



Come and See (John 1:35-51), Lauren Wright Pittman

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, January 15, 2023
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

John 1:29-42

Come and see what God has done.

Here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Come and see what God has done.

We have found the Messiah, the anointed one of God.

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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 Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Ps. 72:2

Like the early disciples, we are curious about this Jesus, this Son of God. We may be tempted to stay away, for we know we are not worthy of him. But Jesus does not care about worth, wealth, and power. Jesus seeks those who would follow honestly, willing to face their failures in order to grow closer to God. In that spirit, let us turn to Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martin Luther King, Jr., 1953

Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being: We humbly confess that we have not loved you with our hearts, souls, and minds and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive, we love our friends and hate our enemies, we go the first mile but dare not travel the second, we forgive but dare not forget. We are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you. But you, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world. The Lamb of God takes away the sins of each and every one of us.

Christ has mercy on us, forgiving our sins. Alleluia!

*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 625)

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49:1-7

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 1:29-42

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“What Are We Looking For?”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *adapted from “Letter from Birmingham City Jail,” Martin Luther King, Jr.*

We know from experience that freedom is never free.

Throughout history, the struggle for freedom has not been well-timed.

More often than not, those who strive hear the response, "Wait!"

It is easy for those who do not suffer to urge patience, to speak of timing.

Yet there must come a time when the cup of endurance runs over, when we become unwilling to be plunged into an abyss of injustice, and the bleakness of corroding despair.

**Let us not be more devoted to order than to justice,
let us not suggest that the quest for justice
might ever await a more convenient season.**

As people of the Gospel, let us devote ourselves to the positive peace which is the presence of justice, of righteousness, of solidarity in the Body of Christ.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Being Ordained to the Office of Deacon: Susan Furlong and Karen Taylor
Elders Being Installed to Service: Debbie McCoy, Patrick Wallace, Tom Furlong,
Brad Smith, and Patti Price

The congregation will be asked these constitutional questions:

Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept Debbie, Tom, Patrick, Brad and Patti as elders and Karen and Susan as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who is the head of the Church? **We do.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* arr. Hayes

*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 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

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. You may take communion by taking a small piece of bread and dipping it in the cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1953

Most Gracious and all wise God; Before whose face the generations rise and fall; You in whom we live, and move, and have our being. We thank you for all of your good and gracious gifts, for life and for health; for food and for raiment; for the beauties of nature and the love of human nature. In these turbulent days when fear and doubt are mounting high, give us broad visions, penetrating eyes, and power of endurance. Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, for a better distribution of wealth, and for a siblinghood that transcends race or color. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 726

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Matt Curry | Liturgist: Debbie McCoy | Communion Servers: Creda Heffelfinger & Diane Bowers

The Life of the Church



Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Service

Sponsored by the NAACP, Owensboro Chapter

Today, Sunday, January 15 at 2:00pm

Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2311 West 9th Street

Sign Making Get-Together

Today at 4:00 in Fellowship Hall

Help make some signs for folks to carry in the MLK Day March. Bring supplies if you have them or we will have some available. This is a great way to participate in the march if you are unable to attend in-person.

Annual MLK Day March and Celebration

Sponsored by the Owensboro Human Relations Commission

Monday, January 16

9:00am March from Owensboro High School to Brescia

10:00am Program at Taylor Lecture Hall, Brescia University
Keynote Speaker is Chris Singleton, who has devoted himself to speaking on forgiveness, justice, and hope after his mother was killed at Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston

Extended Table is today, when we extend the fellowship that begins at communion by going to lunch together after worship. We will be enjoying lunch after church at Moonlite BBQ. Please join us!

Finance Committee is meeting today after worship.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is coming Sunday, January 29 after worship. We will enjoy a meal together as part of this yearly gathering. Watch for more details.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.



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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