

For young worshipers:
The Celtic cross looks like string tied in knots. How can our lives be tied to Jesus Christ? Ask someone you love to help you answer this.



Protect yourself against greed. Life is not defined by what you have,
even when you have a lot. Luke 12:15

Service for the Lord's Day

August 7, 2022

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire Raymond Haan
O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire, redemption's only spring!
Creator of the world art thou, its Savior and its King.

All who are able may stand

Opening Sentences: (Congregational response in bold)

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will wear.

For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.

Consider the birds: they neither sow nor reap, they have no storehouse, and yet God feeds them.

Consider the lilies, how they grow.

Do not be afraid.

It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom.

Luke 12:22-32

Opening Hymn 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
First and Third Verses

TOPLADY

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure; cleanse from guilt and make me pure.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.*

The author of the Opening Hymn, Augustus Toplady, uses John Wesley's words "double cure," in the first verse. Wesley saw the double cure as 1. Reconciliation with God, and 2. The cleansing effect of the Holy Spirit.

By confessing what has kept us from God, we open the way to move closer to God.

The new life in Christ is shaped by his resurrection. We pursue what is heavenly, good, faithful, and true.

Greed is one of the things that can take over our lives, but God wants our lives to be taken over by Christ.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, by your goodness the earth is full of blessings. Teach us to seek those blessings, to take joy in counting them, and even more joy in sharing what we have from you.

Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may know Christ and his fullness, which is everything we need.

A period of silence is observed for personal confession

Hymn

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Good News

Passing of the Peace

As we greet the Lord, we greet one another in His name.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading *(Congregational Responses in bold)*

Colossians 3:1-4

Christ Is Our Life!

You have been raised to life with Christ, **which is the new life of resurrection and the rule of God.** Now set your heart on what is in heaven, where Christ rules at God's right side. **Be engaged in those things that Christ cares about.** Think about what is up there, not about what is here on earth. **Look up, and see what Christ is doing!** You died, which means that your life is hidden with Christ, who sits beside God. **Our old lives are over. This new life is real life.** Christ gives meaning to your life, and when he appears, you will also appear with him in glory.

Solo

May Sunshine Light Your Way
Nate Stein, soloist

Albrecht/Althouse

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Greed vs. God

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' "Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

All Sit

Sermon

Enough for Our Souls

Matthew Covington

A Brief Statement of Faith, written in 1983, calls the church to those responsibilities most urgent in our time.

The Buck in a Basket Offering helps the church meet immediate needs, including those needs that arise after the church's annual budget is set. The Deacons direct this offering. Putting a gift in the basket as it is passed is also a way of saying "I'm here!" for the ministries of the church. The August Buck in a Basket Offering will assist with expenses for David's Room in the Inn homeless shelter ministry.

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

First Verse Only

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

Affirmation of Faith

From: A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Offertory

A Song of Comfort

Eric Thiman

Doxology

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Prayer of Dedication

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

The Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Communion of the People

Coming forward for communion symbolizes our response to God's gift. Come down the center aisle to receive, and return to your seat by the side aisles.

Music During Communion

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision
First and Third Verses

SLANE

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

Benediction

Postlude

Solo for the Cromorne Stop

L. N. Clerambault

WELCOME VISITORS!

*WELCOME VISITORS! As we worship online or in-person, we are glad you are with us!
For more information about our church, pastoral help or for prayer requests, please
email our church office. www.bgpres.org*

Elders: Class of 2023-Jean Harris, Wayne Hendrix, Nathan Love, Mike Morse, Bud Schlinker; Class of 2024-Frederica Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2025-Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge **Deacons:** Class of 2023-Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Annette Parkerson, Judy Whitson; Class of 2024-Trudy Burkeen, Evan Goad, Linda Leigh, Catherine Reber, Susan Thomison; Class of 2025-Craig Long, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey

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Announcements

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke

USHERS: The Polen and Thomison families

LAY READER: Brianna Trickey

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Autumn Stolle, soprano; Lacy Magre, alto; Darcy Merriman, tenor; Chris Muller, bass, Jeremiah Simpson, bass

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY August 14: Isaiah 5:1–7; Psalm 80: 1–2, 8–19; Hebrews 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49–56.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Linda Leigh and Catherine Reber. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY:

TODAY'S SOLOIST Nate Stein will be a high school junior this year at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia. For two years, he has served as the principal violist for their string ensemble and has been active in multiple chamber groups. His freshman year, Nate was a member of the chapel choir and was recently selected to be part of Woodberry's a cappella group, The Dozen. He has been a member of the Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green his entire life and is so happy for the opportunity to sing in the chancel choir whenever he's home from school.

FLOOD RELIEF Thank you to all who have contributed to the eastern Kentucky flood relief fund. So far our church has raised \$5350.00 for those communities. The money raised has been used to send water, hygiene items, and gift cards to affected communities this week.

COMING UP:

IT'S PIG PICKIN' TIME NEXT WEEKEND! Sunday August 14, 10:00am at the Beard Pavilion (1061 Garvin Lane; see map). **NOTE: There are NO activities at the church** next Sunday. 10:00am is Worship, followed by our Picnic! This is an **ALL-INCLUSIVE PICNIC** this year. Everything will be provided, so invite your friends, grab your hat and sunscreen (we will have more tent seating available) and join us! You can also bring your lawn chairs as desired. We are also seeking a few individuals willing to serve the food. Have questions? Email [Bud Schlinder](mailto:Bud.Schlinder@church.com).

RALLY DAY will coincide with **Pig Pickin'** this year- next Sunday August 14th! We will highlight our upcoming Sunday School programs and Children's Church, and recognize our teachers as well. Join us for games and fellowship at the picnic as we kickoff a new season!

THE CHOSEN class for August 21: Episode 6, Season 2, *Unlawful*. Matthew and Simon try to get along as they search for Mary in dark places. The group fears for Mary as they struggle with lack of food and bad news about John the Baptist. Meanwhile, Jesus continues to upset Pharisees across multiple regions (no Sunday School on Pig Pickin' day).

Calendar

Sunday, August 7

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 8

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, August 9

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club

Wednesday, August 10

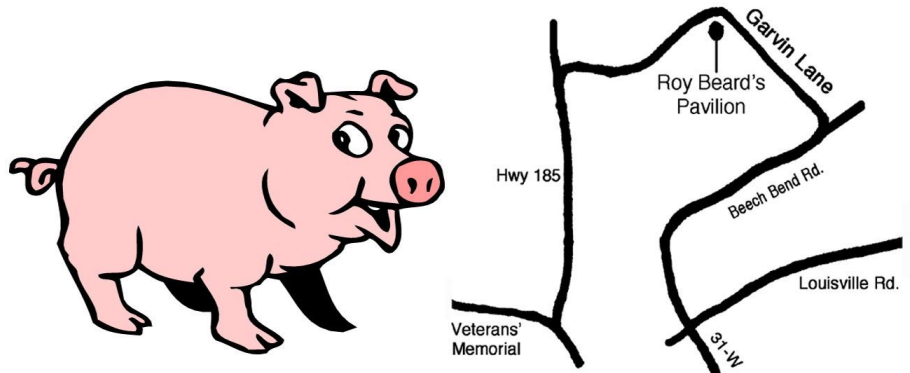
7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group (Teresa's)
9:00 a.m. PLC Open House

Thursday, August 11

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Friday, August 12

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast (Lisa's)



PIG PICKIN'

10:00am at the Beard Pavilion

Sunday, August 14th

1061 Garvin Lane

CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES ON AUGUST 17. We've enjoyed our hiatus, but not quite as much as we enjoy singing. If you enjoy singing then you should consider being a part of the Chancel Choir. We rehearse on **Wednesdays from 5-6 pm and gather at 10:00 on Sundays** to sing through the hymns and the anthem for that day. One does not have to be a music reader to participate. We have plenty of readers so it's easy to join in. You don't have to sound like a soloist. Part of the beauty of a choir is the various timbres coming together to create a choir. We keep track of when folks need to be away from rehearsal and/or Sunday worship and plan our anthems accordingly. This is a fun and loving group who prays and enjoys being together. A special treat is welcoming and getting to know our Collegiate Ensemble members. If you have questions just talk to Wayne or call/text him at 270-991-8761 or any Chancel Choir member. Come and be a part!

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY We are planning a church cleaning day on Saturday, August 27. Signups for specific tasks will be available. Keep a lookout for more information coming soon!

SMALL GROUPS We're meant to do life together! Small Groups are a gathering of folks that visit, laugh, learn, serve, pray and grow spiritually. You can join a Small Group at any time during the year and now is an especially good time as we rally back together for the new church year and new school year. We have a variety of Small Groups and look forward to having more. Currently the following Small Groups are meeting and would welcome new members:

God/Dog is Love (Mondays 9 a.m. at Covington Woods Park, Contact Debbie Morse)

Chair Yoga (Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. at our church, Contact Trudy Burkeen)

Breakfast Group (Wednesdays, 7 a.m. at Teresa's, Contact Wayne Hendrix)

Men's Breakfast Group (Fridays, 7 a.m. at Lisa's 5th Street Diner, Contact Tim Leigh)

Neighborhood Group (1st Thursday, 7 p.m. at Julia Roberts' home, Contact Julia Roberts)

The Bible and Bees (Meets periodically, Contact Matthew Covington)

Presbyterian Women's Circles (Contact Donna Meredith.)

Eating Out (Starting soon, Fridays and Sundays, Contact Mary Evans)

Do you have an idea for a new Small Group? Talk to Matthew Covington, David Clarke, Tim Leigh, Pamela Napier, or Mary Evans and they will help make it happen!

OTHER NEWS:

CURRENT ART EXHIBIT An unusual and exciting exhibit of Andee Rudloff's doodles and sketches hangs in Fellowship Hall. Andee's reputation for whimsical murals is remarkably evident on walls of schools and buildings in Kentucky and Tennessee, especially in our immediate area and Nashville—and notably here in the children's hallway of The Presbyterian church. Her art work employs community cooperation with others painting the shapes she draws. Her art minions have included school children, members of community groups, and other artists.

LAY READERS needed! A signup has been created online for upcoming lay readers. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49acac23a7ff2-layreader> Thank you to all who have signed up to read.

NURSERY CARE is available on Sunday mornings. 9-10:15 for children up to 3; from 10:15 to end of worship up to age 4 (pre-K). Please note masks continue to be required by all in the Children's Center (if over 2).

Donate Online: The church website accepts online donations. Just go to our website (below) and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You can also scan the QR code. <https://bgpres.org/give>

