

Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service



February 26, 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

INTROIT

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

PEOPLE: **Happy are those whose sins are cast away.**

PASTOR: **Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent,**

PEOPLE: **Resisting our temptations and worshipping God.**

PASTOR: Rejoice in the Lord! Be glad!

PEOPLE: **Sing out! Shout for joy!**

PASTOR: Rejoice in the Lord!

PEOPLE: **Rejoice! Amen!**

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

No. 275

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

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And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we keep silent before you. We are afraid to confront our transgressions; we are terrified to face the reality of our sin; we no longer recognize ourselves or what we have become as we keep our failings and fears inside. Why do we hesitate, knowing that you stand ready to wash away our guilt? Help us admit our sins and accept our imperfections. You are the sanctuary where distress cannot reach us. Gracious God, have mercy upon us, enable us to discern deception when it appears. Enlighten us to your genuine renewal in Christ. In your steadfast love, forgive us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Thanks be to God!

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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 "O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:12-19(NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "He Will Hold Me Fast"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7(NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Opened Eyes"

SERMON SERIES: *Faith Through Waiting*

HYMN "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" No. 757

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.
God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

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Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

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INSTALLATION OF ELDER

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

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.

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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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

No. 223

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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 is doing better. Prayers of thanks.
- **Caroline Robinson:** Pray for and healing. She fell last week and broke her elbow. She is currently in St. Joe here in London but will be transferring to Laurel Heights at some point She is very thankful for the love of her church and the love of God.
- **Joan Grant:** Pray for her happiness and care. She 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. He 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:** Sister of Karen Webb. Please keep her in your prayers as she has recently undergone brain surgery. She is having daily radiation treatments. Please pray for peace, healing, and comfort as she is very active, making this more difficult.
- **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.
- **Lauren Stewart Wright and child:** Please pray that the health of Andie and that it will strengthen without a feeding tube and with the love of her mother. She has been in NICU for a long time.
- **Lea Green:** Praying for her healing and discernment as she hears from doctors and decides the next steps she takes to handle her health.

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The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team is in the process of setting up work sites in Eastern Kentucky to help those still in need of rebuilding. This will be taking place over the coming months. We are putting together a list of people that are willing to help. Right now, there is not a definite time line. If you might be able to help, please pass your name along to Larry Gray.



Hazard First Presbyterian Church has received donations of clothing to the point that they will need help to sort the items and get them ready for distribution to flood victims. They have set aside Saturday, **March 11th at 11:00** for volunteers to gather at the church. Lunch will be served. If you are willing to help, please let Larry Gray know and he will contact you when a date has been set.

Save the Date!!

We are having a work day at the church **Saturday, March 25th** starting at 9:00. There'll be plenty of work for everyone cleaning the inside and the outside. Coffee and snacks will be available. The date will be moved to April 1st in case of rain.

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,
or Susan Phelps – (606) 224-4302.

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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!)

Wednesday's **Bible Study** will meet
this Wednesday at 6:00 . It will be
looking at "**Emotions and Faith**".

March Birthdays

2nd Theresa Kibby
4th Debbie
Crawford
16th Noah Collins
17th Sally Jackson
22nd Marian
Davis
24th Wynonna
Brown
25th Mackey
Williams
27th Shirley Trooper
Anniversaries
6th Jacque & Vickie
Phelps

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
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

Wednesday's starting February 1st at 6:00 PM in the
Youth Choir Room for practice. We look forward to
having our youth join us!

Introduction to Pickleball...Tuesday, March 14,
2023 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for
interested church family! We will go over the
basics to get you ready to play this fun, social
and friendly game/sport. Please wear athletic
shoes suitable for a court activity. Also, you will
need a pickleball paddle. If you have questions or
need additional information, please contact
Diane Bowling or Katie Bowling. Space is limited.
We anticipate the class lasting through March.
Let's have fun!!

