

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

10:45 AM

Gathering Around the Word

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"God So Loved the World"* arr by Larry Shackley

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sherman Chaudoin

L: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: To carry the cross, to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

P: Come Lord Jesus.

L: Today, to this place, to us,

P: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* #475

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you love us, but we have not loved you. You have opened your heart to us, and in our pride we have spurned your care. We have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and we are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Cleanse us from our sin and receive us again into your household, that we might nevermore stray from your love but always remain within the sound of your voice. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE *"We Are Forgiven"* #447

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sherman Chaudoin

FIRST LESSON Psalm 89:1-4 (p.475) Sherman Chaudoin
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jean Martin

ANTHEM *"Lamb of God"* Ladies Ensemble

SECOND LESSON Mark 12:28-44 (p.825) Rev. Fortenberry
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Not Far" Rev. Fortenberry

Responding to the Word

*HYMN *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"* #300

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Theological Declaration of Barmen)

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.

*GLORIA PATRI #581

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" arr by Ty Robert Thornton

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

*HYMN *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* #213
(verses 1 - 4)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Fortenberry

*"In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime."*

POSTLUDE *"The Old Rugged Cross"* arr by Lloyd Larson

*Will those who are able, please stand.

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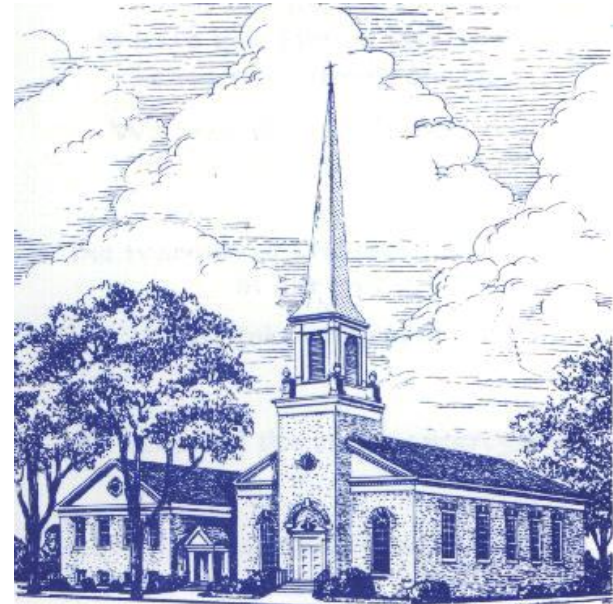
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	10 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Thursday	14 th	Children's Choir 3:00 PM
Sunday	17 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM Youth Group 5:00 PM

A Luncheon will be held today, March 10, following worship in the Fellowship Hall for any women interested in learning about and relaunching a Presbyterian Women Chapter at CPC.

This month's mission focus is Special Olympics of Caldwell County, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing sporting opportunities for children and adults with intellectual differences.

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*When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God."*

Mark 12:34