

Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service



January 8, 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

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Come, come into the presence of God today!

PEOPLE: **We are called across the waters of creation to be a blessing.**

PASTOR: From the waters of Creation,

PEOPLE: **The Earth sprang forth.**

PASTOR: From the waters of a womb,

PEOPLE: **God's blessed Son was given to us.**

PASTOR: From the waters of a river, people were called together and baptized as God's children.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to God, whose love and presence have called us together today!**

HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

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O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

GLORIA

"Glory Be to the Father"
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.

No. 581

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 42: 1-9*(NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Give Me Jesus"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: *Matthew 3:13-17*(NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "I Am Well Pleased"

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HYMN

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

No. 688

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?

I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

LITANY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*(Book of Common Worship)*

O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from heaven proclaimed, “This is my beloved Son,” and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

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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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

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

Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

HYMN

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

No. 519

You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

“Let Us Break Together” st. 3

No. 525

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

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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 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.
- **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.
- **Betty Allen:** Friend of Beverly and Sam Grigsby. Please keep her in your prayers as she was diagnosed with cancer.
- **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 undergone brain surgery and is needing to be in a wheelchair. We pray for peace and comfort as she is very active, making this more difficult. Pray for healing and new treatment plan.
- **Bob Burns:** Pray for continued procedures and healing with at UK hospital. Pray for him, his family, and the doctors as they continue to determine the next steps to take for him at this time.
- **The Phillips family:** Please keep Griffin and her family, especially her parents, (Hank and Leslie) in your prayers as they deal with the unexpected loss of her brother, John.
- **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.
- **Steve Senters:** He is the father of Larry and Barbara Gray's granddaughter. He underwent liver replacement recently. Please pray that he continues to heal.

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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 but will be needing help with material. The Flood Relief Committee will be helping with that. They are also 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. There will be more information in the coming 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.

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Holiday nuts are available, once again! We have several varieties, from baking nuts to chocolate covered nuts. Proceeds go towards church missions. See Kay McCracken for more information.

Be sure to stick around after the morning worship service for another great **Sunday school** year!

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

There will be a **Bible Study** on Wednesdays, at 6:00 and will go through December.

We will be talking about Christmas. In January we will

continue our discussion of

"Emotions and Faith".

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

January

Birthdays

1st Kerry Phelps

3rd Greg

Weston

4th Lisa Burns

5th Hailey Burns

8th Katherine

Gray

10th Laci

Hackney

11th Thea

Robinson

Brad Hackney

12th Karen

Jewell

14th Erik Mills

17th Willa

Hibbitts

21st Carlisle

Howard

26th Bill Collins

27th Blakely

Callahan

January

Anniversaries

17th Russ &

Christina Bacon

You are invited

Help us celebrate Jerry & Sheri Wright's 50th anniversary!

Please join us January 15th from 2:00-4:00 pm in FPC's fellowship hall. Bring no gifts, only cards and well wishes

"We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence...We need silence to be able to touch souls."

MOTHER TERESA

