



Wedding in Cana Basrelief, Bethlehem Monastery

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Second Sunday after
Epiphany
Sunday, January 16, 2022
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

To your name, Lord Jesus,
help us to bow the knee
and all its worshipping,
bow the head
and all its thinking,
bow the will
and all its choosing,
bow the heart
and all its loving.

*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, worshipped 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.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

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

Heb. 4:14-16

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are raised to new life with him. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting! I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and for all. Whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whoever you wish you were but are not:

You are accepted, you are welcomed.

You are washed clean, you are raised up.

You are forgiven, you are set free.

In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever.

In the waters of baptism we are free to let go what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving Savior. **Thanks be to God!**

*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 306

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God by your Holy Spirit
tell us what we need to hear
and show us what we ought to do
to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 36: 5-10:

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

John 2: 1-11

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

SERMON

“Let’s Get This Party Started!”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Martin Luther King Jr.

Was not Jesus an extremist for love: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." . . . So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice? In that dramatic scene on Calvary's hill three men were crucified. We must never forget that all three were crucified for the same crime--the crime of extremism. Two were extremists for immorality, and thus fell below their environment. The other, Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. Perhaps the South, the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Men of the Choir

arr. Young

*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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me,

Bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And forget not all God's benefits.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Assisting: *Stephanie Dube*

Communion Servers: *Glenda & Patti Price*



The Life of the Church

The flowers today were donated by John and Marna Loucks in memory of their beloved son Brian.

The Owensboro NAACP's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration will be hosted here at First Presbyterian Church today at 2:00pm. This community-wide event will include guest speaker Rev. Charles Johnson of Henderson, KY, and music from the Kentucky Wesleyan Gospel Choir. Please plan to attend!

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



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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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