



Service for the Lord's Day

November 16, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *Ich ruff zu dir Herr Jesu Christ*
Melchior Franck
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalm 34:1-8

We will bless the Lord at all times,
**God's praise is always on our lips; in the
Lord our souls shall make their boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.
Glorify the Lord with us.**

Together let us praise God's name.

**We sought the Lord and were heard,
from all our terrors set free. Look toward
God and be radiant; let your faces not be
ashamed.**

When the poor cry out, the Lord hears them
and rescues them from all their distress.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**They are happy who seek refuge in God.
Let us worship God in joy and in hope.**

Opening Hymn 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Call to Adoration and Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, you are gracious and loving. The light of your glory fills the skies. We praise you. Yet, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

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)

"For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him."

"As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us."

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace (responsive)

The peace of God remains strong in the midst of calamity and hardship. 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)***Hearing the Word***

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

As we come to you, O God, we remember how Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!" Open our hearts and minds to the reading and hearing of your holy Word today, that we may be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

*How will they know, the babes for whom we care,
That God is love and with us ev'rywhere,
That life is good with blessings all can share?
How will they know unless we teach them so?*

*How will they learn that though they go astray,
God will forgive and help them find the way?
How will they feel the spirit day by day?
How will they know unless we teach them so?*

*How will they grow in wisdom and delight?
How will they choose to follow what is right?
How can they trust or hope their future will be bright?
How will they know unless we show them so?*

*How will they live when they at last are grown?
What will they give to children of their own?
Will they reflect the values we have shown?
How will they know, as on through life they go?*

How will they know unless we strive to teach them so?

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

All Sit

Sermon

Enduring Faith

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dedication of the Stained Glass Window given in remembrance of Mae Etta Cohron Hines and to the glory of God.*

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has made the Son, our Savior, the express image of God's glory, that in contemplating him we may behold the beauty of God's mercy and grace. We are thankful that the Lord puts in the hearts of the people to make offerings which share beauty with the church and encourage us in worship and service.

Heaven and earth are now filled with the glory of Jesus Christ; so we give thanks to God that he uses the things of this world to bring us God's blessing.

Today we thank God for the life and faith of our sister, Mae Etta Cohron Hines, in whose memory we now dedicate this stained glass window to the glory of God.

Let us pray...

God of light and life, bless and sanctify this stained glass window. Grant that, as light shines through its many colors, all who behold it may, by your grace, be strengthened in faith and love you with steadfast hearts, showing forth your manifold gifts of grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Ecce quam bonum

Hieronymus Praetorius

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)

Great and giving God, we know every good and perfect gift comes from you. In return, we give these offerings and pray they will not only supply the needs of others but also overflow with many thanksgivings to you. Thank you for our many blessings. Lord, show us how to use what you have given us to be a blessing to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

SOLID ROCK

Jehan Titelouze

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

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

LAY READER: Lilly Hunter

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Margaret Stein

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23: Jeremiah 23:1–6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11–20; Luke 23:33–43

TODAY

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

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today. The group will eat lunch at 12:00 p.m. at Boca Taco, 2549 Mount Victor Lane. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others. Come join us!

MEMORIAL CONCERT for Charles Allan will be today at 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.

OTHER NEWS

FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT As the demand for food assistance continues to rise, we are in need of your support to help us provide food for those in need within our community. Your generous donation will help us meet the need of families and individual struggling with food insecurities. We are currently accepting donations of non-perishable food items and monetary contributions. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make all checks payable to: The Presbyterian Church. In the memo, please write: FOOD PANTRY. If you need additional information, feel free to contact Robin (officeasst24@bgpres.org) or Terry (administrator@bgpres.org) or call the church office at 270-843-4707.

ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP Our Kitchen Committee is in the process of cleaning and reorganizing our church kitchen. They have removed several items from the kitchen that do not belong to the church. The items have been placed on a table that is located in the far corner of our fellowship hall.

The Kitchen Committee asks that if you have any items that need to be picked up, please stop by the fellowship hall this week and pick up your item(s). At the end of this week, if these items have not been picked up, the Kitchen Committee will either donate or throw the items away. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and God bless.

DAVID'S ROOM IN THE INN (DRITI) 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!

PINTS FOR PUBLIC MEDIA A musical extravagance will take place at the White Squirrel Brewery on Saturday, November 22, with over 17 bands and single acts performing to raise funds for WKU Public Media. Ernie Small will be performing with the Mt Victor Revue at 2:00 p.m. and the Ernie Small Blues Band at 5:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend and support this important and free event!

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY: LILLY IS HERE! To help us welcome Lilly to our congregation as our new Director of Student Ministries, join us for a special pot luck meal after the worship service on November 23. **This will be a “Sandwich and Salad” potluck.** The church will be supplying some deli-style sandwiches and drinks. Here is what you can bring: salads, chips/dips, veggies/fruit, or non-deli sandwiches. We hope to see you there!

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.

SOCKS FOR SENIORS Once again CECELIA MEMORIAL is participating in the “Socks for Seniors” drive with Christian Family Radio. This year the senior facilities have requested “gripper” socks to be donated. Cecelia Memorial will be collecting socks now through December 4 to be delivered to the radio station. CFR is also asking for volunteers to deliver the socks to the senior facilities. We do not have a specific date for deliveries at this point. If you can, please donate whatever socks you can. They must be new socks. You can put them in Lovelyn’s cubbie in the office, drop them off at Cecelia or contact Lovelyn for pickup at 619-368-2103. Thanks to everyone in advance for your participation.

CHRISTMAS PARADE MEET-UP coming on December 6! Join Pastor Kyle on the morning of Saturday, December 6. Kyle will be there making pancakes for anyone who wants to enjoy breakfast together before the Jaycees Christmas Parade. The parade begins at 9:30 am, so Kyle plans to share breakfast between 8:30 and 9:30. If you are coming for breakfast, feel free to bring something to share.

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-Nancy English, Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, November 16

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 p.m. WKU Topper Student Ministry Luncheon & Discussion
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
4:00 p.m. Memorial Concert
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

9:30 a.m. Inspirational Meditation
11:00 a.m. Special Care
6:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

6:00 p.m. David's Room in the Inn

Friday, November 21

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

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