

Welcome to  
*First Presbyterian Church*  
*Virtual Sunday Service*



*January 22, 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**

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** The Lord is our light and our salvation!

**PEOPLE:** **Why should we be afraid?**

**LEADER:** The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

**PEOPLE:** **What have we to fear?**

**LEADER:** We will follow where God leads us.

**PEOPLE:** **Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.**

**LEADER:** Let us sing and make music before our God.

**PEOPLE:** **Let us worship our God of light and promise!**

**HYMN**

*"You Walk Along Our Shoreline"*

No. 170

You walk along our shoreline  
where land meets unknown sea.

We hear your voice of power,

*"Now come and follow me.*

And if you still will follow  
through storm and wave and shoal,  
then I will make you fishers  
but of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather  
the people of the earth.  
We cannot fish for only  
those lives we think have worth.  
We spread your net of gospel  
across the water's face,  
our boat a common shelter  
for all found by your grace.

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We cast our net, O Jesus;  
we cry the kingdom's name;  
we work for love and justice;  
we learn to hope through pain.

You call us, Lord, to gather  
God's daughters and God's sons,  
to let your judgment heal us  
so that all may be one.

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of our light and our salvation, sometimes we prefer to live in darkness, embracing the safety of the shadows; sometimes we delight in our divisions, believing we are better than others; sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy. Forgive our fear. Forgive our aversion to the light. Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call and our doubt of your presence and your promises. Help us know deeply in our souls that you are our light and our salvation, our joy and our wonder, our very life. Strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. 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!

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (NRSV)**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

"In This Holy Hour"

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSV)**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Follow Me"

HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me" No. 726

"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?"

"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?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

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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#### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

Now, with our new ruling elders, let us join together and unite in a statement of our faith, our 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.**

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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**

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

**HYMN**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" st. 1,4

No. 724

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

**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 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:** Betty Allen passed away recently. Please keep her friends Beverly and Sam Grigsby in your 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 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. He is being transferred to Northern Kentucky Monday to continue his healing. Pray for him, his family, and the doctors.
- **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.
- **James Boyd:** Please keep James Boyd in your prayers. His wife, Amanda, passed away recently from cancer and kidney failure. She was the younger cousin of Billy Hibbitts.

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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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**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.

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. We will continue our discussion of **"Emotions and Faith"**.

**Session meeting**  
There will be a session meeting today immediately after Sunday School.

**January Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Phelps  
4<sup>th</sup> Lisa Burns  
5<sup>th</sup> Hailey Burns  
8<sup>th</sup> Katherine Gray  
10<sup>th</sup> Laci Hackney  
11<sup>th</sup> Thea Robinson  
12<sup>th</sup> Karen Jewell  
14<sup>th</sup> Erik Mills  
17<sup>th</sup> Willa Hibbitts  
26<sup>th</sup> Bill Collins  
27<sup>th</sup> Blakely Callahan  
**January Anniversaries**  
17<sup>th</sup> Russ & Christina Bacon

*But my life is worth nothing to me*

UNLESS I USE IT FOR FINISHING THE WORK  
ASSIGNED ME BY THE LORD JESUS

ACTS 20:24

**The Youth Choir** will be meeting each Wednesday starting February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Youth Choir Room for practice. We look forward to having our youth join us!

**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.