



Service for the Lord's Day

October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Ave maris stella

Claudio Monteverdi
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 66 (adapted)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

O God, how awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, all the world will bow down and worship you.

God of the nations, all the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. Let us worship God!

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

As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. 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)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting for those who trust God. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

God's mercy never ends! Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

Jesus came to bring reconciliation to the world. The peace of our Lord 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)

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

Anthem

Kyrie

Sherri Porterfield

(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

Sammy DelRay, baritone

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

All Sit

Sermon

Faith's Simple Response

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 179

Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn

RADIANT

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

excerpt *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Pulchra es

Claudio Monteverdi
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)

Holy and generous God, you pour into our lives all the gifts of your Spirit. We have received so much from your hand and all of life is your gift to us. We seek to respond with gratitude today and ask that you use the offerings we bring today for healing and reconciliation in the world. Amen.

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

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 *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

L. Wolfe/J. Schrader

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 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

Benediction

Postlude

Praeambulum in F

Jacob Praetorius

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Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

COMMUNION SERVERS: Claire Ellington, Sandy Franklin, and Mike Kanan

COMMUNION PREPARER AND CLEANUP: Frederica Kernohan

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

LAY READER: Erin Ellington

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Terry Johnson

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 19: Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1–8

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Jan Morgan. 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 Angel Tree Meals. 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.

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.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at 12:00 p.m. at Sonny's BBQ, 145 Three Springs 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 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



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 178th anniversary on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., and Cecelia Memorial invites all to join in the celebration.

The Gospel Troops and Levis & the Levites will be bringing some old-time gospel music. There will be personal testimonies and speakers testifying to the "Joyful Noise" experience when they surrendered to the Lord. So mark your calendars: Saturday, October 18, 2025, 3-4:30 p.m. at 716 College Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky. If you would like more information, please contact Lovelyn Williams at 619-368-2103 (leave a text or message if there is no answer), lovelynab@yahoo.com, or Ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com. We look forward to seeing you there. God bless you and keep you.

FALL FESTIVAL AT ROB BYRD'S FARM will take place next Sunday, October 19. Rob Byrd is inviting our congregation to have a Fall Festival at his farm from 3:30-6:30 p.m. This is a family event, and all church members, family, and friends are welcome. Activities being planned include a hayride, fishing in the pond, volleyball, games, painting pumpkins and gourds, s'mores around a bonfire, and more. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish to eat with hamburgers!

OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER is having their Annual Trick-or-Treating for the preschoolers at the church on October 29 and 30. We would love to have the church members to participate by setting up areas within the church for the preschoolers to pick up a treat or to do an activity (*Please note that some of our kids have peanut and garlic allergies*). We will also accept treat donations to help make this a fun and memorable day for our kids. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact Robin or Terry at 270-843-4707 to be added to the sign-up sheet. Thank you in advance. -Kimberly Watkins, PLC Director.

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 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.

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.

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, October 12

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
11:45 a.m. Topper Ministry Luncheon
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
12:00 p.m. Youth Group-Ralphie's Fun Center-Glasgow, KY

Monday, October 13

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
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle

Tuesday, October 14

9:30 a.m. Inspirational Meditation
11:00 a.m. Special Care
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Young Mothers and Others Circle
10:30 a.m. Crisis and New Creation Class
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 18

3:00 p.m. Cecelia Memorial-178th Anniversary

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