

Embarkation of Paul to Ostia. Author: Claude Lorrian, 1600-1682.

Service for the Lord's Day

October 18, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
Wayne Pope, baritone Nathaniel Brown, piano
Watts/Ken/arr. Anna Laura Page

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountain rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne; while all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care; and ev'rywhere that man can be, God is present there. I sing the great and mighty pow'r of God!

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive) adapted from *Worship Sourcebook*

Eternal Light,
shine into our hearts;
Eternal Goodness;
deliver us from evil;
Eternal Power;
be our support;
Eternal Wisdom,
scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
Eternal Love,
have mercy upon us,
May we, Your people, this day and every day, have open eyes to see and open ears to hear Your presence among us.
Open us to Your Holy Spirit, Lord, and prepare us for worship.

Opening Hymn 405 Praise God for This Holy Ground HEYMONYSTRAAT

Call to Adoration and Confession Isaiah 43:2

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trail, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue, the fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Christ Jesus…*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) Acts 10:43

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. With faith in the One who came as the Word made flesh, I declare to you in the name of Christ Jesus that we are forgiven this day, through his grace and mercy.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, as we greet one another saying, “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)

God our helper, by Your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and Your word is proclaimed, we may be led into Your truth and taught Your will, for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive) Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me.I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Alleluia, I Have Chosen* Wayne L. Wold

Alleluia. I have chosen and have consecrated this house, so that my name may be there forever. (2 Chronicles 7:16).

All Stand

New Testament Reading Acts 10:24-43

The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. On Peter's arrival, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled, and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is improper for a Jew to associate with or to visit an outsider, but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?"

Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say."

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Thanks be to God.

All Sit

Sermon Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 236 *The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY

All Sit

Affirmation of Faith (unison) Brief Statement of Faith, lines 7-26

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. This we believe and proclaim, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

All Sit

Offering Romans 12:1

Call to Offering

Paul's letter to the Romans proclaims, "Here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life- and place it before God as an offering". Hearing these words, let us give as we are able as an offering to God.

Offertory *Wir gläuben all an einen Gott* Stephan Mahu
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

All Stand

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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, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us- Christ Jesus, our Lord. 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 485 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ENGELBERG

Benediction

Postlude *Magnificat primi toni - Misericordia ejus* Jehan Titelouze

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

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world. Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Announcements

USHERS: Hines 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: Jan Morgan
MEDIA PERSONNEL: Claire Ellington
NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Gabby Treju-Hernandez

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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place today after Worship Service.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at India Oven, 1755 Scottsville Rd. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others. We hope you can join us for delicious Indian food and great conversation!

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.

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.

SATURDAY MEALS PEAS DONATION Please consider donating 15oz cans of peas for the Saturday Meals Holiday boxes. We are working towards the goal of 240 cans. Donations may be placed in the main office new file room with a label stating Saturday 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.

SAVE THE DATE As we gather to celebrate the blessings of the season, the Fellowship Ministry will host the annual Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, **November 26,** at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A delicious Turkey and Dressing dinner will be provided. They ask everyone attending to bring their favorite side dish to share. All members and friends are welcome.

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 sign-up 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 Leadership

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Calendar

Sunday, October 18
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
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
11:45 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
Mahjong Group
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, October 19
9:00 a.m. God/Dog is Love
5:30 p.m. Christian Ed Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, October 20
10:00 a.m. PLC Picture Day
11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 21
7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Open Table-College Min. (WKU Campus)

Friday, October 23
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, October 24
8:00 a.m. Saturday Meals
Youth 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.

Lane Appointment Calendar