



Light for Others, ca. 1900.

Service for the Lord's Day

**February 8, 2026
Fifth 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 Heredia

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

O people of God, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who live humbly and with gratitude with God, and who greatly delight in God's commands.

Our God watches over the homes of God's people; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

Our hearts are ready, O LORD, we will not be afraid. Let us worship the LORD with heart, mind, and spirit. Praise the LORD!

Opening Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

God, we praise you for your grace and mercy. The light of your love fills the earth. But we confess that faithfulness is harder than we expected. You call us to be the salt of the earth, to live lives of justice, righteousness, and love. But following your way is difficult. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost of doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be reflections of your light in 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 mercy of the Lord endures forever and God's grace is ever present. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Jesus calls us to be his companions in the way of faith. He heals us and makes us whole. May 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)

Gracious God, the words we read are ancient and true. On this day, may we hear them anew. Grant us hearts to discern your Spirit within them, and grant us courage to follow them in our lives this day. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

Anthem

You Are the Salt and Light

Pepper Choplin

All Stand

Gospel Reading

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law

or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

All Sit

Sermon

Fulfillment

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)

from *The Nicene Creed*

[We believe] in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Ricercare Secondo del Secondo Tuono

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)

O God, our creator and redeemer, all of life and all that fills life is a gift from your hand. You are a God full of generosity, kindness, and compassion. Having filled our lives to the brim, we now respond with grateful hearts, and we pray that our offerings today would fill the world with your praise even as your glory covers the earth. 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 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

Benediction

Postlude

Magnificat primi toni: Quia respexit

Jehan Titelouze

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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 and Maya Swartz

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15: Exodus 24:12–18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9

TODAY

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

THE ROSE AT THE PULPIT today affirmed the birth and is in honor of Timothy Everett Davis, who was born January 19, 2026. He is the son of Diana Bigler and Adam Davis and grandson of Kathryn and Mark Bigler.

THE ROSE AT THE PULPIT last week affirmed the birth and was in honor of Fiadh Leighton Carmichael. She is the daughter of Madelin and Ciaran Carmichael and the granddaughter of Rev. Kyle and LeAnn Otterbein.

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 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.

OUR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Join the youth today for their annual Souper Bowl of Caring. The event will take place after service in the Fellowship Hall. Several options for a hearty soup lunch are offered, and donations will support our food pantry and other missions that we help with food assistance.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will **NOT** meet today. They will join the Souper Bowl of Caring potluck today at 12:00 p.m. They will reconvene on February 15 and will eat at The Mustang Club located at 200 State Street.

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.

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.

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.

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 8

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Circle
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Souper Bowl of Caring
12:00 p.m. Lunch with Leaders

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle

Wednesday, February 11

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

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

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

Saturday, February 14

Valentine's Day

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