

# GRADUATION SUNDAY WE HONOR YOU

## *Service for the Lord's Day*

May 12, 2019  
Graduation Sunday

### *Gathering Around the Word*

#### **Gathering Music**

#### **Striking of the Hour**

#### **Welcome**

Caroline Wedge

#### **Prelude**

Claire Ellington, piano

#### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 90

God we know you are with us.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

You have showered your love upon all generations since the beginning of time.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Guide us now through this time of worship, and into the week ahead.

**From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

#### **Hymn 488**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

WATERLIFE

#### **Prayer of Adoration and Confession** (Unison)

Sara Parkerson

Holy God, so often we forget to live through you. We get distracted and our focus shifts from you to material things and wants. We get so caught up in ourselves that we fail to come together as one. We stray from our faith, getting far off track of your vision for us. Forgive us, O Lord, for putting you off. Help us to remember it takes many parts to make up one whole. Guide us to work as one people, not just single individuals. Lead us all in a direction of togetherness, so we may live faithfully as one. Through Christ we pray, Amen!

#### **Declaration of Good News**

**Passing of the Peace**

By words and gestures, we share the love of Christ with each other.

*All Sit*

**Children’s Choir**

***Hearing the Word***

**Prayer for Illumination**

Emma Ahmed

**First Covenant Reading**

Isaiah 40:28-31

Emma Ahmed

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary; and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**Anthem**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

J. Newton/C. Tomlinson & L. Giglio/arr. R. Maudlin

Nate Stein Baritone, Caroline wedge Soprano, Beth Pope Piano

*All stand*

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:1-5

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

*All Sit*

**Sermon**

David Clarke

**Recognizing Graduates**

Matt Hunt

***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 377**

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

HOUSTON

**Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Buck in a Basket for May will build a fund for our Evangelism and Outreach Committee to do direct mailings to our community, to invite participation and possibly new members.

*All Sit*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

Nate Stein

**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.**

**The Offering**

Ben Davenport

**Offertory**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

OPEN THE EYES

David Yusk, violin    Nate Stein, violin

Eddie Solberg-Hale, bass    Wayne Pope, guitar

Congregation will sing on the second time through.

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

*Bearing the Word into the Created World*

*All Stand*

**Closing Hymn 487**

*These Treasured Children*

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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

American Folk Hymn

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**OUR YOUTH GROUP GRADUATES:**

**Miriam Reber** is graduating from Bowling Green High School, and will be going on to attend the University of Kentucky to major in Business/Marketing.

**Katie Hornsby** is graduating from Greenwood High School, and will be going on to attend WKU to major in Early Childhood Education.

**ALSO GRADUATING:**

**Kate Bigler** is graduating from Rhodes College in Memphis with a degree in accounting.

**Diana Bigler** is graduating from University of Kentucky School of Medicine as a medical doctor.

**Jason Fox** (Collegiate Ensemble) is graduating from WKU with a Master’s Degree in GeoSciences.

**Will Hornsby** is graduating from WKU and will go on to attend graduate school in Industrial and Organizational Psychology at Michigan State.

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## **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 for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.*

**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.

### **Donate Online:**

We have recently set up the church website to accept online donations. Just go to the website below and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You can also scan the QR code, right..

<https://bgpresdonate.cloverdonations.com/online-donations/>



## ***The Presbyterian Church Staff***

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<i>Children's Music</i>	<i>Ellie Osborne</i>
<i>Sunday Sexton</i>	<i>Barbara Solberg-Hale</i>
<i>Clerk of Session</i>	<i>Tim Leigh</i>

## Announcements

**USHERS:** The Kernohan and Hudson families

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

**LIBRARIAN:** Arnie Petrus, [arfranpe@msn.com](mailto:arfranpe@msn.com)

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC:** Ellie Osborne

**LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, May 19:** Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35.

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Ray Elms and Sally Calkins. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

### **TODAY:**

**WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING?** Best Friends are always so helpful! Our Preschool children heard this from 1 Samuel 18: 1-5; 20:1-42. The Synagogue and Upper Room were the focus for our K-3rd Godly Play class, from Luke 4:16-30. Forgiveness was the theme in Growing in Grace and Gratitude for our 4th-5th grade group (Luke 7:36-50). Read the scriptures at home together and talk about them. What is God leading you to learn and/or do? **Our Youth** were busy finalizing this worship service this morning, and let us be thankful to God for their good work!

### **COMING UP:**

**CIRCLES** 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.

**MAY 19TH IS OUR END OF YEAR YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT** we are planning to go to Jump Zone and then to dinner afterwards; bring along your youth and join us for some fun and fellowship and also a chance to plan summer events. For more information speak to David Clarke.

**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! **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** should plan on coming to Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday June 1, 10:00am for our time of reviewing important information and setting up for our event. All adults must attend and complete training for child/youth protection. Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

**FOR YOUTH** – Our Vacation Bible School is from June 2nd-5th and we will be working together with Christ Episcopal Church. We would love to have youth members come along and help out. Sign up is available on the website.

**PLAN TO JOIN US!** Sunday June 9 is PENTECOST! Wear your red (or orange). We will have our annual Butterfly Release in the courtyard following worship and then gather in Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Luncheon! Bring a side dish or a salad (dessert is provided).

**CITY SIGHTS CITY LIGHTS** Our Middle school mission trip will be taking place July 9-11 and registration is now available. If you have any youth (rising 6th through rising 9th grade) interested speak to David Clarke and get more information.

**SATURDAY MEALS** will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Judy068clark@outlook.com).

## Calendar

### **Sunday, May 12**

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. Children's Music  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Sunday Morn. Circle  
10:30 a.m. Worship

### **Monday, May 13**

11:30 a.m. Circle 9  
5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

### **Tuesday, May 14**

10:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Special Care  
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club  
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

### **Wednesday, May 15**

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Saturday, May 18**

Saturday Meals

**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](mailto:susan.thomison1@gmail.com)).

**OTHER NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS:**

**200TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS** Celebrate our congregation in style by purchasing a custom T-shirt, available in a variety of sizes and styles for youth and adults. Stop by the 10th Street entrance before Sunday School or after church to fill out an order form. Payment will be due when the order is delivered in late May/early June. Questions? Contact Margaret Stein at 270-779-2579 or [margaret\\_f\\_stein@hotmail.com](mailto:margaret_f_stein@hotmail.com).

**VBS NEEDS 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 MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN KENTUCKY ON MAY 14 (TWO DAYS FROM NOW).** 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> See Leslee Kirkconnell with questions.

**OUR FOOD PANTRY** is much needed and much used and we are grateful for your support in keeping items in stock. If you plan to bring us donations, please help by noting the following: canned goods (fruit, vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce) are always needed, and generally always in short supply. Peanut Butter: PLEASE buy ONLY smaller sizes (18 oz). We try to give every visitor Peanut Butter, but containers bigger than 18 ounces are too heavy to carry. Dry beans, lentils, white rice also needed (we will have a bagging party soon). Tuna fish (in water), canned meats, saltines, dry milk, pasta, are also good items for us to have in stock. MANY MANY THANKS for all your support as we seek to help ease food insecurity and hunger in our local community.