healed the divisions and made us one. The peace of Jesus 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, as we hear your words read today, may the meditation of all of our hearts be pleasing and acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our foundation. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 32:1-7

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Anthem

Author of Love Divine

Eric Thiman

All Stand

Gospel Reading

[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

All Sit

Sermon

Found at the Table

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

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Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Adagio from Sonata VI

Felix Mendelssohn

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)

Holy God, we thank you for you are the source of all love, power, and justice. Our world is broken, in need of your love, your light. Take these offerings and multiply them so they may bless others. Bless those who give and those who receive, that all may know you better. Amen.

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Remembering Those Who Have Died in the Last Year

Jenna Begley, Charles Allan Brown, Robert Dickey, Jr., Barbara English, David English, Deloris Iverson, Mary Lucas, Russell Moore, William Moore, Joe Stites, and Georgia Williams

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

Take Me to the Alley

Gregory Porter

Beth Pope, piano; Ernie Small, mandolin; Wayne Pope, bass

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 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Benediction

Amen from Blessing and Benediction

Ruth Elaine Schram

¹Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from liturgy written by Rose Schrott Taylor.

²Niels Larsen Stevns, artist of the "Zacchaeus" painting, began a renewal movement for religious art in Denmark. His Biblical works focus on the promise of spiritual life, offering that which the practical world cannot offer. The raising of Lazarus, the Prodigal Son, and Mary Magdelene were several of his subjects. Stevns also illustrated the biography of Hans Christian Andersen.

"In determining to give half his possessions (justly and unjustly acquired) to the poor, Zacchaeus is not fulfilling a rule, and Jesus has given no command." Instead Zacchaeus's gift is a spontaneous act of repentance, love, and gratitude. "It is a thankoffering expressive of a changed heart." (Ireland, 192).

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

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COMMUNION SERVERS: Clark Carthrae, Nathan Love, Julia Roberts, Debbie Trickey, Sandy Franklin, and Mike Kanan

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LAY READER: Sheila Reeves

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9: Job 19:23–27a; Psalm 17:1–9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17; Luke 20:27–38

TODAY

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

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 by Peggy Carthrae. 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.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at 12:00 p.m. at Cafe' Italia, 1567 River Street. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others. We hope you can join us for delicious Italian food and great conversation!

ROOM IN THE INN is having the 2025 BINGO NIGHT today, benefiting Room In the Inn, BG. The location of the benefit will be at The Charleston, 923 College Street (park around back). Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. John and Frederica Kernohan will be attending this event and hope that you will join them. Cost: \$50 person.



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.



FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK Join us after worship for a fellowship potluck on November 9, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. Our theme for the month is Tailgating Grub, so bring in your favorite finger food for a "tailgating lunch." Wear your favorite team jersey if you have one! Join us in Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIAL CONCERT for Charles Allan will be November 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Charles was the youngest son of Michael and Ruth Brown. The concert is a joyful celebration with Nathaniel Brown on the organ; Wayne and Beth Pope singing; Sylvia Kersenbaum playing the piano; and Dr. and Mrs. Herman and Deanna Catlett playing a piece Ruth wrote dedicated to Charles. Closing the program will be spirituals by Wayne and Ernie Small.

ART EXHIBIT The Sunny 16 photography exhibit on display in the fellowship hall will hang until December 4th. The exhibit showcases the skill of capturing light by photographers from South Central Kentucky.

DAVID'S ROOM IN THE INN begins for us on November 20. DRITI is gearing up now for another winter season. This overnight shelter assistance for our local homeless population is a community-wide effort. We will host each Thursday night through the winter. Signup sheets for volunteers are ready at the chapel landing. Helpers will be needed for meals, setup and cleanup, inn-keeping, dinner hosting, etc. Check it out the next time you visit church. You may sign up for only one, or for more than one Thursday in a slot. Everything helps!

JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER Is your family at a long distance? Are you looking for others to share Thanksgiving dinner with? Then join your Presbyterian Church family at noon on Thanksgiving day, November 27. Wayne and Sharon Hendrix will host our dinner in the fellowship hall. Turkey, dressing, mash potatoes, and gravy will be provided. We just ask you to bring a side dish (corn, green beans, salad, etc.) or a dessert to share with others (and if you can bring enough to share with our guests for David's Room in the Inn, that would be wonderful as it has been our practice to share the food from our Thanksgiving meal for the dinner that night!). **Look for the sign-up sheet next to the DRITI sign-up sheets** on the landing next to the chapel and sign up soon!

HELP WITH TOPPER CAMPUS MINISTRY Interested in providing lunch or giving students a ride? Let Margaret Stein (270-779-2579) or Donna Wolbe (270-303-2587) know. You can also Email us at topper@bgpres.org. If you'd like to help support these outstanding young people, see the Sign-Up Sheet outside the Chapel and choose a date to provide a home-cooked meal for 10-12 people, or scan the QR code to sign up online. We meet weekly on Sunday Mornings at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall following Worship for lunch and discussion. We'd love your help!



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.

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 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 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!



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, Dan Stelling, 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, November 2

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathers
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School begins
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Topper Ministry Luncheon & Discussion
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 3

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
11:00 a.m. Personnel Meeting
6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day

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

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:30 a.m. Crisis and New Creation Class
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 6

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

Friday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 8

2:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club-free Veteran Portrait

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