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Service for the Lord's Day

October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *Adoramus te, Christe* Giovanni Maria Nanino
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body
Call to Worship (responsive)

Great is the Lord of Life!
For life we were created, and to life we are called.
Great is the God of Righteousness!
We have been taught righteousness, and we seek to walk in the right way.
Great is the Ruler of Nations!
We are his handiwork, the sheep of his hand, and like a shepherd he tends us.

Opening Hymn 514 *Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness* SCHMÜCKE DICH

Call to Adoration and Confession

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 sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God who loves us as the truest Father, let us confess our sins together, trusting that we will be met with love, forgiveness, and restoration.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name…*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

Confessional Hymn *Lord, I Need You* C. Nichols, D. Carson, J. Reeves, K. Stanfill, M. Maher

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart; You're the
One that guides my heart (*chorus*)

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me. (*chorus*)

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need
You, Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness.
Oh God, how I need You.

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good!

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

We have peace with God through the work of Jesus Christ! So let us celebrate this peace by sharing peace with one another. The peace of Christ 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)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive) Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *I am Bound for the Kingdom* Mark Hahn

Come, Thou fount of ev 'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I am bound for the King-dom will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. I am bound for the Kingdom will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. I am bound for the King-dom will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

All Stand

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

All Sit

Sermon *Weddings, Crashers* *Rev. Bailey Pickens*

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 503 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* O QUANTA QUALIA

All Sit

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

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

We are guests at the feast, and even now the table is being laid; so let us help to lay it, bringing what we have and offering it to God who is bringing us all to the table.

Offertory *Fantasia II* James Harding

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)

Gracious and steadfast God, how good you are! You sustain your church and equip its members for the work of your kingdom. Receive these gifts for the building up of your people, and gift us also courage and love to go out into the field, where the harvest is plentiful but the laborers few. 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 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE

Benediction

Postlude *Christe qui lux es & dies*, verse 4 Samuel Scheidt

[1]*Note: A mural in Central Square, Cambridge, MA. This mural took 20 gallons of acrylic paint and four months to complete with the help of volunteers.*

[2]*Note: Today, Rev. Pickens 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

Jesus, you promised your yoke was easy and your burden light, so when I'm dragging a bunch of heavy stuff you didn't give me, *HELP ME PUT IT DOWN!*

Sermon Notes

Announcements

USHERS: Hine and Kernohan families
CHOIR: Barbara Brindle, Trudy Burkeen, Tim Daniel, Craig Heller, Keelin Murrell, Beth Pope, Wayne Pope, Mack Overfelt, Sammy Del Ray, Diane Simmons, and Walker Woods
LITURGIST: Margaret Stein
MEDIA PERSONNEL: Claire Ellington
NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Gabby Treju-Hernandez

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 Angel Tree Meals. 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 Dos Bros, 2508 Scottsville Road. 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. Come join us!

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.

COMMUNITY HOEDOWN will take place this **Friday, October 16** in Fellowship Hall, and everyone is invited to join in the fun. This event is sponsored by The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, and is open to the entire community—whether you're an experienced dancer or stepping onto the dance floor for the very first time. ***We ask all participants to bring a side dish*** and wear comfortable shoes.

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

BELLEWOOD & BROOKLAWN The Empowerment Group: Making a Difference, BG Resource Connections Village, and Warren County Rotary Club are coming together to collect new personal-care essentials for children and youth entering foster care with Bellewood & Brooklawn. Community members can donate at participating locations throughout Bowling Green. You can drop off your items at The Presbyterian Church office. Scan the QR code if you would like to donate or receive more information. You may also contact: Nawdya Fletcher, Foster Care Coordinator at (270) 498-7168 nfletcher@bellewoodandbrooklawn.org for additional information.

SATURDAY MEALS On October 24, it is our turn to serve SATURDAY MEALS. Many hands make light work and more smiles. We need volunteers for the following:

- *Thursday and Friday (October 22 and 23) at 9:00 p.m.-Panera Bread Pickup (Fred can provide details)*
- *Saturday (October 24) from 6:30-8:30 a.m.-need **9** volunteers for bagging/ sorting/ meal assembly*
- *From 8:15-8:30 a.m.-need **11** drivers for meal delivery.*

Please text or email Fred Kernohan (270-991-7904 or jfkernohan@ yahoo.com) with your availability as soon as possible. Grab a friend or family member and deliver some meals.

SAVE THE DATE Under 40? Come join us at Brianna Trickey's home for a football tailgate-themed evening of fellowship, food, and fun on Sunday, **October 25**. Invite your friends and family!

SAVE THE DATE We're excited to announce that the Housing Authority of BG, First Christian Church, The Presbyterian Church, and Christ Episcopal Church will be hosting **Trunk or Treat** on **October 28** at 5:30 p.m**.** in the First Christian Church parking lot! We need all who are able to decorate a trunk! We will also need 5 volunteers to serve pizza and lemonade. Can't make it? Bring a bag of candy to the office for others to give out! We will have games, inflatables, face painting, photo booth, dinner, and more for Housing Authority residents and church members. Contact the church office at 270-843-4707 or Lilly.Hunter@bgpres.org for more information. To sign up for the event, scan the QR code!

SAVE THE DATE Fall Festival at Rob Byrd's Farm will take place on Sunday, **November 1,** from 3:30-6:30 p.m. This is a family event, and all church members, family, and friends are welcome. Activities being planned include a hayride, fishing in the pond, volleyball, games, painting pumpkins and gourds, s'mores around a bonfire, and more. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish to eat with hamburgers!

SAVE THE DATE Join us on Saturday, November 7, at 1:30 p.m. for a fun-filled WKU Tailgate and Watch Party in Fellowship Hall! We will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks, so all you need to bring is your team spirit and enthusiasm. All members and friends are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE On Thursday, November 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.

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

Monday, October 12
9:00 a.m. God/Dog is Love
12:00 p.m. Circle 9
5:30 p.m. Finance Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, October 13
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, October 14
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
Open Table-College Min. (WKU Campus)

Friday, October 16
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
6:00 p.m. Community Hoedown

Saturday, October 17
8:00 a.m. Youth Group-Saturday Meals
11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life-Dr. Wayne Hendrix
Downtown Fall Fiesta

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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.