

*Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service*



June 1, 2025

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Youth Choir 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

Adult Choir 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

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7th Sunday of Easter
We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

... May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

INTROIT

"Come Thou Almighty King"

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 97)

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

All: We tremble at God's awesome works!

Leader: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness!

All: The Lord is our guard and protector!

Leader: Light dawns and joy fills our hearts!

All: Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!

HYMN

"Glorious things of Thee Are Spoken"

No. 81

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God.

God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for a blest abode.

On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them when they pray.

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3 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We worry if we confess what rests heavily on our hearts, we will be judged and condemned. Yet God desires we come close and open ourselves to the possibility of transformation and grace. When we confess our sin, we acknowledge God's love for us and Christ's prayer for us, opening ourselves to forgiveness and new life. Trusting in this love, let us confess our sins, first silently and then in our unison prayer.

SILENT CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you desire that the world might see your light shine through us. Yet we confess we are often too blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve, in our action and our inaction. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. We fail to see your righteousness and champion greed and discord in the name of power and popularity. Forgive us. Melt us and mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking your light, reflecting your mercy, and sharing your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ alone, prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

GLORIA

"Glory, Glory, Glory " No. 584
Glory, glory, glory,
glory be to God on high!
Glory, glory, glory,
glory be to God on high!
And on earth peace to all people
in whom God is well pleased.
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in whom God is well pleased.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 97 NRSV

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16:16-34 NRSV

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

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SERMON
HYMN

We Are All Here

Janet Lumpp

"Why Should I Feel Discouraged?"

No. 661

1 Why should I feel discouraged?

Why should the shadows come?

Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,

when Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is he:

his eye is on the sparrow,

and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow,

and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)

I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)

for his eye is on the sparrow,

and I know he watches me.

2 "Let not your heart be troubled,"

his tender word I hear,

and resting on his goodness,

I lose my doubts and fears;

though by the path he leadeth

but one step I may see:

his eye is on the sparrow,

and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow,

and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

3 Whenever I am tempted,

whenever clouds arise,

when song gives place to sighing,

when hope within me dies,

I draw the closer to him,

from care he sets me free:

his eye is on the sparrow,

and I know he watches me;

his eye is on the sparrow,

and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –

The Apostles' 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.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" No. 606

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

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 God our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"Steal Away"

No. 358

Refrain:

Steal away, steal away,
steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home;
I ain't got long to stay here.

1 My Lord, he calls me;
he calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)

2 Green trees are bending;
poor sinners stand a trembling.
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)

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3 My Lord, he calls me;
he calls me by the lightning.
The trumpet sounds within my soul;
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"Dona nobis pacem"
Dona nobis pacem, pacem.
Dona nobis pacem.

No. 752

Welcome to Sunday morning worship! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us at First Presbyterian London. This is a place of love and hope; safety and forgiveness. We will be food for the hungry, living water for the thirsty. We will comfort the bereaved and come together as a family of faith that bridges the chasms of loneliness and despair. We are open and inclusive, welcoming everyone who seeks to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will get to know us and, perhaps, join us on our pilgrimage. As Christ drew no distinctions on the cross so we draw none here as his church. You are loved. Come on in – we've been waiting for you. Welcome, we are the church.

Thank you for inviting me to worship with you! My name is Janet Lumpp, and I am a lifelong Presbyterian. Currently, I am a Ruling Elder at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington, KY. I completed the Transylvania Presbytery Preaching Academy for lay leaders in 2024. In addition to thirty years as an engineering professor at UK, I enjoy camping, handbells, needlework, and preaching. Along with my husband, Jim, we have three wonderful adult children scattered across the country.



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Dear Lord, we are hurt; we are broken. Now, more than ever, we need Your loving arms around us. So many have lost so much. As we seek to understand, help us know Your love, help us show Your love, help us comfort those who are suffering. As we work to help rebuild the lives of those affected, give us compassion, give us strength, give us courage. Give us compassion to sit with those who are grieving, even when we don't know what to say. Give us the strength to clean up and rebuild. Give us the courage to face tomorrow. In the dark days ahead, be our light.

Dear Lord, thank You for giving us those who put their lives on the line to help those in need. Bless those first responders who risk their lives every day to help others in need. Bless those who put their lives on hold to see to the needs of others. Bless those who donate time, money, and energy to see to the needs of Your children.

“Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

Please be in prayer in the coming weeks for all those that have been affected by the recent tornadoes that tore through Laurel County. Many have lost their homes and some have lost loved ones. Hold them in your hearts and minds and continue to pray for their comfort. Where you can, help them rebuild their lives. Reach out to them. Even if you only sit with them, your presence can mean so much.

Please pray for all of Laurel County. Even those that have not been directly affected by the storms are feeling the impact. Pray for the first responders and for those that volunteered to help with the clean-up. Pray for the medical staff that cared for the injured.

In the coming days, we will be posting on Facebook and our website specific ways that we can help those affected by the recent tornadoes. If you know of anyone that has needs, please let someone on the Mission Committee know.

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Prayer Requests & Thanksgiving

Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing and comfort in the days ahead. And be thankful for God's love.

- **Caroline Robinson:** Continue to pray for Caroline as she recovers.
- **Ronald Weaver:** Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he battles an aggressive cancer.
- **Elisha Gibson:** The 2-year-old son of our God's Pantry driver is fighting cancer. Prayers are being answered!
- **Denise Richards:** Billy Farmer's niece. Please pray for her. She has been diagnosed with metastatic lung and liver cancer.
- **Food Pantry visitors:** Pray for comfort, peace, and hope for those and their families. Pray for our volunteers.

June Birthdays

4th Sam Grigsby
12th Sherri Wright
13th Judy Sturgeon
16th Sean Swinney
22nd Carl Robinson
27th Haley Phelps
30th Robert Hail
Billy Farmer

June anniversaries

5th Jackie & Karen Jewell
7th Richard & Karen Webb
10th Jacky & Debbie Crawford
17th Sean and Diane Swinney
20th Wayne & Judy Sturgeon
Michael & Tricia Hardin
26th Tom & Heidi Weatherly

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Attention Kids! VBS ALERT!

Our church will be joining First Baptist Church this summer for VBS.

June 9-12 from 5:45-8:30pm

Supper will be served.

See Karen Jewell for details and getting signed up.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) helps coordinate the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s humanitarian response to and advocacy on behalf of refugees, asylum seekers, and other forced migrants.

by Marilyn Daniel, Elder, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church

The Community Response Coalition of Kentucky, Inc.

(CRCKY, crc4me.org) is a local 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that has been serving our immigrant communities since 2018. Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church was an essential part of its founding and continue to support its operations, with MSPC members serving as volunteers, board members, and donors. The MSPC Endowment Fund has provided consistent annual financial support.

But there are insufficient reasonably priced legal services in Central Kentucky to meet the current needs.

CRCKY is forging an innovative path to expanding. CRCKY now also offers low-or-no-cost immigration legal services, as well. Our legal clinic offers free services to clients who have affirmative claims, meaning these clients are not in removal proceedings.

CRCKY became a DOJ-approved site in December 2024, allowing them to practice immigration law in certain settings. More specifically, the work before the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for immigration benefits can be done by Partially Accredited DOJ Representatives, who are non-lawyers with extensive training in immigration law. CRCKY has three. Though they are not legally required to have supervision from an immigration attorney, they nevertheless utilize best practice by having a licensed immigration attorney review their work. To assist with this movement from partially to fully accredited DOJ representatives, CRCKY needs an in-house immigration attorney, who can represent clients in Immigration Court and supervise the accredited representatives in their transition from partial to full accreditation.

What a blessing to be a part of a connectional church - where Presbyterians across the world show up for one another, as we work to make God's love for this world real.

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Caring Ministry

Our Mission team needs your help. There are people in our community who may be lonely due to age, mobility, or merely circumstances. Others are caregivers and may be unable to leave their homes. They may feel forgotten and isolated; in prison. We want them to know that they are still a vital part of our lives as well as the life of the church. Even if they are not members of our church, they are God's children and are loved.

We want to start a caring ministry to show God's love. There are simple things that can be done that would mean so much. This may be sending a card to let them know we are thinking of them or occasionally visiting with them. Maybe they need other help.

What we need from you are the names of those that you know who may feel isolated and would like to have someone thinking of them. Please let us know of those who could use a friendly voice or thought. If you would like to be part of this on any level let us know that as well. Perhaps you are good at sending cards or making phone calls.

Please fill out the contact information below and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the elders. **THANK YOU!!**

Name	_____	Any other information that you would care to add.
Address	_____	

Phone	_____	
