

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Princeton, Kentucky

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2023

10:45 AM

Gathering Around the Word

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"Close Every Door"* The Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Bobby Lewis

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**P: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

L: Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**P: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

L: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
His miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

*HYMN *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* #32

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery, God of life,
we imagine that we are capable judges
of power and wisdom and goodness.
We trust our own standards;
we separate and categorize;
we mark the performance of others.
We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.
Gracious God, hidden and manifest,
transform our withered imaginations
until we yield the judgments we trust
to a love we cannot control. Amen.

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 Bobby Lewis

FIRST LESSON Psalm 119:129-136 (p.496) Bobby Lewis
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Billy Ward

ANTHEM *"For We Are All His People"* Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:18-25 (p.919) Rev. Fortenberry
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Tragic Optimism" Rev. Fortenberry

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of 1967)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of man's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes man's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation.

*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
"It's Love That the World is Seeking" Merrill Dunlop

DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

*HYMN *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"* #839
(verses 1 and 2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Fortenberry

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

3rd verse #839

POSTLUDE

"Ready"

Charlie D. Tillman

*Will those who are able, please stand.

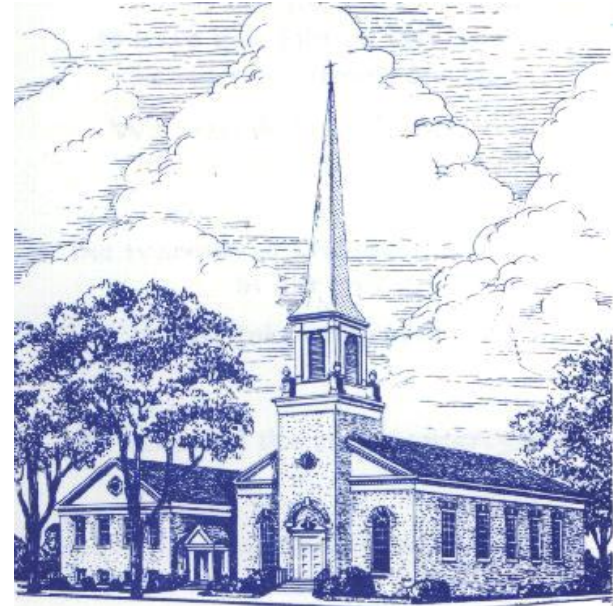
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	30 th	Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Thursday	3 rd	Free Clinic 5:00 PM
Sunday	6 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

The Western KY Presbytery Mission Committee is organizing a mission team to travel to Eastern KY September 24-30. Anyone 16 or older who's interested in participating, please contact Jenny Franke. The deadline is Tuesday.

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*For the creation waits with eager
longing for the revealing of the children of God,*

Romans 8:19