



Kingdom of God, 2005. Artist: Walsh, George.

Service for the Lord's Day

**February 15, 2026
Transfiguration of the Lord**

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *Messe Solennelle: Fugue sur les jeux d'anches*

François Couperin

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Great is the Lord—exalted among the nations.

Mighty is the Lord—King of heaven and earth.

Holy is the Lord—beyond our understanding.

God dwells in unfathomable light! Holy is Lord! Let us worship our God and King.

Opening Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, you are amazing, and the radiance of your mystery shines all around us. We praise you. Yet, like the disciples of Jesus, we confess our discomfort with things we don't understand. Faced with your splendor, we do not take time for attentive silence as Jesus did, but we evade the holy with stammering and busyness—anything to avoid your power. We also confess that we often get so absorbed in our own experiences and problems that we neglect those in need. As Jesus descended into the valley to work among the poor of the earth, so direct us to our responsibilities. Such is the mystery of your love, O God, which both overwhelms and attracts us. Have mercy upon us and forgive us. Free us to love and serve you and others in equal measure. 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 good news is this: while we do not always – or perhaps often – get it right, God is faithful. God keeps God's promises. Let this truth seep deep down into your weary bones: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free for life in God's Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Jesus invites us to take moments for awe and wonder, to rest in God's presence. Let us rest in God's 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)

O God of holy wisdom, your Word is at once ancient and brand new. As we read together this day, enlighten our hearts and minds. May we be transformed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalms 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

Anthem

Wondering

Jane Marshall

Come sweet vision of God's wonder, come, inflame our hearts again;

Holy Vision, go before us. Holy Vision go before us to earth's communion, God's Amen.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

All Sit
Sermon

Take Us to the Mountain

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Mountain Top

Brown Bannister

Beth Pope, vocal Wayne Pope, guitar

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 and holy God, we give you thanks for your many gifts in our lives. In gratitude we dedicate these offerings to you. Multiply them beyond our imagining that others might experience your love and grace, your mercy and justice. May we come to know a world where each person is enough and has enough. These things we ask boldly in Christ's name. 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 92

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Benediction

Postlude *Messe Solemnelle: Plein chant du premier Kyrie, en taille* François Couperin

*Notes: Building: Church of the Most Holy Rosary.

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

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

LAY READER: Frederica Kernohan

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Maya Swartz

LECTIONARY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18: Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isaiah 58:1–12; Psalm 51:1–17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

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 Gloves for Love. 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 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!

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.

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.

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.

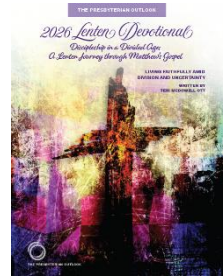
ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18 which begins our Lenten season. A worship service led by Rev. Kyle Otterbein will take place in our Sanctuary at 6:00pm that evening. Please plan to join us!

LENTEN DINNERS AND PROGRAM The church will present a Lenten program for Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall. Wednesdays Dinner will begin at 6:00pm on February 25, followed by the program in Fellowship Hall. Lenten programs are designed to deepen spiritual growth, inspire encourage reflection, and aid in strengthening your relationship with God. A link to the 2026 Lenten Devotional Materials will be available each week. Please RSVP with Robin in the church office by phone (270-843-4707) or email (officeasst24@bgpres.org) if you will attend dinner, so we may plan for numbers.

THE PRESBYTERIAN COOKING CLUB will again be preparing Wednesday dinners for the Lenten season. Join us each Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the church kitchen as we chop, stir, and simmer our way toward a delicious meal—enjoying plenty of good conversation along the way.

We'll gather on the following Wednesdays: February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25. You're welcome to help for one, two, or join us for them all! If you're interested in joining the Cooking Club, please contact Mary Evans or Connie McGehan to express your interest. We look forward to cooking—and sharing fellowship—with you!

2026 LENTEN DEVOTION—You are invited to join us in a congregation-wide practice of Lenten devotion. Together we will read and pray our way through *Discipleship in a Divided Age: A Lenten Journey through Matthew's Gospel*, by the Rev. Teri McDowell Ott. Through this journey we will be invited to discover how Jesus leads us toward humility, courage, compassion, and faithful discipleship. This Tuesday we will send out the first's week's reading through email, and then each Sunday in Lent we will send out the readings and prayers for the week. There will also be a link on our website.



OUR NEW DIRECTORY—You can now access our church directory through an app on your



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cell phone or tablet. Just scan the QR code to go directly to the app to download it on your phone or tablet. Once you download the app, you will be directed to search for the directory of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green. Just use your email address to gain entry to our directory (you must have your email address that is in the directory to gain access).



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COOKING CIRCLE OF GRACE Make Sourdough Bread with Matthew Crocker-Saturday, February 28 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.

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!



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 15

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
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, February 16

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
1:00 p.m. Crafting Group
5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, February 17

10:30 a.m. Property Ministry Meeting
11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
6:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:30 a.m. Crisis and New Creation Class
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20

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

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