Service for the Lord's Day

November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Landscape, 1936. Artist: Woodruff, Hale.[2]

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude *Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr* Heinrich Scheidemann

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Fall Fest by Dr. Rob Byrd

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive) Joshua 24:14-22

"Revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good."

And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!"

Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him."

And they said, "We are witnesses.""

Opening Hymn 771 *What is the World Like* New World

Call to Adoration and Confession

Beloved friends, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving God and loving one another. However, we often love ourselves most of all. Let us confess together our sins and seek the One who creates new hearts within us and new songs on our lips.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you and loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world, our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and with the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior …*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)

Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

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)

Lord of heaven and earth, today you call us to consider how we anticipate your return. Give us sober-minded clarity and honest and vulnerable hearts. Illumine your word and teach us to store it in our hearts as oil for our own lamp in times of waiting. Amen.

New Testament Reading (responsive) Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* Spiritual/Alan J. Hommerding

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the day is drawing nigh! Children, don't get weary, 'til your work is done. Wake, awake, night is flying! Wake, awake, the day is drawing nigh! Christian, rest in Jesus, 'til your work is done. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. I'm gonna keep it burning!

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light, as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Thanks be to God.

All Sit

Sermon *The Day of the Lord* Lilly Hunter

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 757 *Today We are Called to Be Disciples* Kingsfold

Affirmation of Faith (unison) Heidelberg Catechism

"Hallowed be your name" means: Help us to truly know you, to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means: help us to direct all our living— what we think, say, and do— so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

The gifts of God are abundant, and we have received far more than we know. Out of gratitude and with hope, let us bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us as we wait for the day of Christ's appearance in our midst.

Offertory Improvisation on *Wachet auf*, mvt. II Sietze de Vries
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)

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Receive these gifts as symbols of the dedication of our very lives and signs of trust in your coming reign of justice and peace. In Christ's name we pray. 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 350 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* Keep Your Lamps

Benediction

Postlude *Fantasia* Renaldo Paradiso

[1]***Note**: Today, Mrs. Lilly Hunter 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.*

[2]***Note**: National Gallery of Art. Hale pioneered painting as a means for social advocacy.*

Prayer to Carry as You Go

Blessed are you in the space between endings and beginnings, where nothing is clear and everything feels tender.

You didn't miss it. The miracle, the moment, the part where everything was supposed to get better.

Some seasons don't come with signs. No lilies. No trumpets. Just quiet days strung together, asking you to keep going.

Blessed are you doing the slow work of living, when "new life" feels more like "mostly tired."

You don't have to have answers. You don't have to feel inspired. You are still becoming, even here.

-written by Kate Bower

Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families
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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 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 First Watch, 2921 Scottsville Rd. Come enjoy delicious Mexican food, and—best of all—wonderful fellowship and conversation. We'd love to have you join us!

FALL FEST A Fall Fest at Rob Byrd's Farm, 1310 New Cut Rd, will take place **TODAY** from 3:00-7:00 p.m. (NOTICE: Date changed due to weather). This is a family event, and all church members, family, and friends are welcome. The 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 **lawn chair and a flashlight**!

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. 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 10**, and you are welcome to attend. For additional information, please contact Pastor Patrick at 270-843-4707 or patrick.lane@bgpres.org.

CREATIVE CREATIONS SMALL GROUP will meet on **November 12** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a special holiday painting event. The group is excited to welcome guest art instructor Bonnie Lowe Robbins, who specializes in decorative doorhangers. Bonnie will guide participants in creating and painting a festive holiday doorhanger of their choice. Participants have a choice of the two:

- Snowman Doorhanger
- Turkey Doorhanger

All supplies will be provided. For questions or additional information, please contact Terry Johnson at administrator@bgpres.org or 270-843-4707. This will be a fun and creative time to fellowship as we prepare festive decorations for the holiday season!

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.

BG CHRISTMAS PARADE Come join us on **December 3** 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 8
- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Fall Fest-Rob Byrd's Farm

Monday, November 9
- 9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
- 12:00 p.m. Circle 9
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, November 10
- 11:00 a.m. Special Care
- 12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
- 6:00 p.m. Grief Support Group
- 7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
  Tuesday Evening Circle

Wednesday, November 11
- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
- 5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 9:30 a.m. Wed. Morning Young Mothers and Others Circle
- 6:00 p.m. Open Table-College Min
  Worship Ministry Meeting

Thursday, November 12
- All Day Tri-Presbytery Meeting

Friday, November 13
- All Day Tri-Presbytery Meeting
- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, November 14
- All Day Tri-Presbytery Meeting

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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.