



He said to them, “Whose head is on this, and whose title?” They answered, “The Emperor’s.”
Matthew 22:20-21

The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green

Service for the Lord's Day

October 22, 2023

Mission Statement: We Share the Vitality of Christ, Loving, Serving, and Welcoming All.

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Choral Introit

Autumn Carol

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Rainbow Ringers Chancel Choir

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (Responsive)

What shall I give to God, in response to all of God's goodness to me?

You can't repay God. But you can dedicate yourself to praising God.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of God's people.

In the house of the Lord, in the midst of God's people, we sing that God is with us!

From Psalm 116

Opening Hymn 681

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET HER

First and Last Verses Only

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

God of life and Lord of all: Call us to walk with you today, and draw us away from self-destructive things, away from idle fascinations, away from petty pursuits, away from sin. Sometimes, we have refused righteousness. Forgive us! Set us free from the sin that has held us for too long, and raise us to new life in Christ.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

For Young Worshipers:

Do you like money? Most people do. Here is what money looked like 2000 years ago. Your family uses money to buy the things you need. The church uses money to help people too. What is your favorite thing that the church does?

Do we have anything that is good enough to offer God? Joyful praise and worship are worthy.

We have not valued righteousness. We ask God for help.

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in the
sanctuary; praise
God in God's
creation!
-Psalm 150

In response to
healing or rescue
from danger, the
Psalmist offers God
heartily, sincere
worship.

The Pharisees
knew: Talking
about money is
awkward and
potentially
dangerous!

Declaration of Good News

Gloria Patri

Henry Greatedorix

*Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end, A-men.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

The risen Lord brought the gift of life-giving peace. Let us share it with one another.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm Reading (Responsive)

Psalm 116:12-19

Paying Vows to the Lord

I will take up the cup of salvation : **and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord : **in the presence of all his people.**

O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid : **you have unloosed my bonds.**

I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving : **and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord : **in the presence of all his people,**

In the courts of the house of the Lord : **even in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord.

Anthem

Psalm 91

Craig Courtney

Tina Logsdon, flute

All stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

The Message Paraphrased

The Pharisees Want to Talk about Money; Jesus is Ready for That

The Pharisees plotted a way to trap Jesus into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece.

"This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?"

They said, "Caesar."

"Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his."

The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

All Sit

Sermon

Render Unto God...

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

The Belhar
Confession, written
in South Africa as
a theological
response to the
segregating
systems of
apartheid,
emphasizes
Christian unity.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Based on The Confession of Belhar

**We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church.
We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints,
called from the entire human family.
We believe the church is the single community of believers,
reconciled with God and with one another.
We believe that through the working of God's Spirit,
unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become
visible to the world.
We believe that the sin of division, separation, and hatred between people and
groups has been conquered by Christ.
We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.
We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.
Amen.**

All Sit

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.**

Offering

Offertory

Take My Life and Let It Be David H. Williams
Tina Logsdon, flute Millie Davenport, maraca

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 711

Lord of All Good

TOULON

Benediction

Postlude

Nun lob mein Seel den Herren, BuxWV 213

Dietrich Buxtehude

*WELCOME VISITORS! Even as we worship online, we are glad you are with us!
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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY October 29: Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew 22:34–46.

TODAY

TINA FRANCIS LOGSDON – A graduate of Glasgow High School, Tina received her undergraduate degree in Music Education from Western Kentucky University in May of 2020. She studies flute with faculty member and Orchestra Kentucky member, Dr. Heidi Alvarez. Tina is currently pursuing a graduate degree in music at WKU and serving as a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Music.

We welcome Tina back to TPC and are grateful for her wonderful talents.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP invites you to join them for lunch at Shogun Bistro on October 22. The address is 761 Campbell Lane. There will be plenty of Japanese food, fun, and friendly conversation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES & Special Enrichment

Programs for Children

Writing Your Memoir - How to write a memoir that is readable and evocative. Led by Erika Solberg – in Fellowship Hall

Coffee and Conversation Class- Reading *Uncommon Ground* by Timothy Keller & John Inazu

Preschool Sunday School- Children ages 3-5

Godly Play Sunday School - Children in kindergarten through 5th grade

Children's Music Program- Children in kindergarten through 5th grade

Children's Church- Children ages 5 to 6th grade, after the Passing of the Peace

Junior and Senior High Sunday School -Young people in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room

COMING UP:

OUR CHILI COOK-OFF youth fundraiser will happen next Sunday, October 29th after our church service. Plan to join us for lunch and vote for your favorite! We will crown a new winner! Donations from the event will support our youth group. If you would like to help, make some chili, or donate you can speak to David Clarke or sign up at this link:

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=EEUQ4134&welcome=1>

CURRENT ART EXHIBIT Now hanging in our Fellowship Hall Gallery: A photography exhibit featuring new works by the Sunny 16 Camera Club, whose many members include some of our own congregation. Be sure to stop and see it!

NEWEST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Writing Your Memoir (Sundays of October 15, 22, 28 and November 5 at 9:15-10:15 in the Fellowship Hall) Led by Erika Solberg. Have you ever wanted to tell a part of your life story but weren't sure how to start? As opposed to an autobiography which tells your whole life story, a memoir focuses on just a piece of a person's life. In this four-session course we will discuss how to gather your memories, choose your audience, structure your story, and use such tools as dialogue and description to write a memoir that is readable and evocative. There will be a special emphasis on how to write about faith and Christian identity. For more information, visit erikasolberg.com

Calendar

Sunday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, October 23

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

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
1:00 p.m. CUICHM
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group (Teresa's)
5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, October 27

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

PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 19. You will receive an Estimate of Giving card in the mail. Remember the Psalmist's words: "What shall I render to the Lord for all of God's goodness to me?" (Psalm 116:12)

OTHER NEWS:

ATTENDANCE REGISTERS Tell us you're here, please! There are **navy blue notebooks** at the inside aisle end of every pew. Please write your name and any other information you'd like the church to have so we can better communicate with you. Then pass the notebook to your neighbors in the pew so they can sign in, too. After everyone has signed, please pass the notebook back to the inside aisle, so others in the pew can learn your name.

LAY READERS A signup has been created online for upcoming lay readers in October and November. 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>

INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETINS Cheryl is finally getting to take her oft-postponed vacation (near the end of October) and will be printing 2 bulletins next week. **Be sure to turn in any bulletin announcements** for the issue of October 29 **and** November 5 this coming week. Thank you!

SMALL GROUPS: Stronger together, better together, and made to be together.

Neighborhood Small Group - First Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Yoga Small Group - Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

God/Dog Is Love - Dog Walking - Mondays at 9:00 a.m.
at Covington Woods Park

Eating Out Small Group - Sundays After Church

Women's Circles –

Circle 9 - Second Monday at 12:00pm

Sunday Morning Circle - Second Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Morning Circle - Second Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Evening Circle - Second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Breakfast Group - Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. at Teresa's

Men's Breakfast Group - Fridays at 7:30 a.m. at Lisa's 5th Street Diner

The Bible and Bees - Meets periodically at Rob Byrd's Farm

Joyful Noisemakers - Meets periodically at various local care centers

The Flock - (Prayer Shawl Ministry and Gloves of Love) meets quarterly

Presbyterian Cooking Club - During Advent and Lent in our Church Kitchen

Let's Play Bridge! – Bridge games at members' homes

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!