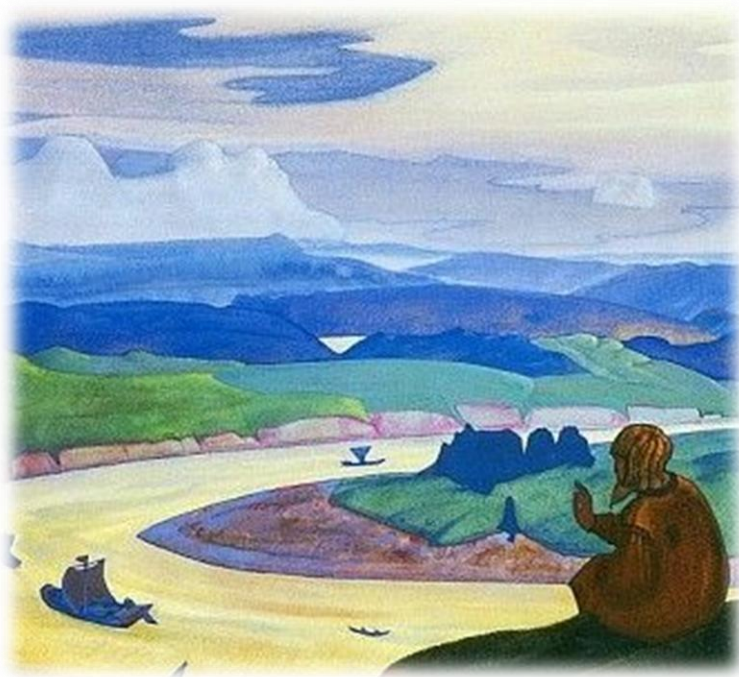




Procopius the Righteous Praying. Artist: Nicholas Roerich

Service for the Lord's Day

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost *Gathering Around the Word of Worship*

Gathering Music Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *Six Studies in Canon Form - I.
Nicht zu schnell*
Robert Schumann

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to God glorious praise.

All the earth worships You; they sing praises to You and to Your name.

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love.

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Christ Jesus, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise and joyful song, in this time and in all times, through the grace of Christ Jesus, we lift our voices.

Opening Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Adoration and Confession

Hebrews 4

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God using Hymn 441.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Hymn 441 will be our confession this morning, followed by A Silence for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn 443

There Is a Redeemer

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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)

The good news of salvation is surely that in the love of Christ, the joining of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of God, we are forgiven this day!

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Christ our Lord is the Prince of Peace. With the peace of Christ in our hearts may we be at peace among ourselves and share the love of God with each other, as we greet one another saying, Peace 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)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalm Reading (responsive)

Psalm 105 / Hymn 59 *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Anthem

Sing a New Song

Michael Praetorius/arr. Mark Schweizer

Sing a new song, Sing to God with a voice of triumph, Make His praises known to all the nations; Sing the honor of His name.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-19

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.

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

Thanks be to God.



All Sit

Sermon

Pray Like Dolly

Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

All Sit

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

It is with a song in our hearts and prayer upon our lips that we give to God our times, our talents, and our tithes as we are able. So let us lift all that we have and all that we are before the Lord in offering and praise this day, and every day. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BuxWV 224

Dietrich Buxtehude

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)

*Hymn 654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful
(Sing through twice)*

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.***

Lift up your voices: the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

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 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

Benediction

Postlude

Präludium in G

Fanny Hensel

*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

God, the Bible says to be thankful at all times. This is hard to do, especially when I think that a situation is unfair. When I get angry, all kinds of negative thoughts come rushing into my mind. But maybe that's the point of being thankful. If I could debate with myself, I'd ask, "What is good about what happened?" I'll try to think positively, and maybe I'll find a solution, an alternative, or a new perspective. Amen.

-A Moment with God for Teens by Lisa Flinn

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Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

CHOIR: Barbara Brindle, Trudy Burkeen, Tim Daniel, Craig Heller, Keelin Murrell, Beth Pope, Wayne Pope, Mack Overfelt, Sammy Del Ray, Diane Simmons, Johnna Smith, and Walker Woods

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TODAY

THANK YOU Today will be Collegiate Ensemble member Johnna Smith's last service with us. Johnna has accepted a position at Broadway Methodist Church, which includes extensive music directing and organizational opportunities. As a senior Music Education major at WKU, this is a wonderful opportunity for relatable experience and ministry. We appreciate Johnna for sharing her talents, lovely voice, and warm personality with us for the past two years and offer her our blessing and prayers. Thank you, Johnna. God be with you.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Jan Morgan. 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 Cafe' Italia, located at 1567 River Street. 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 Isaiah. 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.

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

YOUTH MEALS We need volunteers to provide home-cooked or purchased meals for our youth during Sunday group meetings. If you'd like to help, the sign-up sheet is available in the church landing.

OTHER NEWS

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will begin 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. They 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 30

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group-Mini Golf

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

Friday, September 4

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

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