



Christ and the Centurion, ca. 1571. Artist: Veronese, Paolo.¹

Service for the Lord's Day

June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Behold with Joy

William Billings/arr. Robert J. Powell

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

And proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Your steadfast love endures forever.

Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Happy are those who sing your praise

And extol your righteousness all day long.

Opening Hymn 334

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

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Call to Adoration and Confession

The scriptures of First John proclaim: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

From *What Would the Good Samaritan Do?* Baylor University website

God, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You embodied yourself in human form. You lived out your life among those who were sick—physically, mentally, and spiritually. You reached out to touch them, spoke words to comfort them, performed miracles to heal them. Heal us, we pray from the sins that grip and divide us. Heal us and help us to work for the healing and wholeness of our neighbors as well. Speak the word of your peace, and we shall be healed...A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn 443

There Is a Redeemer

Green

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain: Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain. **To Refrain**

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Col. 3:12-14

As God's own, be merciful in action, kind in heart, humble in mind. Forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above all else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for all Christ has done. The peace of Christ be with you all.

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)

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts - a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans of the land of Syria, on one of their raids, had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman came with his horses and

chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying,

"I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of the young, and he was clean.

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Anthem

How Great Thou Art

Old Russian Melody/arr. Ed Lojeski

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art. When through the forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim my God how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:1-13

When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him, and there was a man with a skin disease who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be made clean!" Immediately his skin disease was cleansed. Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me, and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will take their places at the banquet with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of God endures forever.

Thanks be to God.

All Sit
Sermon

Jesus for You and Me

Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 19 God of Great and God of Small GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

A Declaration of Faith, CH.10.1

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Placing our hope and trust in God above, let us offer up the blessings we have received, so that they may shine the light of God into the world around us.

Offertory

Permit Us, Lord

William Billings/arr. Robert J. Powell

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 of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. 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 311

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

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Benediction

Postlude *Let Tyrants Shake Their Iron Rod* William Billings/arr. Robert J. Powell

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¹Note: The Biblical story of Christ and the Centurion poses a challenge for an artist since it tells of a miracle that occurs “off stage.” Christ’s gesture of blessing and the convincing piety of the kneeling centurion communicate that the miracle has been accomplished. Author Paolo Veronese, oil on canvas ca. 1571.

*2Note: Today, Rev. Lane would like to offer you a **Prayer to Carry As You Go**—a simple, grounding blessing to hold onto as you step into the week ahead. Each Sunday, as you leave worship and return to your daily rhythms, use this short prayer to steady your spirit, remind you of God’s presence, and accompany you wherever the week leads. Today’s prayer is not just a closing thought; it’s an invitation to walk with purpose, hope, and peace. May it become a rhythm that strengthens you, encourages you, and keeps your heart aligned with what matters most.*

Prayer to Carry As You Go

In this century and in any century, our deepest hope, our most tender prayer, is that we learn to listen. May we listen to one another in openness and mercy. May we listen to plants and animals in wonder and respect. May we listen to our own hearts in love and forgiveness. May we listen to God in quietness and awe. And in this listening, which is boundless in its beauty, may we find the wisdom to cooperate with a healing spirit, a divine spirit who beckons us into peace and community and creativity. We do not ask for a perfect world, but we do ask for a better world. We ask for deep listening.

- Jay McDaniel, Professor of Religion, Hendrix College, Arkansas

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

USHERS: Kernohan and Hines families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Jacob Carr, Wyatt Edmonds, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, and Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Kelly Goad

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Helen Hatchett and Sara Parkerson

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Sally Calkins. 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 Food Pantry. 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 Burger and Bowl, 1131 Fairview Ave, Bowling Green, KY 42103. Come join us after church for amazing food, big laughs, and the kind of conversation that leaves you smiling the rest of the day.

CHURCH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT is tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Bring lawn chairs, blankets and your favorite movie candy, Fellowship Ministry is providing popcorn and drinks!

OTHER NEWS

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH will begin around July 6. Please be on the lookout for more updates. We appreciate everyone's patience and support during this time. Your understanding helps ensure the work can be completed safely and efficiently.

STAR SPANGLE SPECTACULAR. A powerful evening of music and American spirit is coming to SKYPAC This is a FREE concert taking place Thursday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. The theme this year: *A Star-Spangled Spectacular: Celebrating 250 Years of America* featuring Orchestra Kentucky of Bowling Green, the Orchestra Kentucky Chorale, and guest vocalist Steve Amerson. Sponsored by The Natcher Family. This FREE community concert will feature patriotic favorites, special moments honoring America's history, and remarks from Generals Dan Cherry and Steve Basham. While the event is free, reserved seating is required. You can reserve your seat today by scanning the QR code.



SMALL GROUP ROUND TABLE Do you have an idea or interest for a church small group? Want to learn about what small groups are, or what groups are available? Come gather after worship on July 12th in the fellowship hall to chat with Mary Evans and Pastor Patrick!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME You're invited to join in fellowship on July 17th at the Hotrods Faith and Family night (*and there's a firework show after the game!*). We have a block of 50 tickets reserved. Tickets are \$10 per ticket, and you can sign up outside the sanctuary on the landing! Information about the ballgame can be found on the Hot Rods website.

SAVE THE DATE We are less than two months away from Pig Pickin 2026, and we couldn't be more excited. our church family will gather on Sunday, August 16 for one of our most joyful traditions. We'll begin with a 10:00 a.m. worship service and the picnic lunch immediately afterward... and yes, it's going to be *delicious*...Yummm!

PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER (PLC) is currently seeking volunteer substitute teachers for our 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old classes. This is a wonderful opportunity to support young learners, gain hands-on experience in early childhood education, and make a meaningful impact with children. If you enjoy working with children, have a heart for service, or simply want to lend a helping hand, we would love to hear from you. Training and guidance will be provided to ensure you feel confident and supported in the classroom. For more information or to express your interest, please contact PLC Director Kimberly Watkins at plcdirector@bgpres.org.

ART EXHIBIT The Sunny 16 Photography Exhibit, now featured in the fellowship hall, will remain on display until July 31. This vibrant collection showcases Summer Nature as seen through the lenses of members of the Sunny 16 Camera Club. Each photograph highlights the unique artistry, skill, and perspective of local photographers who capture the season's beauty in striking detail. If a particular piece speaks to you, you can purchase it directly from the photographer using the email address provided on the artwork's label. It's a wonderful way to support local artists and bring a bit of summer's inspiration into your home.

CHURCH 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 JULY/AUGUST 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, June 28

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
6:00 p.m. Church Family Movie Night

Monday, June 29

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, June 30

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

Wednesday, July 1

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group

Thursday, July 2

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

Friday, July 3

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

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