

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky
6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2023

10:45 AM

Gathering Around the Word

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*
arr by Martha Mier

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sherman Chaudoin

L: God has set before us the way of life,
P: May we grow into the beloved community.
L: God gave us the commandments, ordinances, and statutes,
P: May we live into God's ways of justice.
L: God sent Jesus, teaching us the fullness of God's love,
P: May we love our neighbor as ourselves.
L: God continues to speak to us through the Holy Spirit,
P: May we choose the way, the truth, and the life of Christ;
May we draw closer to God in this time of worship.

*HYMN *"God, Reveal Your Presence"* #412

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you set before us life and prosperity,
but we turn towards death and adversity.
We do not listen to your commandments,
we bow down to other gods:
convenience, self-reliance, greed, bitterness.
Break us of our longing for gods we can see and touch.
Turn us back to you, mysterious and mighty God,
that we may observe your commandments,
and walk in your ways.

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 Sherman Chaudoin

FIRST LESSON Psalm 119:1-8 (*p.493*) Sherman Chaudoin
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Serieta Jaggars

ANTHEM *"If You Trust in God"* solo by Melissa McDaniel

SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:21-26 (*p.786*) Rev. Fortenberry
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *"What Lies Beneath"* Rev. Fortenberry

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Heidelberg Catechism, Question 107)

Q. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

A. No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

*HYMN *"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"* #435

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
"Purify My Heart" arr by Bruce Inman

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

*HYMN *"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"* #442
(verses 1 - 3)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Fortenberry

*“Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!”*

POSTLUDE

“Rondeau”

arr by Richard Blake

*Will those who are able, please stand.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	12 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM Congregational Meeting after worship Valentine's Luncheon hosted by Youth Group
Thursday	16 th	Children's Choir 3:00 PM Free Clinic 5:00 PM Session 6:00 PM
Sunday	19 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM

The session has called for a very short congregational meeting immediately after worship today, for the purpose of making minor amendments to the 2023 Budget and the pastor's terms of call.

Join us for a Valentine's Day Luncheon, hosted by the Youth Group, after worship today! Donations will be used to fund Youth Group activities this year.

Beginning Thursday, February 23, Pastor Steve will be leading a seven-week, Thursday morning (10am) study of the book, Not The Way It's Supposed to Be, by Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. Appropriate to the season of Lent, we will look at the myriad of ways that sin spoils God's good creation and disturbs the peace. By considering the darkness of the world, we will be better able to discern God's beautiful grace. Let Steve know if you plan on attending so that he can order the right number of books.

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*“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times,
‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable
to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a
brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment . . .*

Matthew 5:21-22b