

For young worshipers: If you have ever lost something, and looked for it, weren't you happy to find it?



Service for the Lord's Day

September 11, 2022

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Hymn Voluntary

Douglas Wagner

*"Yet the Lord will command His loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night
His song shall be with me." Psalm 42:8*

All who are able may stand

Opening Sentences: *(Congregational response in bold)*

Leader: Tax collectors, and sinners, and other people of doubtful reputation drew near to Jesus. They listened to him.

People: The people of excellent reputation noticed.

Leader: Jesus ate with sinners, treating them as if they were his friends.

People: And the good people began to gossip and complain about Jesus' closeness to strays and sinners.

Leader: So Jesus told several stories all in a row about strays and other lost things.

People: "For there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

Opening Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

First Verse Only

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord, we are the lost ones; and we need you to search and find us! We are like the lost sheep of scripture, having wandered aimlessly away. And we are like the lost coin; our worth is hidden. But you, O God, are like the eager, searching shepherd and like the diligent, searching house-holder; and when we are found there is much rejoicing! Forgive us for our wandering ways. Forgive us for all that we have kept hidden. Come after us, we pray, rescue us, and set us right again. For we pray this hopeful prayer in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

A period of silence is observed for personal confession

Maybe you are here, in worship, because you want to be "found" by God.

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 774

There Is Now A New Creation

STUTTGART

*Come and join the cel-e-bration, come and join this hap-py feast;
Je-sus makes an in-vi-tation to the great-est and the least.*

Passing of the Peace

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

Time with Young Disciples

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter

Psalm 14

Fools Say in Their Hearts That There is No God

The fool has said in his heart ‘There is no God’: **they have all become vile and abominable in their doings, there is not one that does good.**

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men: **to see if there were any who would act wisely and seek after God.**

But they have all turned out of the way, they have all alike become corrupt: **there is none that does good, no not one.**

Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding: **who eat up my people as men eat bread, and do not pray to the Lord?**

They shall be struck with terror: **for God is with the company of the righteous.**

Though they frustrate the poor man in his hopes: **surely the Lord is his refuge.**

O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion: **when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people, then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

Anthem

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

W.A. Mozart/arr. Royal Stanton

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus Tells of Joy in Heaven When the Lost One is Found

Tax collectors and sinners were all crowding around to listen to Jesus. So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law of Moses started grumbling, “This man is friendly with sinners. He even eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this story:

If any of you has a hundred sheep, and one of them gets lost, what will you do? Won’t you leave the ninety-nine in the field and go look for the lost sheep until you find it? And when you find it, you will be so glad that you will put it on your shoulder and carry it home. Then you will call in your friends and neighbors and say, “Let’s celebrate! I’ve found my lost sheep.”

Jesus said, “In the same way there is more happiness in heaven because of one sinner who turns to God than over ninety-nine good people who don’t need to.”

Jesus told the people another story: What will a woman do if she has ten silver coins and loses one of them? Won’t she light a lamp, sweep the floor, and look carefully until she finds it? Then she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, “Let’s celebrate! I’ve found the coin I lost.” Jesus said, “In the same way God’s angels are happy when even one person turns to him.”

If you feel far from
God, who moved?
–Afghan proverb

This text is about
joy. It is also about
repentance.
However, joy
predominates.

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
First and Third Verses

ST. COLUMBA

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.
Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

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.

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.

Offertory

Fill Us with Your Spirit

David Lantz III

All Stand

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

God chooses...
blesses...
hears...
delivers...
makes us heirs...
is faithful.

Buck in a Basket
for September will
help to support the
college scholarship
fund.

Bearing the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn Hymn 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!
Verses One, Three, and Five

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

*Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. **Refrain***

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
*Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. **Refrain***

Benediction

Postlude

Voluntary IX
Adagio and Andante

John Stanley

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Calendar

Sunday, September 11

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

Monday, September 12

9:00 a.m.	GOD/DOG is Love
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Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

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

Friday, September 16

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

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke

USHERS: The Kernohan and Hines families

LAY READER: Sheila Reeves

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

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY September 18: Jeremiah 8:18—9:1; Psalm 79:1–9; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOTICE: Late next week, 2 bulletins will be printed together due to Cheryl's vacation. Please turn in all announcement for the Sept. 18 **and** Sept. 25 bulletins by Thursday afternoon, September 15. **SESSION REPORTS** will also need to be turned in by then to be included in the next Session packet. Thank you!

TODAY:

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE RESUMED at 9:00am. Class offerings will include:

Coffee and Conversation Class – will be reading *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren.

The Chosen - Fellowship Hall at 9-10:15am.

Coming soon: The Floyd Hays Ellis Class has a new class at Cecelia Memorial Church, using The Present Word curriculum (which the Ellis Class had been previously using). Class at 9:00am, start date tba.

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

Preschool and Children's classes – downstairs

CHILDREN'S MUSIC resumed this morning, September 11. Children's Choir begins at 9:15-9:45, to be followed by Godly Play Sunday School from 9:46-10:20.

WE WELCOME EMILY CHAMBERS as our new **Children's Music Director:** A Senior Music Education major at Western Kentucky University, Emily Chambers is from Leitchfield, Kentucky. Emily teaches violin in the WKU Pre-college Strings Program. This fall she will be teaching the Early Childhood Music Classes for them as well.

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!

COMING UP:

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING We are very intentional about protecting our children. There will be a child-safety training session on Sunday, September 25, following worship on that day.

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.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Cheryl will be away on vacation the week of September 19-23, and we are seeking volunteers to help in the office with greeting folks and answering the phone. If you'd like to help for part of a day, please call the church office at 270-843-4707, or email us at info@bgpres.org. Thank you!

OTHER NEWS:

HYMNALS GET NEW HOMES: The Church-wide Clean-up on August 27 turned up several boxes of the hymnbook, printed in 1990, called The Presbyterian Hymnal. These hymn books have now been sent to several churches who expressed a need for them. One of these is the Park Center-Walhalla Presbyterian Church in Walhalla, North Dakota, on the Canadian border. Walhalla has been a farming community, but many farmers have lost their farms in recent years. Another church receiving our books is the Sumner (Mississippi) Presbyterian Church, where a friend of our congregation, Ann Laird Jones, is the stated supply pastor. We are glad to help these churches, and glad that people will still be singing out of our old books.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS! If you are interested in sharing your talents with our **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, please reach out to Margaret Stein at 270-779-2579 or margaret_f_stein@hotmail.com. The completed prayer shawls will be delivered to members of our congregation by the Deacons.

LAY READERS needed! A signup is 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.

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