

Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service



January 29, 2023

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

We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

INTROIT "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come, the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing.

PEOPLE: **We come together now to worship the one true God!**

LEADER: Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

PEOPLE: **We come to worship with love for our neighbors.**

LEADER: **Come and let us worship together, serving one another.**

PEOPLE: **We come seeking to serve in God's name.**

LEADER: **Let us worship together now,**

PEOPLE: **And rejoicing in God's reign, now and forever!**

HYMN "O For a World"

No. 372

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

. The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.

Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Far too often, God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we live for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

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.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Change My Heart, O God"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:1-8(NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Your Reward is Great in Heaven"

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HYMN

"Blest Are They"

No. 172

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. (Refrain)

Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God. (Refrain)

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith;
the glory of God is theirs. (Refrain)

Blest are you who suffer hate,
all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. (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

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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

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...

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

HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" No. 418

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE:

"Now Unto the King Eternal"

Now unto the King Eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
be honor and glory forever and ever, amen, amen;
be honor and glory forever and ever amen.

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.

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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:** She got a boot for her foot for getting used to it. Prayers of thanks.
- **Caroline Robinson:** Pray for continued comfort and healing. She is very thankful for the love of her church and the love of God.
- **Joan Grant:** Pray for her happiness and care. Joan would love visits or calls from her church family.
- **Ronnie Vance:** Please pray for him. He is the brother of Joan Grant and has gone through heart surgery.
- **Ruth Cornelius:** Pray for her peace and that she feels love from her family, friends and church.
- **Joe Southard:** Please pray for peace. His cancer has spread to his breastbone.
- **Eugene & Marsha Mayes-Burton:** Friends of the church. Eugene had a tumor removed.
- **Jackie Walsh:** Daughter-in-law of Emma Earl Smith-Brewer. Please pray for her as she has recently been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Mike Carpenter:** Please continue prayers for Mike as he continues chemotherapy and is doing well with it. He is a friend of Bob Burns.
- **Tammy Lynch:** Diagnosed with Stage 4 bladder cancer. Personal family prayers.
- **Tom Hagedorn:** Please pray for Tom and his family. May they find peace and comfort as Tom undergoes cancer treatments.
- **Judy Sturgeon:** Please pray for her and Wayne that her surgery continues to have good results and healing, and pray for upcoming chemotherapy with good results. Pray for continued recovery and healing.
- **Rob Stansbury:** please pray for Rob and his family. He has recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- **Ellen Hickey:** She is the sister of Karen Webb. Please keep her in your prayers as she has recently under gone brain surgery and is needing to be in a wheelchair. She had radiation this past Wednesday and it went well. We pray for peace and comfort as she is very active, making this more difficult. Pray for healing and new treatment plan.
- **Richard Webb:** Please keep Richard and Karen in your prayers as he recovers from shoulder surgery
- **Bob Burns:** Pray for continued healing. He is currently being treated for pneumonia. Pray for him, his family, and the doctors as they continue to determine the next steps to take for him.
- **The Crawford Family:** Please keep the Crawford family in your prayers. Jackie's mother has recently undergone cancer surgery. She is recovering nicely and will be seeing an oncologist to determine the next steps of treatment.

Sunday Service

We have been in contact with a family in Jackson, KY who lost all of their house and all of their belongings in the floods during the summer. They are in the process of rebuilding and are in need of people who can help with the construction. We are putting together a list of people that are willing to help. Right now, there is not a definite time line but we'll have more information soon weeks. If you might be able to help, please pass your name along to Larry Gray.

I am willing to help

Name _____

Telephone number _____

The **Transylvania Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Committee** met recently and we are making plans to help those affected by the recent flooding. While much has been done, much more will need to be done. This is long-term and will need your prayers and your help in the coming months.

Many families still do not have houses to live in and are staying with relatives or living in campers provided by FEMA or the state of Kentucky. Some are living in tents. Most do not have heat and Transylvania Presbytery will be buying 30 kerosene **heaters** to help keep them warm this winter. We have created an Amazon wish list for these heaters. Other items will be added over the course of the next few months. You can find the link on our Facebook page if you would like to donate a heater. You can also donate to the Transylvania Presbyterian Disaster relief fund. The address is below.

We are also making long term plans for flood relief. In the meantime, if you would like to help, please let either Griffin or Larry Gray know.

Presbytery of Transylvania
P.O. Box 23580, Lexington, KY 40523
<https://transypby.org/paypal/>

There will be a **Worship and Music Committee** meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 1st, at 5:00 in the Sanctuary



Sunday school!

6 and under- "Miss Karen" Jewell

7-12 - "Miss Betsy" York

Adult Bible Art- "Miss Mel" Callahan

Adult Bible Study- John Kelley, Richard Webb, Al Plymire and Randy Creech

(The Adult class will be studying the Book of John in the library.

Bible Art is back in the Gym!)

There will be a **Bible Study** on Wednesdays, at 6:00. We will continue our discussion of **"Emotions and Faith"**.

Upcoming Youth Activity!

Join us for a fun filled night Thursday, February 2 for First Presbyterian Night at Finley's Roller Rink from 6:00 to 8:00. See Karen Jewell for any questions.



January

Birthdays

1st Kerry Phelps

4th Lisa Burns

5th Hailey Burns

8th Katherine

Gray

10th Laci Hackney

11th Thea

Robinson

12th Karen Jewell

14th Erik Mills

17th Willa

Hibbitts

26th Bill Collins

27th Blakely

Callahan January

Anniversaries

17th Russ &

Christina Bacon

February Birthdays

1st Valerie Thornbury

7th John Robert Hail

8th Carter Jackson

Bonnie Johnson

9th Emily Davis

10th Bowman Hail

12th Tom Weatherly

14th Ruth Ann Caldwell

Jackson Brown

16th Monica Gray

17th Erika Davis

20th Roman Robinson

Lindsey Murray

24th Joshua Phelps

25th Kaitlin Robinson

26th Susan House

27th Caroline Robinson

29th Mike Howard

The Youth Choir will

be meeting each

Wednesday starting

February 1st at 6:00

PM in the Youth Choir

Room for practice.

We look forward to

having our youth join

us!