

Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church
Virtual Sunday Service



February 5, 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

"God Is So Good"

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Here we come to call, believing the Lord will respond "Here I am!"

PEOPLE: **By God's grace, we are light.**

PASTOR: We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

PEOPLE: **By God's grace, we follow the commandments and the law.**

PASTOR: We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

PEOPLE: **By God's grace, we are salt. We are light.**

PASTOR: God transforms us and uses us.

PEOPLE: **Let us worship God together now!**

HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 65

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty.

Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,

whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield;

be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. We want the rich to feed the hungry, but not to share from our own provisions. We prefer charity in principle, but in practice evade our duty even to our own family. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Forgive our failure to live up to the best we know. 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

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Every Promise”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 58:1-12 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Do Not Hold Back”

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HYMN

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

No. 757

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*adapted from the Belhar Confession*): **We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth, and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. 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 Christ, the Great Foundation" No. 361
1 O Christ, the great foundation
on which your people stand
to preach your true salvation
in every age and land:
pour out your Holy Spirit
to make us strong and pure,
to keep the faith unbroken
as long as worlds endure.

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2 Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered
in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited;
by grace we make you known.

3 Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
where strong devour the weak,
where innocents are frightened,
the righteous fear to speak,
there let your church awaking
attack the powers of sin
and, all their ramparts breaking,
with you the victory win.

4 This is the moment glorious
when he who once was dead
shall lead his church victorious,
their champion and their head.
The Lord of all creation
his heavenly kingdom brings:
the final consummation,
the glory of all things

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***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"God Is So Good" st. 3,4
God loves me so;
God loves me so;
God loves me so;
God's so good to me.

No. 658

God is so good;
God is so good;
God is so good;
God's so good to me.

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 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.
- **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 under gone brain surgery. She is having daily radiation treatments. We pray for peace, healing, and comfort as she is very active, making this more difficult.
- **Richard Webb:** Please keep Richard and Karen in your prayers as he recovers from shoulder surgery
- **Bob Burns:** Pray for continued procedures and healing. Pray for him, his family, and the doctors as they continue to determine the next steps to take for him at this time.
- **The Crawford Family:** Please keep the Crawford family in your prayers. Jacky's mother recently undergone cancer surgery. She is looking at the next steps of treatment.
- **Lea Green:** Please pray for healing in her lungs and strength in her body. She is Griffin's aunt.

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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 and are 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 but we'll have more information soon 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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In the month of January our **Food Pantry** gave over 15,000 lbs of food to 718 people in 278 families. Thank You for this important mission

February Birthdays

1st Valerie Thornbury
7th John Robert Hail
8th Carter Jackson
Bonnie Johnson
9th Emily Davis
10th Bowman Hail
12th Tom Weatherly
14th Ruth Ann Caldwell
Jackson Brown
16th Monica Gray
17th Erika Davis
20th Roman Robinson

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!)

There will be a **Bible Study** on Wednesdays, at 6:00. We will continue our discussion of **"Emotions and Faith"**.

Lindsey Murray
24th Joshua Phelps
25th Kaitlin Robinson
26th Susan House
27th Caroline Robinson
29th Mike Howard

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

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.