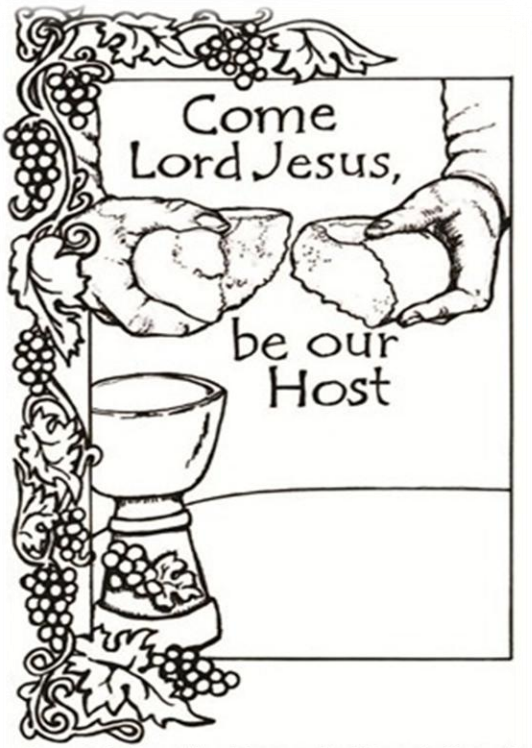


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Service for the Lord's Day

October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *All Creatures of Our God and King*
Julianna Waller-Martinez, violin Carlos Martinez, piano
LASST UNSERFREUN

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body
Call to Worship (responsive)
This call to worship comes from France and is an adaptation of a prayer written by priest Pierre Talec.

What a long road has been travelled since the day the risen Christ revealed himself to the disciples from Emmaus!

Yet it is the same road we walk again today: Christ is still speaking, still celebrating the Eucharist.

May this Communion, conquering doubt and fear, be for everyone a sign of You in our lives, as we wait for you in our living today.

May Christ's words and the breaking of the bread, shared down through the centuries, renew in us the fidelity of love amid all the realities of life!

Opening Hymn 637 O Sing to the Lord CANTAI AO SENHOR
This hymn originated in Brazil, and has been translated into multiple languages used in the Americas

Call to Adoration and Confession Bedouin *(semi-nomadic Arabs)* Prayer

O Lord, be gracious unto us! In all that we hear or see, in all that we say or do, be gracious unto us. Trusting in Your grace, O God, we present the sins that divide us from You and one another as we confess together…

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)
translated from the Iglesia Evangélica del Río de la Plata (Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay)*

The psalmist says: The Lord desires to hear me; therefore I will call upon him as long as I live. Dear Jesus, we ask Your forgiveness for the harm we have caused our brothers and sisters in thought and action, where we have burdened others instead of lightening their loads. Forgive us if we have spread discouragement, adding to their worries instead of contributing to their happiness. Jesus, we ask You to remain among us, to open our minds and hearts today, so that we may be ready to celebrate Your humility and self-giving life. Jesus, we ask that together we may work our hearts so that they may be soft clay in Your hands, and firm clay in the service of my brother…*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) Isaiah 43:1,19

Do not fear, says the LORD, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

The apostle Paul instructs the church to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed you; this is for the glory of God. Let us give glory to God and greet one another saying, "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) liturgy adapted from *Australian prayer*

We gather today as people of God, as a community of Christ's followers. We come to share Word and Sacrament, to discern faithful service. May the Word, read and proclaimed this day, lead us to serve God in this community and every land, as the Spirit beckons to us from the living word which God gave to his people through the prophets, apostles, and Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

First Reading (responsive) Matthew 26: 17-19 & 26-29

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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

Thanks be to God

Anthem *Meditation of Thais* Jules Massenet

Julianna Waller-Martinez, violin Carlos Martinez, piano

All Stand

Second Reading Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

Thanks be to God.

All Sit

Sermon *Bread for a Hungry World* Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

This hymn’s texts comes to us from Sylvia Dunstan a minister in the United Church of Canada.

All Sit

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Belhar Confession, which comes from the South African Anglican Church

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

All Sit

Offering from *Center for Faith and Giving, Disciples of Christ*

Call to Offering

The first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday, when congregations of many denominations include recognition of one another and of the meal which binds us together in Christ. Thinking of thousands of churches around the globe, today we give thanks that Christ's table stretches from America to Antarctica and from Zurich to Zambia. As we call to mind our sisters and brothers in faith around the globe, let us now give as we are able to God's kingdom.

Offertory Hymn *This is My Father's World* English Folk Tune

Julianna Waller-Martinez, violin Carlos Martinez, piano

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) *This prayer comes from Samoa by an unknown author*

Almighty God, Your word of creation caused the waters to be filled with many kinds of living beings and the air to be filled with birds. With those who live in this world's small islands we rejoice in the richness of creation, and we pray for Your wisdom for all who live on this earth, that we may wisely manage and not destroy what you have made for us and for our descendants. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

The Lord's Supper

Celebration of New Members

Tim Daniel received via letter of transfer

Debbie Daniel received via letter of transfer

Susan McSween received via letter of transfer

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 SANCTUS

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

While Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with his friends and followers, he took the bread from the table, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took and poured the cup, saying: Take, drink. This is the new covenant, sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Now, whenever we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Christ until he comes again in glory.

Music at Communion *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* William J. Kirkpatrick
Julianna Waller-Martinez, violin Carlos Martinez, piano

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray…A Moment of Silence…

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn *517* *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* MORECOMBE

This hymn was originally created with 10 stanzas, here we sing a selected 5 stanzas that comes to us from 1855 Scotland as a post-communion reflection.

Benediction

Postlude *Vater unser im Himmelreich*, no. 36 Johann Ulrich Steigleder

Johann Ulrich Steigleder (1593-1635) was a German composer who wrote a collection of 40 organ settings of the Lutheran chorale "Vater unser im Himmelreich" ("Our Father in Heaven"), a metrical setting of the Lord's Prayer.

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[1]Note: Iglesia Evangélica del Río de la Plata translates to Evangelical Church of the River Plate.

[2]Note: Today, Rev.Patrick Lane would like to offer you a **Prayer to Carry As You Go***—a prayer for each of us and for all the world's people. Today's prayer is not just a closing thought; it's an invitation to walk with intentional vision to our neighbors. 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

On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Amen.

~ from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families
COMMUNION SERVERS: Buzz English, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, and Julie Wedge
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: Kelly Goad
MEDIA PERSONNEL: Claire Ellington
NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Gabby Treju-Hernandez

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Trudy Burkeen. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

WORLD COMMUNION GUEST MUSICIAN Pianist, Carlos Martinez and violinist, Julianna Waller-Martinez, co-owners/founders of Essential Music LLC and Sandpiper Records have composed, recorded and produced numerous works for classical violin, piano and orchestra. Each holding Master of Music degrees from the University of Kentucky, they share their passion for string/music education and chamber music ensembles with students at Essential Music LLC in Alvaton, Kentucky. As composer/performers, they continue their intense focus on writing and publishing new music for violin, piano, orchestra, and other ensembles.
Julianna has a broad and distinguished violin performing career, having performed and toured with major symphonies and pop artists, and is locally well known for her work with the Red River Fiddlers. Carlos is an accomplished pianist who is in demand as a collaborative and solo pianist. He is a skilled hymn composer and has established Sembrare Music Ministry, which proclaims the goodness of the Lord, the salvation He affords, and the hope humanity has only in the good news, the gospel**.**

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 Red Lobster at 2525 Scottsville Rd. Come enjoy delicious hot cheddar biscuits, a great meal, and—best of all—wonderful fellowship and conversation. We'd love to have you 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.

MAHJONG SMALL GROUP Season of Mahjong! Want to play? Want to learn? Bring your lunch and invite your friends! We will gather after worship service today. 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

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.

THE FILM CREW will meet in the lobby of The Great Escape Regal Cinema on **October 9** at 1:00 p.m. for the showing of Angels and the Badman.

COMMUNITY HOEDOWN will take place on **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 are asking all participants to bring a side dish and comfortable shoes.

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!

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 4
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 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
Mahjong Group
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, October 5
9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
12:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting
6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, October 6
11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation

Wednesday, October 7
7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study
Open Table-College Min

Friday, October 9
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
1:00 p.m. The Film Crew

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