



Stained Glass Detail, Temple Adath Israel, Owensboro

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 8, 2021
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 10:34-36

God shows no partiality.

No race or group is shown special advantage.

**In every nation anyone who respects him
and who does what is right is acceptable to him.**

You know the message God sent to all through the people of Israel.

It is a message of peace by Jesus Christ, who has been made Lord of all.

*OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, O Lord, the grace always to do and think what accords with your purpose; that we, who cannot exist without you, may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 329

God is Our Refuge and Our Strength

WINCHESTER OLD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for our summer wisdom book series. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

1 Tim. 1:14-15

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love, you call us from our tribes, our families, our nations, beyond self-preservation to a vision of your Love and abundance for all people, for all of creation. Show us again what it means to love. Give us courage to reconfigure our lives and our world so that our every action might point to you. We confess that we often retreat to the comfort of isolation and fear. We confess that we hide behind fences, and that we hide others behind bars and walls. In so doing, we do not see you in one another, do not love you in "the least of these." In so doing we hide ourselves from you. Deliver us from evil, within and without. Free us from the bondage of fear. Move us to confront all that would separate us from life together and from the promise of your abundance, trusting that there is nothing that can separate us from your Love. Create in us a new heart that longs for your Reign, the Garden of Life, where all are at peace and all are able to eat. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

The Prayer

Langston Hughes/Smith

Tevin Vincent, Soloist

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ, we find God dwelling among us, walking with us on our way. In flesh, Christ knows our struggles. On the cross, God knows our pain. Christ is within you and among you. May your shame be removed. For your guilt is replaced. In the name of Christ, all your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 399)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of
the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1:6-14 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 10:11-16 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Acts 10:30-35 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Other Sheep”

Rev. Matt Curry

Part 2 of the “You Asked For It!” Sermon Series

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Affirmation of Interreligious Commitment, PCUSA

We confess that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has sought to live up to its
commitment to love people of other religious traditions, but many times we have
not;

with God's help we resolve to do better;

that self-serving theologies and goals and triumphalistic attitudes pull us apart;

with God's help we resolve to do better;

that some of our confessions and the dated perspectives of our religious heritage
have resulted in patterns of unhealthy relationships with people of other religions;

with God's help we resolve to do better.

We resolve to do better and not perpetuate divisive relationships among our neighbors and ourselves. God calls us to have loving relationships with people of other religions. God calls us to approach others in a spirit of openness and trust as we follow Jesus Christ in respecting and affirming the freedom of others. God calls us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to work with people of other religions for peace, justice, and the sustainability of creation.

Guided on our way by the Holy Spirit, we will meet human needs, work for social justice, participate in mission and evangelism, pursue peace, strengthen families, educate for greater understanding, nurture diverse communities, value hospitality in our congregations, and respect one another in our workplaces. We follow Christ's call to work for God's kingdom; we believe that God will complete what we leave incomplete. To God be the glory!

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

For Everyone Born

arr. Trenney

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:
*Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. The prayer continues.*

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thanks to you, O God, for you have fed us like a shepherd and gathered us to your breast. Now lead us forth to do your will, feed your sheep, and show your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *John Lashbrook*

Communion Servers: *Kim Lashbrook & Charlotte Puckett*

Liturgical resources used: reimaginingworship.com

The Life of the Church

Safe Child Training will be held after worship today in Fellowship Hall. This training is required for anyone who will be working with children or youth in the coming year in ministries such as Worship & Wonder, Sunday School, youth group, VBS, or the nursery.

Promotion Sunday is next week: August 15. We will be celebrating the re-launch of Christian Education programming for the fall. This will also be our annual Southern Gospel Sunday. We will be treated to special music in worship and there will be a fried chicken lunch following the service. R

“You Asked For It!” Pastor Matt’s August sermon series is focusing on questions submitted by the congregation. Here is the remaining schedule:

Today: *“What should our attitude be toward people of other faiths?”*

Aug. 15: *“What does it mean to be ‘saved?’”*

Aug. 22: *“Why do we give any credence to the Old Testament?”*

Aug. 29: *“How can we love the unlovable and forgive the unforgiveable?”*

Wednesday Night Faith Formation is launching this fall, beginning September 8. Every Wednesday evening from 5:00-6:45, we will enjoy dinner, a brief time of worship, and classes for children, youth, and adults. Choir rehearsal will follow at 6:45.



The 23rd Annual Owensboro Multicultural Festival, a signature ministry of First Presbyterian Church, is coming Saturday, August 21 from 10:00-4:00 on the church grounds.

Volunteer Opportunities abound! It takes a lot of work to make the festival happen. Sign up sheets are now available in the hallway near the Clinton Place door.

Follow @OwensboroMulticulturalFestival on Facebook and help spread the word about the festival by liking and sharing our posts over the next few weeks.



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive
community of faith called to proclaim
the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,
and to join God in the building of a
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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