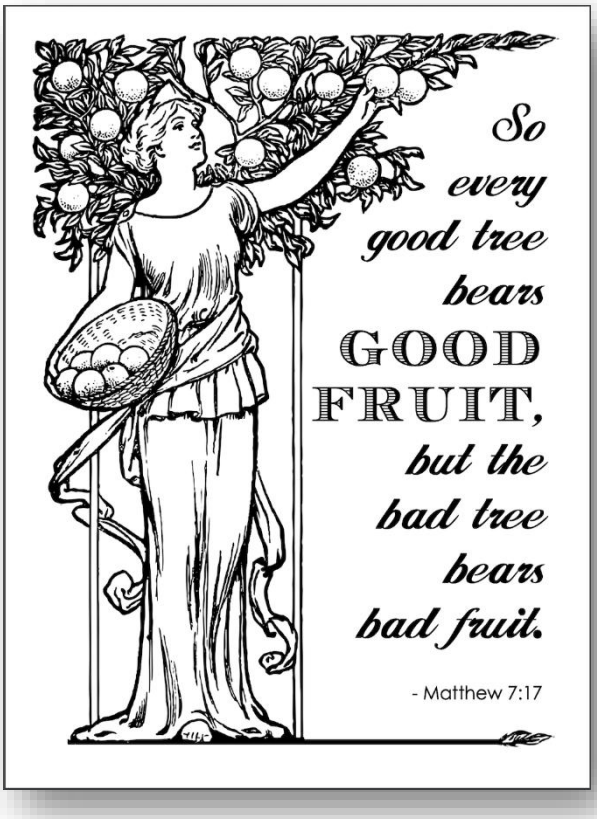
Service for the Lord's Day

November 15, 2026
Pledge Sunday

Gathering Around the Word of Worship



Gathering Music Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *Magnificat secundi toni*, verses 1 & 2
Hieronymus Praetorius

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body
Call to Worship (responsive)
This is the day that You have made, Lord.
Help us to rejoice and be glad in it!
Remind us of the gifts we enjoy as Your people:
To come to You in these moments; to confess our sins; to receive forgiveness and respond in kind; to renew our spirits; to rest in all Your promises.
Open our eyes to see You, Lord.
Open our ears to hear Your Word.
Visit us through Your Holy Spirit,
And help us to celebrate our faith and give to You as we are able. Amen.

Opening Hymn 409 *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

Call to Adoration and Confession 1 John 1:8-9
God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, the Lord of All, who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)
Gracious God, You have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us Your Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as Your children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of the world have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to their lure. Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life, that we may receive from Your blessing, so we may in return bear good fruit and pass Your gracious gifts onward…*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) 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Here the good news: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body upon the cross, and by the grace and power of God was raised on the third day so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. In this truth, I declare to you, in the name of Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

With confidence in the return of the bridegroom, no matter the delay, we are able to rest and be at peace. The peace of Jesus 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)

O God, our guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you willingly for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive) Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *In Wisdom Let Us Grow* G. Winston Cassler

Fair waved the golden corn in Canaan's pleasant land, When full of joy, some shining morn, Went forth the reaper band. To God so good and great, Their cheerful thanks they pour; Then carry to His temple gate The choices of their store. Like Israel, Lord, we give Our earliest fruits to thee, And pray that, long as we shall live, We may thy children be. In wisdom let us grow, As years and strength are given, That we may serve they Thy church below, And join Thy host in heaven. Amen.

New Testament Reading Matthew 12:22-28 & 33-37

Then they brought to him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. All the crowds were amazed and were saying, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this man casts out the demons." He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how, then, will his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person brings good things out of a good treasure, and the evil person brings evil things out of an evil treasure. I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

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 731 *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm* REPTON

Affirmation of Faith (unison) The 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

As the offering plates are passed this morning, you're invited to place your pledge card for 2027 in the plate. There are pledge letters that contain the cards in the Narthex if you did not receive one. Prayerfully consider God's call to pledge financially to the church to help leadership make budgeting and ministry decisions.

Call to Offering

With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy. With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love. With hopefulness we give in commitment to God. Let us give our tithes, talents and time to the Lord.

Offertory *Come Harvest Time* Lowell Alexander

Beth Pope, vocal Wayne Pope, guitar

Planted by God, In a field without worth, We are but seeds in His eyes. So He nurtures with grace, And His hands work the earth, That His fruit may be sanctified, Come harvest time.

CHORUS: Come harvest time, What thanksgiving we will show. When the Plowman brings freedom, From the earth here below. Come harvest time, Oh what joy will be known. When He gathers the souls, Of the seed He has sown.

So when doubt dries the land, Or the cold war winds blow, When the floods of indifference rise. Oh the roots that faith grew, Will keep us strong, 'Til our last sunset leaves the sky, Come harvest time.

CHORUS repeats.

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)

Righteous God, You have taught us that the poor shall have Your kingdom, and that the gentle-minded shall inherit the earth. Keep the church humble enough to preach to the ones both poor in wealth and spirit, and meek enough to walk with the despised. Never weigh us down with property or accumulated funds so that we, as Your Church, may be good stewards of what is given, and keep us from vain display or lavish comforts, so that we may travel light and move through the world showing Your generous love made known in 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 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* WAREHAM

Benediction

Postlude *Magnificat secundi toni*, verse 3 Hieronymus Praetorius

***Note**: Today, Re. 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

Psalm 67 - Almighty God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Empower all the peoples to praise you, O God, that the nations may be glad and sing for joy. For you judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Enable all peoples to praise you, O God, for the earth has yielded its increase and you, our God, have blessed us. We ask that you will continue to bless us so that all the ends of the earth will revere you. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families
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TODAY

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 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 Rafael's American Italian Bistro, 600 31 W. Bypass. Come enjoy delicious Italian food, 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. The class is 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

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, and **we currently have 207 cans**. Donations may be placed in the main office new file room with a label stating Saturday Meals.

SUPPORT GROUP Grief is a deeply personal journey, but you do not have to walk it alone. Whether you have recently experienced a loss or have been carrying grief for some time, we invite you to join our Grief Support Group. This supportive gathering provides a safe space to share experiences, find encouragement, connect with others who understand, and gain practical tools for navigating the challenges of grief. This group will meet from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, **November 24**, and you are welcome to attend. For additional information, please contact Pastor Patrick at 270-843-4707 or patrick.lane@bgpres.org.

LITURGIST NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANCTUARY DECORATION Join us on **November 22** after worship as we decorate the church sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Help us prepare a beautiful space that reflects the joy and hope of the season. Everyone is welcome, and many hands make the work both enjoyable and rewarding.

BLOOD DRIVE Monday, **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.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL As we gather to celebrate the many blessings of the Thanksgiving season, the Fellowship Ministry warmly invites you, your family, and friends to our Annual Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, **November 26,** at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious traditional Turkey and Dressing dinner provided by the Fellowship Ministry, along with the joy of sharing food, fellowship, and gratitude with our church family. To make the meal even more special, we invite everyone attending to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. To help us prepare adequately, please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Robin at officeasst24@bgpres.org or 270-843-4707.

ADVENT SUNDAY SCHOOL Intergenerational Sunday begins Sunday, **November 29**.

BG CHRISTMAS PARADE Come join us on **December 5** at 9:30 a.m. as we gather to sip hot chocolate, share fellowship, and enjoy the Bowling Green Christmas Parade together! All members and friends are invited to sit on the church steps as we watch the parade make its way down State Street. Bring your family, invite a friend, and experience the joy and excitement of this community tradition.

SAVE THE DATE

COOKIES & CASSEROLE POTLUCK will take place on **December 13** after worship.

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, November 15
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 Grp
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 16
9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, November 17
11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
6:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, November 18
7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Open Table-College Min

Friday, November 20
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 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.