

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



*January 15 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**

"O God, You Are My God"

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, you called us by name to come,

**People: And we respond with delight and gladness.**

Leader: We sing a new song to you this morning.

**People: In joyful obedience, we come to worship our God.**

Leader: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather for worship.

**People: In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.**

Leader: Our God had given us a new song of praise to sing to our God!

**People: In joyful trust, we come to worship our God now!**

**HYMN**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 366

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in Thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

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Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Forgive us, help us to turn away from our sins and guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. 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.

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World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 40:1-11 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*"Praise the Lord Our God Forever"*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Jeremiah 29:10-14 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*"When You're in the Pit Waiting on God!"* Rev. Doug Yost

**HYMN**

*"Love Lifted Me"*

see insert

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.  
All my heart to Him I give, ever to him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing;  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful loving service, too, to Him belongs. Refrain

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be. Be saved today. Refrain

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**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.

**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**

*"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"*

No. 703

Jesus, thy boundless love to me  
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
O knit my thankful heart to thee,  
and reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;  
myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul  
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;  
O may thy love possess me whole,  
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
may every act, word, thought be love.

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O Love, how gracious is thy way!  
All fear before thy presence flies;  
care, anguish, sorrow melt away  
where'er thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see,  
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**

“Go To the World” st. 1,4 No. 295  
Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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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.**

**Your Church Staff**

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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, 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 has 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 was recently 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.
- **James Boyd:** Please keep James Boyd in your prayers. His wife, Amanda, passed away this week 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.

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

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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.

**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.

**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!

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.

**You are invited**

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

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

**January**

**Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Phelps

3<sup>rd</sup> Greg

Weston

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

Brad Hackney

12<sup>th</sup> Karen

Jewell

14<sup>th</sup> Erik Mills

17<sup>th</sup> Willa

Hibbitts

21<sup>st</sup> Carlisle

Howard

26<sup>th</sup> Bill Collins

27<sup>th</sup> Blakely

Callahan

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**Anniversaries**

17<sup>th</sup> Russ &

Christina Bacon

