Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Virtual Sunday Service



February 12, 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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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 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

PEOPLE: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

PASTOR: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

PEOPLE: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

PASTOR: Let us come together as God's servants.

PEOPLE: Let us worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

PASTOR: Come, let us love the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: Let us worship the Lord our God together now!

HYMN "Hear the Good News of Salvation" No. 441

1 Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.

Love me still and cleanse within.

2 All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me.

Love me still and cleanse within.

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CALL TO CONFESSION UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA "Glory to God" No. 583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia! (repeat)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 30: 15-29 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Just As I Am"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "We Are God's Servants"

HYMN

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

1 Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

No. 761

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from the Belhar Confession)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth, and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. 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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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...

HYMN "Take My Life" No. 697

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my sliver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" st.1

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?
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.

No. 69

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 is doing better. 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 may feel 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.
- 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. She is having daily radiation treatments. Please pray
 for peace, healing, and comfort as she is very active, making this more difficult.
- Richard Webb: Please keep Richard and Karen in your prayers as he recovers from shoulder surgery.
- **Bob Burns:** Please keep the family of Bob Burns in your prayers in the coming weeks. Bob passed away Saturday, February 4th.
- The Crawford Family: Please keep the Crawford family in your prayers. Jacky's mother recently underwent cancer surgery. She is looking at the next steps of treatment.

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.

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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.

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The **Personnel & Finance** will meet Tuesday, February 14, at noon.

The **Session** will meet, February 19, immediately following Sunday School.

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!)



or Susan Phelps - (606) 224-4302.

The Youth Choir
will be meeting
Wednesday's
starting
February 1st at
6:00 PM in the
Youth Choir
Room for
practice. We
look forward to
having our

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

youth join us!

February Birthdays 1st Valerie Thornbury

Campbell Grace Ryan
7th John Robert Hail
8th Carter Jackson
Bonnie Johnson
9th Emily Davis
Kristi Jo Wright
10th Bowman Hail

12thTomWeatherly

Jackson Brown
16th Monica Gray
17th Erika Davis
20th Roman Robinson
Lindsey Murray
24th Joshua Phelps
25th Kaitlin Robinson

26th Susan House

29th Mike Howard

27th Caroline Robinson

14th Ruth Ann Caldwell

If you have old prescription glasses that you no longer need, we are collecting them for the **Lions Club International.** They will have them examined and then will send them to many undeveloped countries around the world to help those that cannot afford them. We have placed a small collection box in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact either:

Doris Callebs – (606) 312-8844,