



Episcopal Chapel Teton Mountains; Photograph by Joseph Byrd

Service for the Lord's Day

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Diligam te, Domine

Ascanio Trombe

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Opening Hymn 25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

Winchester Old

Call to Adoration and Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Deiter Trautwien, German Theologian

We confess to You Lord, what we are: we are not the people we like to think we are; we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. But we do not want to hide our true selves from You. We believe that You know us as we are, and yet You love us. Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge: teach us to respect ourselves for Your sake; give us courage to put our trust in Your guiding power. Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt into the freedom and energy of forgiven people. And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free, through Jesus Christ our Lord
...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)

South African Liturgy

Almighty God have mercy upon you; forgive you all your sins and deliver you from all evil;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Thomas Aquinas

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and faithfulness that may finally embrace you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading (responsive)

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Anthem

Dwell Thou in Me
Johnna Smith, soprano

Marian Wood Chaplin

Dwell Thou in me, Lord, dwell within my very soul; my fortress be, protecting me 'gainst angry seas of lost control; Lord, dwell within my soul. Dwell Thou in me; Lord, dwell within my longing heart. That I, through Thee, be conscious of Thy giving love to thus impart. Lord, dwell within my heart and guide my steps, direct my way to strengthen those whose paths from Thee are straying. Dwell Thou in me, Lord, dwell within my restless mind; grant that I see the nobler deed, the simple need of being kind. Lord, dwell within my mind and steadfastly, Lord, steadfastly, dwell Thou in me.

All Stand

Psalm Reading (responsive)

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

What are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All Sit

Message

I Am Just the Speaker, You are the Theologians

Dr. Robert Byrd

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 613

O Lord, Our Lord
Sing through 3 times

HOW MAJESTIC

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

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; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Let us do the good that we have to give and lift up to God our time, talent and offerings.*

Offertory

Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)
Johnna Smith, soprano

Chris Rice

*Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die, o, raise your head for love is passing by,
come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live. Now your burden's lifted, and
carried far away, and precious blood has washed away the stain... so sing to Jesus, sing
to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live. And like a newborn baby, Don't be afraid to crawl, And
remember when you walk sometimes we fall... so fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus
and live. Sometimes the way is lonely and steep and filled with pain, So if your sky is dark
and pours the rain... then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live. O, and when the
love spills over, And music fills the night, and when you can't contain your joy inside... then
dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live. And with your final heartbeat,
kiss the world goodbye, then go in peace, and laugh on glory's side... and fly to Jesus, fly
to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live.*

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)

Francis of Assisi

**You are holy, Lord, the only God; and Your deeds are wonderful. You are strong,
You are great, You are the most High, You are almighty. You, Holy Father, are King
of heaven and earth. You are Three and One, Lord God, all good. You are good, all
good, supreme good. Loving God, living and true. You are love, You are wisdom,
You are humility, You are endurance. You are rest, You are peace. You are joy and
gladness. You are justice and moderation. You are all our riches, and You suffice
for us. You are beauty, You are gentleness. You are protector, you are our guardian
and defender. You are courage, You are haven and our hope. You are faith, our
great consolation. You are our eternal life, great and wonderful Lord. God Almighty,
merciful Saviour. 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 546

Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN

Postlude

Franois Couperin

Sermon Notes

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

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

LITURGIST: Ernie Small

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Kathleen Gildersleeve and Sara Parkerson

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Sharon Hendrix. 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 Habitat. 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.

MAHJONG SMALL GROUP Summer of Mahjong! Want to play? Want to learn? Bring your lunch and invite your friends! We will gather after worship service today. Contact Margaret Stein at 270-779-2579 with any questions.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will pause gatherings until after *Pig Pickin'* (August 16). They will resume their usual scheduled gathering once the event is over.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH Children in Grades K-5 will not leave the sanctuary for Children's Church today, July 26, or August 2. Children's Activity Packets are available in the Narthex.

OTHER NEWS

TOUGH QUESTIONS NIGHT Join us on July 22nd at 6pm for tough questions night! Ask our panel anything anonymously through the QR code below or bring your questions for in person discussion. Questions on scripture, theology, life, culture, etc. are all welcome. Let's work out our faith together as we wrestle with tough questions!



BLOOD DRIVE On Thursday, July 23, Blood Assurance will be in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. When you donate locally, you're helping ensure lifesaving blood is available before an emergency happens. Right now, Blood Assurance is seeing increased demand from local hospitals across our region. From trauma patients and cancer treatments to premature babies and new moms, blood is needed every day.

SATURDAY MEALS On July 25, please consider assisting in our week to prepare and deliver meals to shut-ins around our Bowling Green/Warren County area. Many hands make light work and more smiles. The contact person is Frederica Kernohan, 270-991-7904. There are several ways you can volunteer:

Vehicle Loading: 8:00-9:30 a.m.

We need **2** to assist in loading the items into the cars.

Delivery: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

We need **11** drivers for this shift.

Pull in to the queue at First Baptist Church, and the crew will load your car and give you instructions on delivery. Most folks are finished within 1 hour.

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH will begin around July 27. 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.

SAVE THE DATE We are less than a month 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).



LITURGIST 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.

The Presbyterian Church Staff

Pastor
Director of Student Ministries
Director of Music/Chancel Choir Director
Children's Music Director
Organist
Financial Administrator
Treasurer
Office Coordinator
Director, Preschool Learning Center
Custodian
Clerk of Session
Sound Attendant/Sunday Sexton

Rev. Patrick Lane
Mrs. Lilly Hunter
Dr. Wayne Pope
Mrs. Beth Pope
Dr. Nathaniel Brown
Mrs. Terry Johnson
Mr. Steve Moore
Mrs. Robin Watkins Tolbert
Ms. Kimberly Watkins
Mr. Cedric Whitney
Mrs. Debbie Trickey
Ms. Laura Parkerson

Visit Our Church Website: <https://bgpres.org>



Calendar

Sunday, July 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. Mahjong Small Group

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Meeting
6:00 p.m. Tough Question Night

Thursday, July 23

9:00 a.m. Blood Assurance- Blood Drive

Friday, July 24

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

Donate Online: The church website, <https://bgpres.org/give>, accepts online donations. Just go to our website, <https://bgpres.org/give>, and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You may also scan this QR code:



The Presbyterian Church, 1003 State Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101

270-843-4707 • www.bgpres.org

Pastor Patrick Lane • Patrick.Lane@bgpres.org • 364-999-4885

MEET AND CHAT If you would like to schedule a call or meet up with Pastor Patrick Lane, he has made the process simple and convenient. Just scan the QR code with your phone, and you'll be guided directly to his appointment page. It only takes a moment, and it ensures you can connect with him at a time that works best for you.

