# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Virtual Sunday Service



July 3, 2022

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A·M·

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

Youth Choir 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

Adult Choir 7:00 P.M. Wednesday

606-864-6789 fpclondon@windstream·net

Website - fpclondon.org

fpclondon·sermon·net

#### We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME & PRAYER CONCERNS

INDEPENDENCE DAY UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, We are grateful for this land in which we live.

Bless this land with the labor of all its people.

Give us the love of learning and wisdom to know how to live well.

In a world often divided by hate,

Fill us with love and compassion for all of our neighbors.

Amen.

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

... May the peace of Christ be with you! And also with you.

INTROIT "Praise God, All You Nations"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: In the midst of our troubles, we cry aloud to God.

PEOPLE: God always hears our cries and responds to our needs.

PASTOR: God brings us up out of our trouble and sets us in a safe place.

PEOPLE: God comforts and restores our souls.

PASTOR: The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing!

PEOPLE: We have been clothed with joy and hope!

PASTOR: Let us not grow weary!

PEOPLE: Come, let us worship God together!

**HYMN** "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" No. 331

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense. Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day. Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## CALL TO CONFESSION UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is really any other way. We grow weary in doing what is right. We have become accustomed to our imprisonment. We give up. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION ASSURANCE OF PARDON

... In the name of 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 "Listen, God Is Calling"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 30 (NRSV)

...The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "My Worth Is Not in What I Own"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 6:1-10, 14 NRSV)

...The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Let Us Not Grow Weary"

HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No. 223

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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.

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People, Prayers of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

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...

Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup Communion of the People Prayer after Communion

HYMN

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with \*brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

No. 338

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! May God thy gold refine till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

#### BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" st. 1

1 My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:
land where my \*fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside
let freedom ring.

No. 337

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.

#### Welcome!

We look forward to meeting you and hearing from you. Here is contact information for our Church Staff as well as members of our Session. Please feel free to contact any one for questions or concerns. If you would like to be more involved with the day-to-day activities of the church please let us know.

Please feel free to contact Griffin with any prayer requests or other concerns – or even if you just want to talk! She would love to hear from everyone.

#### **Your Church Staff**

Griffin Ryan Pastor 859-494-5838
griffinphillipsryan@gmail.com
Jerry Wright, Director of Music Ministry
musichouse@twc.com
Danny Phelps, Accompanist 606-309-4848
djphelps1956@gmail.com
Church Office 606-864-6789
Church email address - fpclondon@windstream.net
Church Website - fpclondon.org

#### Session Members, Committee Chair:

Building/Grounds: Mike Hardin 606-224-1694

Christian Education: Karen Jewell 606309-3517

Fellowship/Membership: Barbara Plymire 724-664-8013

Finance/Personnel: Diane Bowling 606-682-0644

Missions: Larry Gray 859-338-0602

Worship/Music: Zono Howard 606-344-2170

#### Prayer Requests

Please keep these on your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Give thanks for God's healing.

- Wynona Brown: As Wynona continues treatment and continues to feel better, keep her in your prayers. It seems that things are on the path to getting and feeling better. Pray for that path to continue!
- Caroline Robinson: Please pray for continued healing, comfort and peace. She is thankful
  for all that the love of the church and the love of God brings her while she is on this
  journey.
- Joan Grant: Joan had a doctor's appointment and scan recently. Although she is still having to deal with arthritis, the scan showed no cancer in her bones! We are so grateful for this good news and we pray with thanks to God!
   Rodney Spinks: Please keep Joan Grant's grandson in your prayers.
- Penny Vaught: Please pray for Penny, a friend of the church, whose brother recently and passed away from a heart attack. Pray that she may find peace.
  - Randall Allen: Please keep Randall, a friend of the church, in your prayers. His current round of chemotherapy is continuing. Pray for strength, healing and peace.
- Betty Allen: Friend of Beverly and Sam Grigsby. Please keep her in your prayers as she was recently diagnosed with cancer.

  Ruth Cornelius: Pray for Ruth to experience peace. Pray that she may feel love from all of
- her family, friends and church.

  Donna Eads: Sister of Billy Farmer. Please pray for healing and comfort as she has been
- dealing with long term effects of polio and an ankle replacement.

  Sue Ryan: Grandmother of Sean and Griffin Ryan. Please pray for Sue's endurance during this time of numerous tests and appointments. Pray for answers to concerns and for times
- without worries. Give thanks for Sue's trust that God is always with her, even when she is facing stress.
- Joe Southard: Please pray for peace. His cancer has spread to his breastbone.
- Eugene and Marsha Mayes-Burton: friends of the church. Eugene recently had surgery to remove a tumor.
- Jean Williams: Mother-in-law of Donna Williams. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she is in the hospital in Indiana.
- Cubby Ruby: Please keep Cubby in your prayers as she recovers from carpal tunnel surgery.
- Jackie Walsh: Daughter-in-law of Emma Earl Smith-Brewer. Please pray for her as she has just been diagnosed with cancer.

#### MOVIE DAY!!!



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

-Children's Sunday school will take a break over the summer.

#### Adult Sunday School –

Started May 8th

Al Plymire will be conducting a class titled "Violence in the Old Testament"

#### Vacation Bible School!

Mark your calendar now and plan on attending this great program, and bring a friend. It will be July 6-8 from 9:00-12:00. This year's theme is "Bible Barnyard".

#### July Birthdays

1st Diane Swinney

2<sup>nd</sup> Cody Hail

7<sup>th</sup> Laurel E. Wallace

Alex Herren

8th Joan Grant

Michael Hardin

11th Lucy Herren

15th Shane Callahan

17th Monica Turner

19th Alexis Haarsma

20th Tommy Howard

23rd Michael Pratt

24th Jimmy & Robbie Hail

26<sup>th</sup> Ryan Swinney

27th Ella Evelyn Taylor

29th Kiera Kuepfer

31st Jacob Taylor

#### Anniversaries

1st John & Thea Robinson

6<sup>th</sup> Chris & Becky Herren

15<sup>th</sup> John & Pat Kelley

20th Kerry & Jane Phelps

23<sup>rd</sup> Randy & Jill Creech

25th Nathan& Mykie

Howard

NURSERY We have a nursery available for children under 5 if you wish. They will be dismissed from the sanctuary right after the

The work of the church is never ending. There is much that goes on in the Church throughout the week. It is a busy place. We would love to have you involved in the life of your church. If you think you might like to be involved in a committee, please contact the committee chairperson. If there are areas where you feel we should be more involved we would love to know that as well.

This is your church, help it be what you want it to be.



A Women's Community Bible Study Series will be held at St. William Catholic Church on Thursdays @ 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for six weeks from July 7 - August 11, 2022. The series for women is hosted by local churches, is free, and will feature a Speaker, Special Music, and light lunch each week. Speakers and topics will include the following:

Thurs July 7 ~ Faith ~ Deneen Howard of New Life

side. No childcare is available for this event.

- Thurs July 14 ~ Leadership and Courage ~ Deevon Wooton of The Creek
- Thurs July 21 ~ Mentoring ~ Sharon Kidd of First Baptist
- Thurs July 28 ~ Courage and Friendship ~ Sister Marge Manning of St. William
- Thurs Aug 4 ~ Wisdom ~ Rev. Griffin Phillips Ryan of First Presbyterian
- ☑ Thurs Aug 11 ~ Hope ~ Sherri George of First Methodist

  Facebook.com/LondonWomensBibleSeries ☆ St. William, 521 West 5th

  Street, London, KY ☆ Parking is on the right side of the church, with

  entry on the basement level via double glass doors near the rear right