Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service

July 4, 2021

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Children's Choir Practice Wednesday 5:00 P.M.

Adult Choir Practice Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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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 "Great Are You Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Come! Enter the house of God!
PEOPLE: Now is the time to worship God!
PASTOR: Help us to receive God's word and direction.
PEOPLE: Open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits this day.
PASTOR: Let God's praise be heard today.
PEOPLE: Let God's praise be proclaimed each day!
PASTOR: You are welcomed into God's house.
PEOPLE: Let us stay and shout praise together!

HYMN "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" No. 331

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we see you calm storms, heal illness, even restore life, yet we still struggle to trust you. You send us out, but we want to stay home. You provide partners for the journey, but we want to go it alone. You tell us to accept hospitality, but we find it hard to ask for help. You teach us to shake off the dust of the unkind, yet we remain angry. Forgive our lack of faith and vision. Empower us to be in service to you. Let us trust in your power and presence with us. Heal us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA *"Glory Be to the Father"* No. 581

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "This Is My Song"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 48 (NRSV)

…The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 6:1-13 (NRSV)

…The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *So They Went Out*

Sermon Series: *"Summer Lessons"*

HYMN "God to the World" 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 into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
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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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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People, Prayers of Thanksgiving & 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…

Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

HYMN O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" No. 338

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with *brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go with Us, Lord" No. 748

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

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Welcome to Sunday morning worship! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us at First Presbyterian London. This is a place of love and hope; safety and forgiveness. We will be food for the hungry, living water for the thirsty. We will comfort the bereaved and come together as a family of faith that bridges the chasms of loneliness and despair. We are open and inclusive, welcoming everyone who seeks to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As Christ drew no distinctions on the cross so we draw none here as his church. You are loved. Come on in – we've been waiting for you. Welcome, we are the church.

Prayer Requests

We have several members and friends that are in need of our thoughts and our prayers. Please add them, or keep them on, your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Pray with thanks for those who are healing!

- **Wynona Brown**— Please pray for her continued healing.
- **Brenda Hail & Bowman Hail**—Keep Brenda and the family in your prayers as medical issues are being handled.
- **Caroline Robinson**— Caroline is grateful for the love and prayers of her church that have assisted her during her illness and treatments.
- **Brian and Susan House –** Brian continues treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Please keep them in your prayers.
- **Shurree Clouse**- Pray for her safety and positive outcomes during her Kenya mission projects.
- **Susie and Danny Cockrell**- Pray for their well-being, comfort, and health. Susie is retired and is caring for Danny in his battle with Parkinson's Disease.
- **Amy DiGeronimo** (aunt of Sean Ryan): Please pray for her health and comfort during this time.

All classes are held in the Fellowship Hall. There are two opportunities for **adults**: 1) Bible Study or 2) Bible Art. **Preschool and elementary** classes are offered for our youth. Please see Karen Jewell with any questions!

Plan now **Vacation Bible School will run from July 19-22. It is called "The Right Track"!

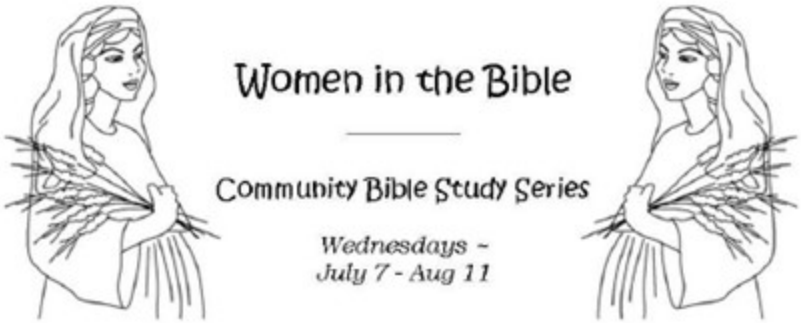
Kids' Choir Luau will be Wed. July 7 @ 5 with pizza, fruit, cake and games! This is a celebration for the hard work the kids have done in choir!

-**FIRST POTLUCK SINCE COVID!!!!!!!**

Churchwide VBS Kickoff Cookout will be July 18th at 5pm. Bring your favorite salads. All other food, including hamburgers and hot dogs, will be provided! Everyone is welcome to come support the kids!

From July 7-August 11, there will be a community **Women's Bible Study**, focusing on meaningful women in the Bible. The group will rotate leadership and hosting in order to unite our London churches in prayer and study. The study will occur on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30.

Updates will be shared!



A **Women's Bible Study Series** will be hosted at Levi Jackson Clubhouse on Wednesdays @ 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. for six weeks from **July 7 - August 11, 2021**. The inaugural season of the series for women is hosted by local churches, is free, and will feature a Speaker, Special Music, and light lunch each week. Speakers and Topics will include the following:

- Wed July 7 ~ **Eve** ~ Deevon Wooton of *The Creek*
- Wed July 14 ~ **The Woman at the Well**
  Sharon Kidd of *First Baptist*
- Wed July 21 ~ **Sarah** ~ Deneen Howard of *New Life*
- Wed July 28 ~ **Ruth and Esther**
  Sherri George of *First Methodist*
- Wed Aug 4 ~ **Mary, Mother of Jesus**
  Sister Marge Manning of *St. Williams*
- Wed Aug 11 ~ **Mary Magdalene**
  Rev. Griffin Ryan of *First Presbyterian*

Facebook.com/WomensBibleSeries

☆ Levi Jackson Park, 998 Levi Jackson Road, London, KY ☆

Clubhouse is the blue building at the top of the hill to the right overlooking the Amphitheater.

No childcare is available for this event.

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July Birthdays
1st Diane Swinney
2nd Cody Hail
7th Laurel E. Wallace
Alex Herren
8th Joan Grant
Michael Hardin
11th Lucy Herren
15th Shane Callahan
17th Monica Turner
19th Alexis Haarsma
20th Tommy Howard
23rd Michael Pratt
24th Jimmy Hail & Robbie Hail
26th Ryan Swinney
27th Ella Evelyn Taylor
29th Kiera Kuepfer
31st Jacob Taylor

Anniversaries
1st John & Thea Robinson
6th Chris & Becky Herren
15th John & Pat Kelley
20th Kerry & Jane Phelps
23rd Randy & Jill Creech
25th Nathan & Mykie Howard

Session Members Representing Each Committee:

Building/Grounds: Mike Hardin, Al Plymire, Michael Pratt
Christian Education: Karen Jewell, Debbie Crawford
Fellowship/Membership: Debbie Crawford, Larry Gray, Michael Pratt
Finance/Personnel: Diane Bowling, Zono Howard
Missions: Larry Gray, Judy Sturgeon
Worship/Music: John Cornelius, Zono Howard

Bible Study Fellowship is coming to London with the fall class now open to registration on the BSF website. Please encourage those who want to register to go to the website bsfinternational.org as soon as possible to assist with fall planning. You can type the web address into your browser. If you have a problem, call me at (859) 338-7430, or Marian Davis (502) 226-0722. BSF has classes for men, women, and children but the beginning class in London will be a women's class. This fall we will study the book of Matthew and we'll start on Wednesday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m. Until God leads us to the most favorable location – most likely a church – my house on Main Street is considered the temporary location. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you! I'm so excited!!

Yours graciously with prayer and optimism,
Jane Williams