



Calling of the Disciples, 1481. Artist: Ghirlandaio, Domenico, 1449-1494*

Service for the Lord's Day

**January 25, 2026
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Salbe de lleno, 1° tono

Aguilera de Heredi

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

The glory of God shines throughout the world.

Let us come to God's light and worship God in spirit and in truth.

Opening Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, you reign over the world through the grace, mercy, and love of your son Jesus Christ—We praise you. Yet when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. Forgive our fear and lack of trust. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage, that we may hear Jesus' call to follow him and go and share good news with the world.

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 steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." And now in the names of Jesus Christ our Lord hear the good news: our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Know that the kingdom of God is a kingdom of peace. 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)

God of epiphanies, you reveal yourself to us in many ways. Free us from the distractions that turn our focus away from you and your Word. Open us to the truth you reveal to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Anthem

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Richard Prloul

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

All Sit

Sermon

Called to Fish

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

selection from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus/Kum Ba Yah

arr. Dwight Elrich

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, you are the giver of all good gifts, and we thank you for sustaining us day by day. Receive now the offerings of our hearts and lives as a joyful response to your steadfast love. May our offerings serve to bless the world you came to restore and to bless. 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 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Benediction

Postlude

Magnificat primi toni, verse 1

Johann Leo Hassler

Building: Sistine Chapel

Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

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

LAY READER: Sheila Reeves

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Maya Swartz

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1: Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Margaret Stein. 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 Deacon's Fund. Buck in a Basket Offering is a weekly 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.

COOKING CIRCLE OF GRACE Make Sourdough Bread with Matthew Crocker-Saturday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m. Ever wondered what makes sourdough sour? Love good bread? Let's learn how to make it.

Our sourdough class covers sourdough starters, fermentation science, and hands-on bread making from start to finish. Come ready to learn—and get a little floury. Please contact the church office to let us know you plan to attend so we have ingredients for everyone.

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 sign up 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, January 25

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 Ministry Luncheon & Discussion
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, January 26

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
6:00 p.m. WKU Topper Ministries Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 27

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
1:00 p.m. CUICM

Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

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

Friday, January 30

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

Saturday, January 31

10:30 a.m. Small Group Cooking Circle of Grace class

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