



The Visit. Artist: John Swanson.

Service for the Lord's Day

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *Praise Him!* Craig Courtney
Beth Pope, soprano Wayne Pope, baritone

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive) Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Hymn 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

adapted from Psalms 36 & 51

O God, we praise your steadfast love. We feast on the abundance of your house and we drink from the river of your delights. With you is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light. Yet, against you, you alone, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. So wash us thoroughly from our transgressions and cleanse us from sin. Create in us clean hearts and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn 518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

You're only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. to **Refrain**

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Know that in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

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)

based on Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Amen.

Psalm Reading (responsive)

Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Anthem

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

Jay Althouse

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him. Praise Him angels in the height; Sun and moon, rejoice before Him, Praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord for He hath spoken, Worlds His mighty voice obeyed; Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath He made. Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him, Laud and magnify His name. Sing His praise with heavenly voices; Hosts on high His power proclaim. Praise the Lord for He is glorious; Never shall His promise fail. God hath made His saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail! Praise the God of our salvation, Hosts on high His power proclaim; Heaven and earth and all creation laud and magnify, We laud and magnify His name.

All Stand

New Testament Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:9-21

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them.

See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast to what is good.

All Sit

Sermon

A Message from the Pew to the Pulpit

Dr. Robert Byrd

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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All Sit

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

The Scots Confession, chapter 1, God

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Moment for Mission: Buck in a Basket:

The Presbyterian Church Scholarship
Lilly Hunter, Director of Student Ministries

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Hymn

Vita sanctorum decus angelorum, verse 3

Samuel Scheidt

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, we give you thanks, for you are generous in steadfast love and mercy. You are the source of all good gifts. Receive now our tithes and offerings as our faithful response to your grace, and may they be a blessing to others in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 548

May God Support You All Your Days

DICKINSON COLLEGE

Benediction

Postlude

And Did Those Feet in Ancient Time

Hubert Parry

Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

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

LAY READER: Erika Solbert

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Maya Swartz

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY APRIL 26: Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Frederica Kernohan. 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 the Presbyterian Scholarship 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 AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at Ichiban, 1423 US-68W Bypass. 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 *Interrupting Silence: God's Command to Speak Out* by Walter Brueggemann. Join us in the 10th Street Parlor—there are several copies of the book available to use there.

OTHER NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We're looking for a few helping hands to move boxes from the Bell Tower to Terry's office. If you're able to lend a bit of time and strength, we'd be grateful. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Robin (officeasst24@bgpres.org) or Terry (administrator@bgpres.org) by email or by phone at 270-843-4707. Thank you in advance.

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.

OTTERBEIN RECEPTION The Otterbein Reception will take place next Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Franklin. Please come and join us in this heart-felt going-away celebration honoring Pastor Kyle and LeAnn as we thank them for their love, leadership, and the countless ways they've blessed our church family.

SAVE THE DATE-STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE Our church has been invited to participate and receive donations for our food pantry, from the Postal Service food drive. We need volunteers on May 9, from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the US Post Office on Scottsville Rd. to help sort, and transport donations. Please call Frederica Kernohan 270-981-7904 or the church office, if you have some time to assist.

SAVE THE DATE Cecelia Memorial will be taking donations for the upcoming 7th Annual Spring Giveaway at 716 College Street. They will be accepting anything from clothing to household items to toys. The date for the event will be Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. Call or Text Lovelyn Williams at 619-368-2103 if you have or donation or questions regarding the event. Thank you for your help in advance.

SAVE THE DATE The Lane Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 31 at 12:00 p.m. after worship service in Fellowship Hall. Please come join us for this joyful celebration to warmly welcome our new pastor, Rev. Patrick Lane and his wife, Rev. Brittany Lane, as they begin their ministry with us, and to surround them with love, support, and gratitude as they join our church family. This will be a Bowling Green/Kentucky themed Potluck.

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



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).



LAY READERS NEEDED FOR MAY/JUNE 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, April 19

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, March 20

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

Tuesday, March 21

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, April 24

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
6:00 p.m. Crafting-Fellowship Hall

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