

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky

5th Sunday of Epiphany

February 5, 2023

10:45 AM

Gathering Around the Word

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

John Mahan

PRELUDE

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Kathleen Thomerson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jackie Murray

L: Let your light shine!

P: We are the salt of the earth.

L: Let your light shine!

P: We are the light of the world.

L: Let your light shine!

P: Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us!

L: Let your light shine!

*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#667

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Fortenberry

Patient God,

it is so easy for us to miss the point.

We know how to perform righteousness;

We go to church, we donate, we volunteer,

**But we care more about how we are seen
than our faithfulness to you.**

We show off our piousness,

instead of actually sharing our food, our homes,

our resources with those in the most need.

Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves,

and teach us your way,

the way that leads to justice and peace.

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

Jackie Murray

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (p.927)

Jackie Murray

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

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16 (p.786)

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SERMON

"A Beautiful Witness"

Rev. Fortenberry

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of Belhar, 10.5)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

* GLORIA PATRI

#581

*HYMN

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

#761

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"Poured Out For You"

Austin North

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM

"In Remembrance"

Chancel Choir

Receiving the Lord's Supper

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Fortenberry

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

*HYMN

"Great God of Every Blessing"

#694

(verses 1 and 2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Fortenberry

*"Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart;
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart."*

POSTLUDE

"A Joyous Benediction"

David Paxton

*Will those who are able, please stand.

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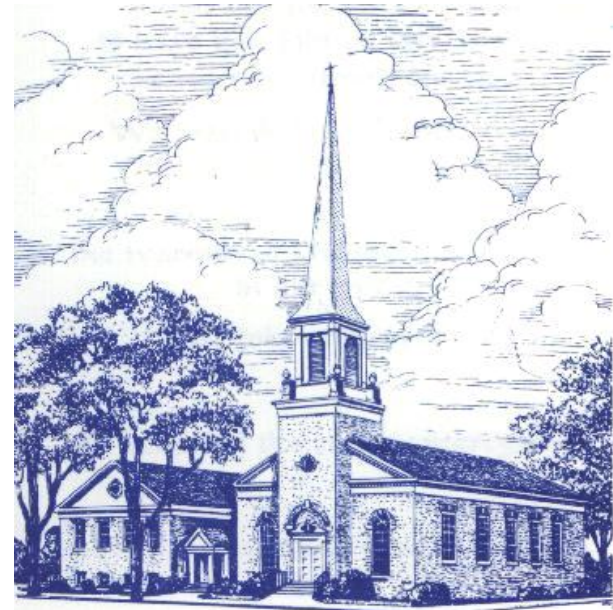
Today	5 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM 1 st Sunday Coffee 10:15 AM Morning Worship with Communion 10:45 AM
Thursday	9 th	Children's Choir 3:00 PM
Sunday	12 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM Congregational Meeting after worship Valentine's Luncheon hosted by Youth Group

The Special Offering for February will benefit Bright Life Farms, Inc., a non-profit group home for mentally and developmentally challenged adults in Caldwell County.

The session has called for a very short congregational meeting immediately after worship on February 12, for the purpose of making minor amendments to the 2023 Budget and the pastor's terms of call.

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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*...let your light shine before others,
to that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16