

*Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service*



June 22, 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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Sunday Service

The 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

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 Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth;
The heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Leader: For he is our God,

People: **and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

HYMN

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

No. 839

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

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2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.

Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.

I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the prophet Isaiah, God declares a readiness to be sought out, even by those who did not ask, and a willingness to be found, even by those who do not seek. With confidence in God's readiness to receive us however we are, let us boldly pray our prayers of confession, first in silence, and then together.

SILENT CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

"Glory Be to the Father"

No. 581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 144: 1-2 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Do You Really Love Jesus"

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:1-10, 15-17 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Where Do We Go From Here?"

Rev. Ray Mendenhall

HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me" st. 1,2,5

No. 726

1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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

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Congregational 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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give our thanks and praise...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" st. 1,2,4

No. 498

1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken
by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.

By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.

In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.

By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

4 By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.

By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

“Send Me, Jesus”

No. 746

1 Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

2 Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus;
lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

3 Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus;
fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

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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.

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Angie Weaver, of Good Stewardship Consulting, is offering a **free one-hour trauma-informed training session** to churches, organizations, and community groups across Eastern Kentucky. There are no strings attached – just practical tools, compassionate approaches, and a deep commitment to helping our neighbors with care and understanding. This training draws on SAMHSA trauma-informed approach, which emphasizes creating supportive environments for individuals affected by trauma. The approach is grounded in six key principles:

- Safety
- Trustworthiness and Transparency
- Peer Support
- Collaboration and Mutuality
- Empowerment, Voice, and Choice
- Cultural Awareness

We will be holding this trauma training session on Wednesday, June 25, at 5:00 PM. **There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.** If you have any questions, you can contact Katie Bowling.

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Tornado Relief Update

The Mission Committee has been hard at work since the devastating tornadoes of May 16th. Our church was able to host Crisis Response International for a week. This 20-person crew joined forces with local people to go into the community, helping to clean up and begin the process of recovery. This was only the start of the recovery process. Thanks to donations from around the country, we are now able to provide financial assistance to some of those affected by the tornadoes. We are providing grants to those who have had damage to their homes so that they can begin to rebuild. This will continue until all funds are depleted. We have been blessed to receive donations from around the country and more are coming in weekly.

If you know of someone who has had home damage, please have them check on our Facebook page or our website (fpclondon.org). On the website in the menu section, there is a tab for the online form. Once filled out, we can offer a monetary gift to help them in whatever way they need.

What inspired you in your life? What event brought you close to God? What Bible verse means the most and why? Why are you a member of FPC? Would you like to share your journey with others?

Here's your chance. We are working on updating the church website. Didn't know we had one? Well, we do, - fpclondon.org. Check it out, but know it is a work in progress and we need your help. There's a section for a blog. If anyone would like to write something for that and send it to the church (fpclondon@windstream.net)

It doesn't have to be long. It can be simple and from the heart. It could be based on a Bible verse or a lesson from the Sunday School class, or any inspirational subject that is dear to you.

Send them in and we will post them. If you'd rather stay anonymous, let us know and your name will be withheld.

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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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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	_____	

