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Service for the Lord's Day

November 9, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Canzona

Ercole Pasquini

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

adapted from Psalm 98

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will break out in joyful songs and sing praises to our God.

Sing praises to the Lord!

We join with all creation in making a joyful noise; hear the trumpets sound and the blast of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

We sing together and join in the joyful song of creation.

Opening Hymn 26

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Call to Adoration and Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Holy and gracious God, you are our stronghold and our rock. You are generous and kind. And yet God, we confess that we are too easily intimidated by the powers and authorities of our world, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. 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)

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

In Christ we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

God reigns in justice and peace. The peace of 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)

God of wisdom, open your word to your people today, and open the hearts of your people to your Word. Let us receive the truth that your Spirit is speaking to the church, trusting that it will nourish and strengthen us. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Isaiah 45:6b-12

[The God of Israel said,] I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the LORD have created it.

Woe to you who strive with your Maker, earthen vessels with the potter! Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, "What are you making"? or "Your work has no handles"? Woe to anyone who says to a father, "What are you begetting?" or to a woman, "With what are you in labor?"

Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work of my hands? I made the earth, and created humankind upon it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.

Anthem

Alleluia, I Have Chosen

Wayne L. Wold

*Alleluia, I have chosen and have consecrated this house
so that my name may be there, forever.*

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 20:20-26

So they watched [Jesus] and sent spies who pretended to be honest, in order to trap him by what he said, so as to hand him over to the jurisdiction and authority of the governor. So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are right in what you say and teach, and you show deference to no one, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But he perceived their craftiness and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose head and whose title does it bear?" They said, "The emperor's." He said to them, "Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were not able in the presence of the people to trap him by what he said; and being amazed by his answer, they became silent.

All Sit

Sermon

Image Bearer

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 681

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

a selection from *The Barmen Confession*

"Jesus Christ has been made wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption for us by God."

As Jesus Christ is God's comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God's vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine that there could be areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords, areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Minute for Mission

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Ricercare Primo con tre fughe

Giovanni Salvatore

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)

God of all life, we praise you and thank you for all your good gifts. All of life and all that we have come freely from your love. We freely respond today with our offerings and ask that they may bear your love and grace to a hurting world. 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 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

Benediction

Amen from Blessing and Benediction

Ruth Elaine Schram

Postlude

Fuga

Simon Lohet

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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: Kelly Goad

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2: Malachi 4:1–2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13; Luke 21:5–19

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Laura Parkerson. 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.

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY is today. You should have received an Estimate of Giving card in the mail. (If you *do not receive it*, they will be available in the narthex and at bottom of stairwell.)

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK Join us today after worship for a fellowship potluck 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.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will **NOT** meet today. The group will join the tailgating potluck today at 11:30 a.m. The After Church Eating Out Group will reconvene on November 16 at 12:00 p.m. and will eat lunch at Boca Taco, 2549 Mount Victor Lane.

OTHER NEWS

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.

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.

ART EXHIBIT The Sunny 16 photography exhibit on display in the fellowship hall will continue 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.

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 9

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
11:30 p.m. Fellowship Potluck
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Crisis and New Creation Class
9:30 a.m. Inspirational Meditation
11:00 a.m. Special Care
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle

Wednesday, November 12

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:30 a.m. Wed. Young Mothers and Others Circle
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, November 14

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

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