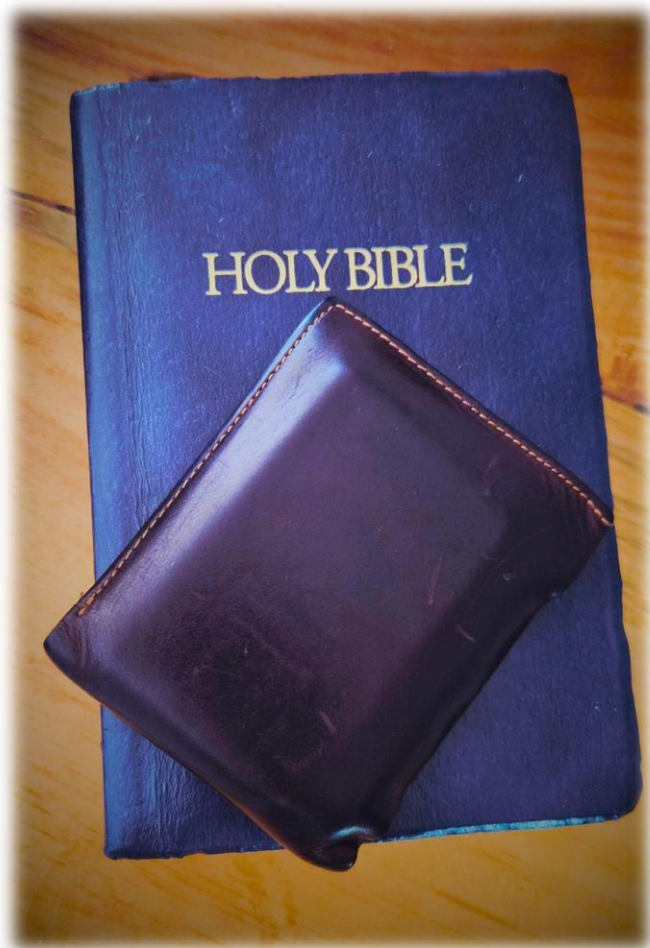




Service for the Lord's Day

September 6, 2026

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

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *Salve de 1° tono por delasolre*
 Sebastián Aguilera de Heredia

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

The word has come for us from God:

who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

The word has come to us from Jesus:

who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

The word flows to us from the Spirit:

who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

Opening Hymn 393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELIEN

Call to Adoration and Confession

Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world, you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire. We give thanks for all that has been given throughout the ages. Even as you journey beside us, we turn from Your teachings in Christ. Your Word to us is twisted in our ears, our hearts, and our minds. Continue to open us to Your ever-living Word, that we may become transformed by the renewing of Your Word in our hearts. Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other, as you create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds. It is in the name of Christ that we lift up this confession and prayer to You, Our God...A Silence is observed 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 mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you of all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we were called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that they through hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Zechariah 7:4-12

Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me: "Say to all the people of the land and the priests: When you fasted and lamented in the fifth month and in the seventh for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted? And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat and drink only for yourselves? Were not these the words that the Lord proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, along with the towns around it, and when the Negeb and the Shephelah were inhabited?"

The word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying: "Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another; do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another. But they refused to listen and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears in order not to hear. They made their hearts adamant in order not to hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great wrath came from the Lord of hosts.

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Anthem

Psalms 150

John Harper

Alleluya, alleluya. Praise God in his holy place, Praise him in his mighty heav'ns, Praise him for his powerful deeds, Praise his surpassing greatness. Alleluya, alleluya. O praise him with sound of trumpet, Praise him with lute and harp, Praise him with timbrel and dance, Praise him with strings and pipe. Alleluya, alleluya. O praise him with resounding cymbals, Praise him with clashing of cymbals, Let ev'rything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.

All Stand

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings, the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be

persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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

Thanks be to God.

All Sit

Sermon

The Bible and the Billfold

Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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All Sit

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Hearing Christ's words to us this day, let us give as we are able and lift up our offerings and lives to the LORD.

Offertory Hymn

A Verse of 3 parts

Thomas Tomkins

All Stand

Doxology

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*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)

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...Therefore, we join our voices with the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name....

SANCTUS

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

All Sit

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (continuation) 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Anthem

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Arlen Clarke

*Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me. Let us
drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees; When I fall on
my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me. Let us praise God
together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees; When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun. O Lord have mercy on me.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...A Moment of Silence...

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Benediction

Postlude

Präludium in G

Fanny Hensel

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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

A Three Step Morning Prayer

First Step: Plant your feet firmly on the earth. Using your five senses, give thanks to our Creator God for the countless ways God comes to us through creation- for all the beauty that your eyes see, for all the sounds that your ears hear, for all the scents that you smell, the tastes that you taste, for all that you feel (the sun, wind, rain, snow, warm, or cold). Pray this day that you may be open and attuned to the countless ways that our Creator God comes to us through your senses, through the gifts of creation.

Second Step: Let go of all the pain, struggle, regret, failures, garbage of yesterday - step out of it - leave it behind- brush the dust of it from your feet. **Third Step:** With this third and final step, step into the gift of the new day, full of hope, promise, and potential. Give thanks for the gift of this new day, which God has made! Amen.

-Jose Hobday, member of the indigenous peoples and author

Sermon Notes

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Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pam Bratcher, Jan Morgan, Dan Stelling, and Debbie Trickey

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LITURGIST:

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Claire Ellington

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Gabby Treju-Hernandez

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 Living Water. 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 Ruby May's Kitchen, 145 River Place Avenue. We hope you can join us for delicious food and great conversation. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others.

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. 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on September 7 in honor of LABOR DAY. The staff will be celebrating with their families on this holiday.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS BOOK Christmas in October? Not quite, but that's when we'd like you to submit your devotional for this year's book! Michelle Fluit and Erika Solberg will again be collecting your words and pictures to help us prepare for Christmas. The sign-up sheet is available on the landing outside the chapel. The theme this year is "Until the Dawn." Please send your submission by October 19 to solberg770@gmail.com. For more information, a list of passages to choose from, and guidance on how to write a devotional, see the church website or contact Erika at the above email or at 270-202-5149.

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 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 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 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, September 6

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 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
12:00 p.m. New Members Class

Monday, September 7-Labor Day-Office Closed

9:00 a.m. God/Dog is Love

Tuesday, September 8

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:30 a.m. Wed. Morning Young Mothers and Others Circle
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, September 11

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

Saturday, September 12

10:00 a.m. Buddy Walk- Hot Rod Baseball Stadium

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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.

