

**Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
123 Keavy Road
London, KY**

Virtual Sunday Service



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“Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God.”

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Peterson

The Service for the Lord's Day

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

INTROIT

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

CALL TO WORSHIP - *Johann Jacob Schutz, 1675*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation.

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur still:

To God all praise and glory!

Let us render to God all our praise and glory in worship.

HYMN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 35

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

gladly for aye we adore him.

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CALL TO CONFESSION -Psalm 34: 14 and I Peter 3: 11

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION -from Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Gracious God, we confess that we are quick to notice the faults of others while overlooking our own. We are hasty to accuse but slow to extend grace. We throw stones instead of offering forgiveness. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us to live out the grace you have poured into our lives. Call us to deeper holiness and greater humility. Shape us into people of integrity, so that our words and actions may reflect your love in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

And now Lord, I confess specifically...(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA "Glory to God Whose Goodness shines on Me" No. 582

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Party

Pastor Brad

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3: 1-12 (*The Message*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Great Is the Lord"

SERMON

"SEEN AND HEARD"

Pastor Brad Napier

*God said, "I've taken a good, long look at the affliction of my people.
I've heard their cries for deliverance from their slave masters;
I know all about their pain."*

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HYMN

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

No. 69

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

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WORSHIP WITH OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land"* No. 52

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!

2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,
"Let my people go!
If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead.
Let my people go!" (Refrain)

3 "No more shall they in bondage toil:
let my people go!
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil:
let my people go!" (Refrain)

4 O let us all from bondage flee;
let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free:
let my people go! (Refrain)

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

“Live into Hope” st. 1,4

No. 772

1 Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!

4 Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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POSTLUDE

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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.



BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
FORGIVE OFTEN.
REJECT RACISM.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
EMBRACE DIVERSITY.
LOVE GOD.
Enjoy this life.

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Church Directory and One Call

If your telephone number has changed in the last year or more, we may not have been updated in our system for the One Call

Have you corrected the **directory**? There is a copy on the table in the Narthex. Please update your contact information as necessary.

Adult Bible Classes
Sunday School

We will be studying selected New Testament chapters. Rev. Brad Napier will be leading the class today and next week.

Wednesday Bible Study

Al Plymire is covering C.S. Lewis' book, Mere Christianity, Book III, Chapters 11 and 12 on faith, Wednesday 6 p.m.

All are cordially invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be having our annual Trunk or Treat. It is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29.

More details will be coming soon. Now would be a good time to plan your trunk!



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To Ponder...

Work that is truly Christian is work well done. Christians should always do good work. Christians ought to be the best workers wherever they are. They ought to have the best attitude, the best integrity, and be the best in dependability. If what the pollsters tell us is true-that there is little difference in the work ethics of Christians and non-Christians-we have cause for alarm. If there is no difference, then large numbers of God's children have succumbed to the extremes of laziness and overwork which characterize today's work force...We must recover the Biblical truth-the Reformation truth-that our vocation, be it ever so humble, is a divine calling and thus be liberated to do it for the glory of God. This alone will take the Church out into the world.

Disciplines of a Godly Man, R. Kent Hughes, Crossway Books, Wheaton, Illinois, 1991, p. 146.

Prayer...

O Savior, who didst set Thy face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem to Thy cross and passion; help us, Thy weak and wavering disciples, to be firm and resolute in doing those things that lie before us. Help us to overcome difficulties and to persevere in spite of failures. When we are weary and disheartened and ready to give in, do Thou fill us with fresh courage and strength, and keep us faithful to our work; for Thy name's sake. AMEN.

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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: Keep Caroline in your prayers.

Ronald Weaver: Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he battles an aggressive cancer.

Wynona Brown: Please keep her and Jackson in your prayers. She is home and is going through treatments to prepare for hip replacement surgery.

Bill Nichols: Please keep him in your prayers as he battles cancer. He is a friend of Wynona Brown's family.

Carolyn Smith: Pray for comfort and strength as she continues chemo treatment for lung cancer.

Pam Orr Weston: Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she undergoes treatments for ovarian cancer.

The Hardin Family: Please the Hardin family in your prayers in the coming days. Trish passed away Wednesday, October 1. She was a faithful member of our church and a selfless worker and friend.

David Caldwell: Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers from recent hip surgery.

The Pratt Family: Please keep the family of Peggy Pratt in your prayers in the coming weeks. Peggy passed away last week. She was a long-time member of our congregation and will be greatly missed.

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October Birthdays

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22nd Daisy Pratt
29th John Kelley
30th Nick Grigsby
31st Susan Phelps

*If you're interested in **holiday nuts** again this year, please see Kay McCracken. We will not have extra on hand as she will be ordering only what orders she receives.*

We will be having a **church-wide yard** sale November 6th a 7th. There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested. Tables are \$25. Proceeds go to the Mission Committee. While you're bringing down the Christmas decorations from the attic, this is a good time to clean out unwanted items.

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 _____
