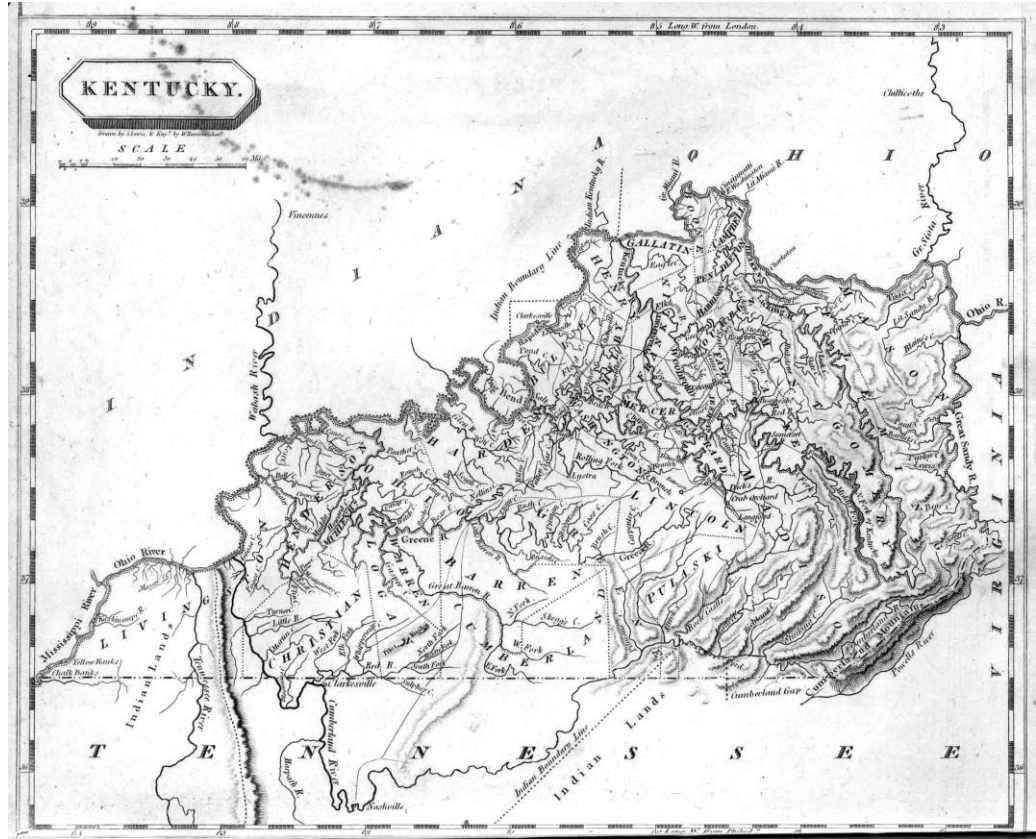


Kentucky became a state in 1792. Our congregation was formed in 1819. This is an early (1814) map of the Commonwealth.



So many settlers came to Kentucky from “the Mother Commonwealth,” that it was said, “The pride of Virginia has come to Kentucky.”

Service for the Lord’s Day

April 28, 2019

The Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Now The Green Blade Rises

NOEL NOUVELET

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Leader: I do not account my life as precious, only that I may accomplish the ministry which I receive from the Lord Jesus,

People: To testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Leader: I will not shrink from declaring the whole counsel of God.

People: Let all the flock take heed. We are all overseers, to care for the church,

Leader: Which God has obtained,

People: With the blood of God’s own Son, our Savior!

Acts 20:24, 28

The ministry we have received from Jesus is our congregation’s proud history and our great destiny.

Early Presbyterian settlers in Kentucky sang the Psalms. This paraphrase of the 100th Psalm was the most popularly printed hymn in America between 1698 and 1810, according to a study, *The Core Repertory of American Psalmody*, 1984.

The Prayer of Adoration and Confession is taken from John Calvin's *Form of Church Prayers*, 1524. The Scots Irish settlers who formed our congregation, would have been familiar with this form, through Calvin's Scots disciple, John Knox.

Our church website refers especially to "making the effort to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace." This is the church's gift in contentious times.

Jesus commissions his disciples to a ministry that remembers the whole of scripture, his resurrection, and his promise of power.

Hymn 385

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

OLD 100th

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

O, Almighty God ad heavenly Father, we poor miserable sinners confess that we have sinned against thy law from our childhood till this hour, by evil thoughts, words, inclinations, and deeds which we cannot count, and above all by gross unbelief. Wherefore we are not worthy to be called thy children, or to lift up our eyes to heaven. O God and Father, would that we had never offended thee! We beseech thee, for the sake of thy loving kindness, and the honor of thy name, to receive us into thy grace, with the forgiveness of our sin. Amen.

Declaration of Good News

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

By words and gesture, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6, 16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Anthem

Festival Canticle: Worthy is Christ

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-49

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

All Sit

Sermon

Who We Were, What We Are

The Reverend Joseph B. Lapsley

This hymn is found in an 1816 songbook, called *Kentucky Harmony*. The compiler of this hymnal was a Presbyterian elder.

The Buck in a Basket offering goes to fund unbudgeted ministries. During April, we give to support the summer activities of the Youth.

Isaac Watts is the author of our closing hymn. At the Battle of Springfield (1780), a Continental Army chaplain saw that his soldiers were running out of wadding for their firearms. He took a hymnal from a church, and instructed the soldiers to use its pages for wadding. He said, "Give 'em Watts, boys!"

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 58

When Israel Was Going Forth

PISGAH

Affirmation of Faith

(I Corinthians 15:1-6; Mark 16:9; Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, then to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Offering

All Sit

Offertory

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MFURAHINI HALELUYA

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

Benediction

Postlude

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center

Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

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Announcements

USHERS: The Simmons, Humphrey, and Moore families

LAY READER: Margaret Stein

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranke@msn.com

CHILDREN'S MUSIC: Ellie Osborne

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, May 5: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Judy Clark. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY:

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING: it's not too late! One of four special offerings of the PC(U.S.A.), OGHs is celebrating 70 years of making a difference in the world. Our gifts fund three important ministries: The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People. Especially with the recent disasters in Africa with the cyclone, the floods in the Mid-west and ongoing recovery in Puerto Rico, Florida and other hurricane-impacted areas, the funds from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are especially needed. Simply put 'OGHS' in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity.

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Our Preschool group continued the Easter theme with "Jesus Lives" from John 20:1-18. Luke 24:13-35 was the focus on Jesus Lives in our older elementary group, Growing in Grace and Gratitude. Our Godly Play K-3rd grade learned about the Crosses. Talk with your children about what they learned, read the scripture together and discuss what God might be leading you (all) to learn.

COMING UP:

A ROUND TABLE PULPIT continues on Mondays, 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Come read and study the scriptures for the next Sunday - enhance your biblical knowledge and possibly help shape the sermon. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington leads.

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m.	Fellowship
9:00 a.m.	Children's Music
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Missions
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group

Monday, April 29

5:00 p.m.	Round Table Pulpit
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Tuesday, April 30

11:00 a.m.	Special Care
2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m.	POPS
10:00 a.m.	Circle 6
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 2

9:00 a.m.	POPS
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Announcements (continued)

MAY 5TH IS OUR TACO BAR youth Fundraiser! Please come along for some food and fellowship. You will be helping to fundraise for our youth summer trips. If you would like to donate food, sign up here or speak to David Clarke: <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=VAQX7765&v=6ecc47c647>

CIRCLES CIRCLE 6 will be meeting next month on **May 1st** at 10:00am, at the home of Betty Jo Beard (1420 Euclid Ave.). CIRCLE 3 will meet on Monday, May 6th at 11:00am at Village Manor. SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet Sunday, May 12 at 9:45am. CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, May 13th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, 14th at 7:00pm. The WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, May 15th at 9:15am in the youth room.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Would you like to assist in building? Could you (and a friend) prepare sack lunches for 30 workers? Our next build date is June 8. Time: 7:45 AM to 3 PM / Address: 1123 Regis O'Connor BLVD (GPS: 517 West 12th Avenue and turn left, the house is the first on the left on that street.) If you'd like to volunteer, please contact church office or Susan Thomison (susan.thomison1@gmail.com).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 2-5. Registration for children is available (must be 3 by July 31 through rising 5th grade). Visit <https://bgpres.org/vacation-bible-school> to find the links to register children AND volunteers! You will also see what agencies will be part of our efforts this year and how you can support this effort, even if you don't have children or youth to participate or can't volunteer!

SATURDAY MEALS will be May 18th. We seeking volunteers who can help with deliveries, and the setup, etc. If you would like to help, please contact Judy Clark at Judy068clark@outlook.com.

OUR YOUTH GRADUATE SUNDAY will take place on May 12th. Come along and join us as we celebrate our Youth who are graduating. This service will be planned and led by the Youth, so we hope you can come along to appreciate all the hard work they have put in to planning it. Also-- If you have a graduate in the family, please send their information to David Clarke **as soon** as possible. (Cheryl will be on vacation in May and all bulletin info will be printed early!)

OTHER NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS:

THE FOOD PANTRY needs dry beans, white rice, peanut butter, soup, canned fruit/vegetables (easy open cans as possible). Donations may be left in the drawers under the stairs marked 'Food Pantry.' **OUR SHELVES ARE MORE BARE THAN FULL!** Any help with these items will be greatly appreciated.

MANNA MART NEEDS Family size laundry detergent, full size shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste/ brushes, body lotion are in particular demand. Please put in the drawers under the stairs marked 'Manna Mart.' **PLEASE NOTE: WE CANNOT USE LIQUID HAND SOAP.**

VBS NEEDS YOUR UNNEEDED ITEMS FOR CRAFTS! 16 oz empty water bottles (no lids); fleece scraps (bigger pieces especially); old tee shirts, sweatshirts, sweaters, gallon ziploc bags, small/medium width ribbon (any color/pattern - fabric only), old tennis balls. There is a basket outside the office for your donations.

WE ARE HOSTING THE MAY 14 MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN KENTUCKY. Volunteers are needed to help our day run smoothly. There is a special sign up on our website - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-presbytery>

NOTES FOR UPCOMING BULLETINS: Cheryl will be away on vacation May 8-17. Bulletins for that time period will be **printed early**. Please note: Information for the Sunday bulletin of May 12 will need to be turned in by Thursday, May 3. Information for the Sunday bulletin of May 19 must be turned in by Monday, May 6. Thank you for your cooperation!



We express our sympathy to Kathy Higgins and her family for the death of her husband and church member Fred Higgins, who died April 24, 2019. We also express sympathy to Nancy Carwell for the death of her brother John Hart, who died on April 16, 2019.