

For Young

Disciples: When
you are thankful,
you are happy.
When you are
upset or mad,
you aren't happy.
Which is better: to
be happy or not?



Rise and go on your way. Your faith has made you well!

LUKE 17:19

Service for the Lord's Day

October 9, 2022

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey

The Rainbow Ringers: Mike Kanan (piano), Sheila Reeves, Ann Humphrey, and Joyce Ann Spiceland

In loving memory of Wanda Hunt

All who are able may stand

Opening Sentences: *(Congregational response in bold)*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: The Lord is God! God made us, and we are the sheep of God's pasture.

People: Enter to worship with thanksgiving! Enter God's courts with praise!

Leader: For the Lord is good.

People: The Lord's steadfast love endures, and God's faithfulness in every age!

Psalm 100

Opening Hymn 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

First and Last Verses

*All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
serve him with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.*

*For Why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*

We come to
worship gladly.
Take pleasure in
God's presence!

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, correct us, for we have discounted your mercy! Loving God, correct us, for we have not returned your love. Steadfast Lord and Savior, correct us, for we have not always been faithful. Give us new and glad hearts. Let us revel in all that has come to us by your hand. Teach us to laugh and be glad today, that we may reflect the glory of your holy name. Amen.

A period of silence is observed for personal confession

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

Second Verse

*Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.*

Passing of the Peace

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

A Time with Young Disciples

Following this time, children may be excused for Children's Church in the Youth Room upstairs.

Talk About Stewardship: Personnel

Pamela Napier

Chairperson, The Personnel Ministry

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the First Covenant

I Chronicles 16:28-34

Praise to the Lord

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD is king!" Let the sea roar and all that fills it; let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Anthem

Come and Sing to the Lord

J.S. Bach/arr. Hal H. Hopson

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

10 Lepers Healed; Only One Returns to Give Thanks

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

All Sit

Sermon

If Giving Thanks is So Important, Why Don't We Do More of It?

Matthew Covington

Greeting each other as we pass the peace of Jesus Christ is a celebration of thanksgiving.

When David decides to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, and makes it his capitol, he sings this song of thanksgiving.

The expansive mercy of God in Christ.

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Hymn 652

A Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

All Verses

*A grateful heart is what I bring; a song of praise, my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.*

*Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the poor with gentle hands.
Your word is true, your works are just; in you, O God, the faithful trust.*

*With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery
with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.*

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith (selected lines)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

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.

All Sit

Offertory

They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes

All Stand

Doxology

Hymnal page 592

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing the Word into the Created World

Hymn 658

God Is So Good

GOD IS SO GOOD

Verses One and Three

*God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God's so good to me.*

*God loves me so, God loves me so,
God loves me so, God's so good to me.*

Benediction

Postlude

On Our Way Rejoicing

arr. Mark Sedio

God's love upholds
us in our striving to
be God's faithful
people.

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Calendar

Sunday, October 9

8:30 a.m.	Fellowship
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	Children's Music
10:30 a.m.	Worship
4:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Pets
4:00 p.m.	Youth Group meetup/Franklin

Monday, October 10

9:00 a.m.	GOD/DOG is Love
12 :00 p.m.	Circle 9 – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 11

9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m.	Special Care
11:30 p.m.	Lions' Club
2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Sunny 16 Camera Club

Wednesday, October 12

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

Friday, October 14

11:00 a.m.	Wanda Hunt Memorial Svc.
7:30 a.m.	Mens' Breakfast (Lisa's)

Announcements

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke

USHERS: The Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Madeline Miller, Hailey Goodwin, Darcy Merriman, Jeremiah Simpson

LAY READER: Rob Hale

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY October 9: Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7; Psalm 66:1–12; 2 Timothy 2:8–15; Luke 17:11–19.

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

TODAY:

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS Doesn't your dog need a blessing? This afternoon, October 9th at **4:00pm**- Join us in the Courtyard for the Pet Blessing! Kitties and other small pets also welcome! (Please bring a leash or carrier.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:00am. Class offerings include:

Coffee and Conversation Class – For fall: “The Case for Christ” by Lee Strobel. All are welcome!

The Chosen Class – 9:00am in Fellowship Hall - Sunday, October 9, we continue to view and discuss in detail in the fellowship hall- Season 1, Episode 1: **I Have Called You by Name** *Two brothers struggle with their tax debts to Rome while a woman in the Red Quarter wrestles with her demons.* All are invited, first time viewers, as well as those who want to view the series again! We plan to finish Episode 1 on October 9; we plan to begin Season 1, Episode 2: **Shabbat** October 16.

Coming soon: The Floyd Hays Ellis Class has a new class at Cecelia Memorial Church. Class at 9:00am, start date tba.

Youth Class – in the Youth Suite on the 2nd floor

Preschool and Children's classes – downstairs

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, 7:30 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!

COMING UP:

DEACONS' MEETING DATE CHANGE Our church Deacons will meet one week later than usual, on Tuesday evening, October 11th at **6:00pm**. The meeting will be upstairs in the Conference Room. Please note the time and date change.

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS will please send Cheryl any Session reports for our next Session packet by Thursday, October 13. The packet may will be printed on Friday. Session will meet on Tuesday, October 18th. Thank you!

DRITI Needs YOU! DRITI is just around the corner and the Missions Ministry needs a few folks to fill Coordinator positions. Coordinators will use the sign-up sheets (In 10th Street Lobby, beginning October 2) and make sure slots are covered for their area from November 17-March 9. We need a Hospitality Coordinator, a Set-Up Coordinator, and a Clean-up Coordinator. Thanks to Sarah Webb who has agreed to serve as DRITI Coordinator again this year, to Susan Thomison and Teri Polen our Food Coordinators, and to Phil Burkeen our Van Driver Coordinator. For additional information, contact Judy Whitson, Missions Chair.

CIRCLE 9 will meet at 12:00 noon on Monday, October 10 in our Fellowship Hall.

VETERANS' DAY On Sunday Nov. 13 our congregation will honor the veterans who have served in the military in the past, **and** we would like to honor and recognize all of our church family who are currently serving in the military. **If you or a family member are currently serving**, please let us know so that we may also recognize those individuals on Nov 13. You may call Sarah Grise 270-791-1523 or Cheryl Gregory at the church office 270-843-4707 with information, or email us at info@bgpres.org.

WORSHIP IS ALWAYS EVOLVING to connect the people of every age with God of All the Ages. On fifth Sundays of the month (the next one is October 30), we will conduct worship in differently creative ways to help us stretch our experiences of prayer and praise.

CECELIA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will celebrate their 175 year anniversary on October 22 (2:00pm at 716 College Street). An afternoon of singing, testimonials, and words from the Lord. Local gospel musicians and pastors will be sharing what it is like praising God in our community, and Rev. Clemette Haskins will be the keynote speaker.

OTHER NEWS:

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE for Wanda Hunt will be on Friday, October 14 at 11:00am, with a visitation time beginning at 10:00am. Our Rainbow Ringers play the prelude in worship this morning in her memory.

TWO BULLETINS will be printed next Friday morning, for October 16 and October 23. Please turn in any announcements for October 23rd by next Thursday afternoon, to have them included in the bulletin. Thank you!

CURRENT ART EXHIBIT The artists of Pushins Studio invite everyone to visit their exhibit in the church fellowship hall. The artists are Terry Wilson, Laura McGee, Jenny Lowe, and Myra Dwyer. Pushins Studio is up a long flight of outside stairs in the Former Pushins department store at the corner of Main and College streets. Our church is pleased to offer exhibit space to these fine local artists. The exhibit will run from September 16-October 13.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is seeking a volunteer to help with phones and reception on Wednesday, October 19. If you are available and willing to sit in for a while, please call the office or email us at info@bgpres.org.

LAY READERS 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>