



Christ Gives the Keys of the Kingdom to Peter, ca. 1817-1818. Artist: Thorvaldsen, Bertel

Service for the Lord's Day

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Sonata pian e forte
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

Giovanni Gabrieli

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 145

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

the Maker of heaven and earth,

who comes to our aid in times of need,

who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,

who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us

and confess Him alone as Saviour and Lord.

This is our God! Let's worship together!

Opening Hymn 310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

Call to Adoration and Confession

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace; too rushed to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste; exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values; unaware to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes; preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name...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)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

we would now be lost in sin.

But it is the Lord who is on our side.

And so we are forgiven. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. In the name of the Holy One, the Christ, the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Young Christians are welcomed to the front to go to Children's Church

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only Your Spirit can give that gift. Be in my breath and voice, be in my ears and understanding, that through these words Your Word may be known. Amen.

Psalm Reading (responsive)

Psalm 124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say— if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Anthem*Beautiful Savior*

Robert Lee

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forever more be Thine. Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forever more be Thine.

*All Stand***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Thanks be to God*All Sit***Sermon***What's in a Name*

Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word*All Stand***Response Hymn 330***Our Help Is in the Name of God*

OLD 124TH

*All Sit***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

Scots Confession 3.14

We confess and acknowledge that God has given to man the holy law, to have one God, to worship and honor him, to call upon him in all our troubles, to reverence his holy Name, to hear his Word and to believe it, and to share in his holy sacraments, belong to the first kind. To honor father, mother, princes, rulers, and superior powers; to love them, to support them, to obey their orders if they are not contrary to the commands of God, to save the lives of the innocent, to repress tyranny, to defend the oppressed, to keep our bodies clean and holy, to live in soberness and temperance, to deal justly with all men in word and deed, and, finally, to repress any desire to harm our neighbor, are the good works of the second kind, and these are most pleasing and acceptable to God as he has commanded them himself.

*All Sit***Offering*****Call to Offering***

The apostle Paul proclaims to the church, 'We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached.' Therefore, let us give to the Lord the gifts we have received.

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 Mighty One, You have done great things for us, and holy is Your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

All Sit

Confirmation

Opening Words

Call to the Confirmands

One: Do you promise to explore your faith and relationship with the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, throughout this journey of confirmation with an open mind and an honest heart;

Two: And will you work to have sincere and faithful conversations as you journey forward with your classmates, your leaders, your friends, and your congregation? If so, say I Do and I Will

Confirmands: I Do and I Will

One: As you explore other faiths and practices, do you promise to be respectful of their ways, and open to your own feelings about others ways of being;

Two: and at the conclusion of your confirmation journey, will you be honest with yourself, your leaders, and the congregation about your journey and your feelings of faith and understanding? If so, say I Do and I Will

Confirmands: I Do and I Will

Charge to the Congregation

One: When a person is baptized, the congregation makes promises, in which they promise to help them grow; and so I invite you now to reaffirm this baptismal vow, "Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children of God, by word and deed, with love and prayer, as they discern their faith and relationship with God? If so, say 'We Do'.

Congregation: We Do!

Two: And as the body of Christ, joined together by the Spirit, will you ask them questions about their confirmation journey, will you open your mind alongside them in conversation, and support them in the choices they make at the conclusion of confirmation? If so, say 'We Will'

Congregation: We Will!

Presentation of Confirmation Symbol

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 69

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

HERE I AM

Benediction

Postlude

Fuga primi toni

Christian Erbach

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*Note: 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

Look at me with mercy, O God, as I meditate to know and love you more and more. I call on you for guidance. Where I have not fulfilled your Commandments, I humbly kneel down in prayer for forgiveness. Keep encouraging me, O God, in all I do to please you. In your mercy, O God, where all is peace, I'll be led not to regret but to rejoice as in your company I get all my comfort.

- written by Fred R Musimenta, Uganda from *Prayers Encircling the World*

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

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LITURGIST READER: Julia Roberts

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TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Nancy Carwell. 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 DRITI. Buck in a Basket Offering is a weekly opportunity to consider contributing (during the offering) to a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at McAlister's Deli, located at 2127 Gary Farm Blvd. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food, warm fellowship, and uplifting conversation. This group is perfect for anyone who enjoys going out to eat after church and spending time with others in a relaxed, friendly setting.

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 meets on Sunday mornings. This Fall, the class will be reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. Join us in the 10th Street Parlor—there will be several copies of the book available to use there.

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH has been completed, and worship services have officially returned to the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this season of improvements. Your willingness to adapt made it possible for the work to move forward smoothly. As we gather again in the sanctuary, take a brief moment to enjoy the beautification that has taken place. The refreshed walls and renewed atmosphere reflect the care, effort, and dedication poured into this project. We are grateful to the Property Ministry for their hard work and dedication in prepping and resetting before and after this painting project. Their steady commitment and willingness to serve helped restore and refresh our space in a meaningful way.

OTHER NEWS

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS We are looking for volunteers on Sunday mornings in the nursery to help care for our youngest attendees. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve families, share kindness, and create a safe, loving environment for children while parents attend worship. Even one Sunday a month helps tremendously! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sam Evans at 270-779-6125 or email him at Sam.Evans@wku.edu. Your willingness to serve makes a real difference.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will begin on August 26th at 6pm. We will be studying: N.T. Wright and Michael Bird's book "The New Testament You Never Knew: Exploring the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God", which is both a personal study alongside a group study. This study is designed to enrich both your personal walk with Christ and your growth within the community, offering insight that deepens understanding and strengthens faith. It will be 8 weeks long, and YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND EVERY CLASS TO JOIN! If you'd like to receive a study guide book, please sign up by scanning the QR code so that the church knows how many to order for the class. I truly hope you'll gather with me as we dive deeper into Scripture and discover more of God's story—and our place within it. There is something powerful that happens when God's people open His Word together, and I believe these weeks will be both meaningful and transformative. -Pastor Patrick



FALL GIVEAWAY Cecelia Memorial is now accepting donations for this year's Fall Giveaway. The event will take place at Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church, 716 College St. Bowling Green, KY on September 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There is a great need in our community, and your generosity can make a real difference. We are collecting school supplies, clothing for young men and women, gently used sports equipment and music items. Every contribution helps meet a genuine need. Please contact Lovelyn at lovelynab@yahoo.com; ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com, text or call 619-368-2103 for drop-off location. Thank you so much for whatever help you can give. Lovelyn.

OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER has an amazon wish list. *"Teachers shape little minds but we can't do it without your help"* Each item helps support our teachers and students by providing classroom materials, learning tools, and supplies that make a big difference in our daily activities. To view the list and choose an item, visit the PLC Wish List today by scanning the QR code—every contribution, no matter the size, helps our little learners thrive!



LITURGIST NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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, August 23

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
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
11:45 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
11:45 p.m. WKU Topper Ministry Luncheon & Discussion
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
1:45 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
1:00 p.m. CUICHM

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study

Friday, August 28

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

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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.

