



*Sermon on the Mount, 2010. Artists: James, Laura**

Service for the Lord's Day

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Choral Introit

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus/Kum Ba Yah

arr. Dwight Elrich

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

adapted from Psalm 15

O LORD, you come to dwell with your people in the holiness of your tabernacle.

Who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart.

They do not speak evil of others and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors.

In Christ, renew our hearts that we may live faithfully before you. In love, draw us within your temple that we may worship you in spirit and in truth.

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

from Micah 6

Merciful God, we praise you for your righteousness and faithfulness. You alone rule the world with justice and compassion. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we but we exploit our neighbors and twist the truth. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk humbly in your way each and every day.

*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 deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

Thanks be to God.**Passing of the Peace of Christ** (responsive)

Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy. May the mercy and 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)

O God who seeks kindness and justice, as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, bless us with the power of the Word and the presence of your Spirit. Transform us as we walk humbly with you. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Micah 6:4-8

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

**"With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Anthem

The Pure in Heart

Raymond H. Haan

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. They shall come from the east and west, they shall come from the north and the south, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

All Sit

Sermon

Kingdom Blessings

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *The Confession of 1967*

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations! Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**Kathleen Thomerson/arr. Richard Proulx*

I want to walk in the light, in the brightness of God; I want to follow Jesus; God set the stars to give light to the world, The star of my life is Jesus; In him there is no darkness at all, The night and the day are both alike; The Lamb is the light of the city of God, Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus; I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus; Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path and show me the way to the Father; In him there is no darkness at all, The night and the day are both alike; The Lamb is the light of the city of God, Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus; I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all, The night and the day are both alike; The Lamb is the light of the city of God, Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus; I want to walk as a child of the light.

*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)

Gracious God, thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Bless these offerings we give today. May they be used to bring about justice and joy for those in our community and in the world who need them most. 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 angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name....

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.*

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 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Benediction

Postlude

Magnificat primi toni, verse 1

Johann Leo Hassler

*Notes: Laura James has been working as a professional artist and illustrator for over twenty-five years. In addition to painting sacred images from various religions, she portrays women, families, and scenes of everyday life; blending intricate patterns, text, vibrant colors and sometimes surreal imagery into what she calls "art for the people."

Sermon Notes

Lined area for sermon notes, consisting of 25 horizontal lines.

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COMMUNION SERVERS: Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, and Larry Warden

COMMUNION PREPARERS/CLEANUP: Sarah Grise and Larry Warden

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

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez & Maya Swartz

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8: Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12]; Psalm 112:1–9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]; Matthew 5:13–20

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Kim Ferguson. 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 Gloves of Love. Buck in a Basket Offering is an opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS is studying The Book of Psalms. Come join us in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings at 9:30. All are welcome.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at 12:00 p.m. at The Mustang Club, located at 200 State 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 food and great conversation!

2026 SURVEY The Presbyterian Church Congregational Feedback Survey 2026 is now available online. This survey allows the church congregation the opportunity to share their thoughts. It will also help our church celebrate what is going well and prayerfully discern how God is leading us forward. All responses are confidential.



OTHER NEWS

YOUTH MEALS Are you interested in providing a home-cooked meal or purchasing a meal for our youth? We are seeking volunteers for meals for our youth during our Sunday group meeting. If you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet is available in the church landing.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is an annual event held by our very own Youth Group. It takes place on Super Bowl Sunday in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship service. This potluck event allows the church congregation to bring their favorite soup, sandwich, or dessert. Join the Youth Group for their annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 8.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION CLASS meet on Sunday mornings. The class is reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis (We read about 3 letters a week, so anyone can quickly catch up.) Join us in the 10th Street Parlor—there are several copies of the book available to use there.

SAVE THE DATE COLD? HUNGRY? Good news: Pig Pickin' is Sunday August 16!

GLOVES WITH LOVE Our 10th Street fence will be dressed in gloves, socks, hats, and scarves after Christmas and during the DRITI season. Your donations of items to hang on the fence will be greatly appreciated. All donations can be dropped off in the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Sunday Morning Circle meets the second Sunday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor; Circle 9 meets the second Monday in each month at 12:00 noon at a member's home; Tuesday Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday in each month at 7:00 p.m. at Diane Simmon's home; Wednesday Morning Circle meets the second Wednesday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the 10th Street Parlor; An exact location for Circle 9 meetings will be provided on the church bulletin's calendar and in the 60-second email.

INSPIRATIONAL MEDITATION the Tuesday Inspirational Meditation class meets here at the church on Tuesday afternoon at 12:00 p.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 FEBRUARY/MARCH 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!



SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE CHOIR

CHANCEL CHOIR AND YOU – The Chancel Choir rehearses from 5:00 – 6:00pm on Wednesdays. Additionally, we gather at 10am on Sundays to review the hymns and anthems for the worship service. We have a tight group that mimics a Small Group. We've begun studying the lectionary's Psalm designation for each Sunday through Tim Keller's *The Songs of Jesus: Devotions in the Psalms*.

Our membership consists of several church members and the Collegiate Ensemble. Current church members have been serving in the choir for many years and bring their voices and ministry to us each week. They are Trudy Burkeen, Dianne Simmons (Soprano) Barbra Brindle, Beth Pope, (Alto) and Craig Heller (Tenor). Trudy wins the longevity award as she began singing in the choir during her junior year of high school! We are thankful and appreciate each of them.

Our current Collegiate Ensemble members are Keelin Murrell, Johnna Smith (Soprano), Mack Overfelt (Alto) Blake Miller (Tenor) and Sammy DelRay (Bass). We are grateful for these young folks who bring their talents to us. One gets an idea of how quickly four years go by as we see them cycle in and out.

What does it take to sing in the Chancel Choir? Just attend a one-hour rehearsal on Wednesday evenings and a 25-minute prep time (10:00 – 10:25) on Sunday mornings.

Do I always have to be there? We are realistic and know that people have lives and can't always be at everything. There is therefore no condemnation for missing rehearsal or a service.

What about my singing? If you enjoy singing, can match pitch and enjoy being in a group you are an excellent candidate for Chancel Choir!

I don't really read music and I'm not sure if my skills are strong enough. No problem. We have some excellent readers and skilled musicians in Chancel Choir. Most people can follow them without a problem. We're delighted to run over parts and help each other out.

What ages are in allowed in the choir? Junior high and beyond!

There are many studies these days that show singing in a group is a great health benefit (mental, physical, emotional, spiritual). We are a loving, fun group who has a tight bond and a happily support each other.

Who do I talk to? Talk to Wayne or any choir member or just call, text or email Wayne. Or you could drive by his house and honk the horn. Or take him to lunch or on your next vacation. (Beth is included!) 270-991-8761 (cell) wayne.pope@wku.edu (email)

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, February 1

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 a.m. WKU Topper Student
 Ministries Luncheon
 & Discussion
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating
 Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
6:00 p.m. Topper Ministries
 Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

6:00 p.m. David's Room in the
 Inn
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Small
 Group Meeting

Friday, January 6

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

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