

# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

10:45 AM

## Gathering Around the Word

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Kala Dunn

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Stacey Menser

L: Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim God's greatness.

**P: Tell the nations what God has done.**

L: Sing praise to the Lord.

**P: Tell the wonderful things God has done.**

L: Be glad that we belong to God.

**P: Let all who worship God rejoice.**

L: The Lord is our God;

God's commands are for all the world.

**P: God will keep his covenant forever,**

**God's promises last for a thousand generations.**

**Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN

*"We Gather Together"*

#336

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Read Responsively)

Loving God, we gather today, rich in blessing,  
somehow believing that we merit the wealth and comforts we enjoy.  
Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes  
to the faces of the poor that stare blankly in our direction.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

With bellies full of grain and meat,  
we offer token gestures to the hungry in our world  
and we feel we have done enough.

Forgive us, God, for keeping a distance between "us" and "them",  
for closing our ears to the cries of the hungry.

**Christ, have mercy on us.**

With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth,  
we cannot reach out to our oppressed  
brothers and sisters around this world.

Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you.

Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving,

that we may work to ensure freedom and justice for all.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Friends, believe the good news.

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stacey Menser

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 107:1-9 (p.487)

Stacey Menser

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jean Martin

ANTHEM

*"The Earth Is the Lord's"*

Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 103:1-14 (p.482)

Rev. Fortenberry

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Thankful to ..."

Rev. Fortenberry

## Responding to the Word

\*HYMN

*"Great God of Every Blessing"*

#694

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Heidelberg Catechism)

86 Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

**A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

#581

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*“My Father Watches Over Me”*

W.C. Martin

## DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

\*HYMN               *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*               #367  
                                (verses 1 - 3)

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Fortenberry

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #367

*“ Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!”*

POSTLUDE      *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*      Folliott S. Pierpoint

\*Will those who are able, please stand.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	19 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM
		Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM
		Morning Worship 10:45 AM
		Youth Group Advent Practice 5:00 PM
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM
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		Morning Worship 10:45 AM

Please welcome Kala Dunn, who will be playing the flute this morning. Welcome!

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