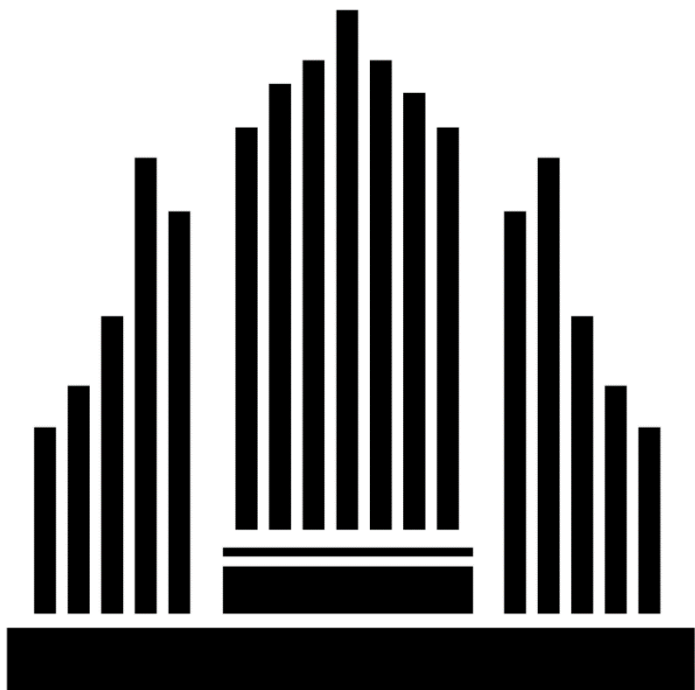


# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



*How often, making music  
we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us  
to a more profound "Alleluia!"*

*Let every instrument be  
tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith  
to sing always: Alleluia!*

Fred Pratt Green, Hymn 641

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Mennonite Doxology

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God has a message for us.

**God builds a strong and safe place where faith will thrive.**

God makes the faithful grow like tall trees.

**The Lord makes us a house in which to live.**

A home for worship.

**A place to sing.**

A world in which to be at work.

**God never removes God's gracious love.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, wise, graceful, and strong, you know our needs before we ask; and you know our ignorance in asking. Have mercy on us. Open the way for us to worship and serve you in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 620

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

*Children may return to sit with their families.*

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We need a safehouse. We need a home where we are secure. We trust in Jesus to love and rescue us. God makes a home for faith. Let us confess our weakness and ask our Lord to make us whole again. Let us confess our sins to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we want to stand strong. We want to stand tall. Still, the failure of sin accompanies us everywhere. We pray to be forgiven. We pray for new foundations and a new beginning. Rebuild us in the fullness of your love. Give us the grace of Christ. Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

## POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is good news. God parts the Sea. God lets us cross over the waters. In God's blessing, there is freedom. Remember your baptism and give be thankful!

## \*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

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

Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love.  
**Let us love one another! And let us be at peace.**

## \*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 314)

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.  
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.  
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, open our ears so we may hear your Word. Open our hearts to believe. Open the way before us to follow you, always praising Christ and his glory. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 89:20-37                      This is Israel's song. **Thanks be to God.**

2 Samuel 7:1-14a                      The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56                      The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*A Declaration of Faith*

**God blesses and judges God's people. The Lord's care sustained the people of Israel. God gave them a land where they could celebrate his goodness. The Lord established their kingdom and promised a ruler from the line of David to reign in justice and peace. We declare God's goodness and justice. God has blessed us beyond our deserving. When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions, when we fail to deal justly with the poor, when we seek security no matter what it costs others, we can expect God's judgment upon us. Amen**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Consider what God has given us! Remember that the Holy Spirit lives in us. Follow Jesus Christ in the fullness of his offering for us. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

### MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*Precious Lord*

arr. Sevier

\*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.**

## SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

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:

*Sung by all:*

**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

*All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.*

HYMN 641

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

ENGELBERG

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, we are fed. We are full and satisfied. You have made us a house. You have given our children a future. We are strong and secure, having received a holy meal. Now, show us how to respond to these and all our many blessings, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

\*HYMN 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CVM RHONDDA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Patti Price*

Communion Servers: *Don Preuss & Mary Lou Taylor*

**You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:**

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at [fpcobky.com/give](http://fpcobky.com/give)
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawals



## With Grateful Hearts

Today marks the end of Dennis Jewett's tenure as our music director. Over the last twelve years, Dennis has built a program marked by musical excellence, diverse styles, and a welcoming spirit. More than that, he has been a pastoral presence, a wonderful friend, and a mentor to countless young people.

Please join us for a reception following worship and the congregational meeting today as we celebrate Dennis and send him with our blessing as he moves to Texas to be close to family.

## The Life of the Church



**Vacation Bible School** is this week – Tuesday-Thursday, July 23, 24, and 25, 9:00 A.M. to Noon for kids age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. At this year's "Kindom Crafters" VBS, kids will imagine, build, and discover the Kin-dom of God that is all around us. Please be in prayer for all of the kids and adults who will be part of this VBS experience!

**A Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following worship this morning for the purpose of electing a deacon and our pastor nominating committee (PNC). Any nominations made from the floor should be pre-approved by the person being nominated. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate:

**PNC:** Pat Corkran, Pat Hale, Ashley Johnson, Claudia Johnson, John Lashbrook, Jerry Price, Patti Price

**Deacons, Class of 2026:** Linda Kabalen

**The Owensboro Multicultural Festival** is less than a month away--Saturday, August 17, 10am-4pm. Be sure to pick up a yard sign today in the main hallway.

<b>Financial Update</b>	<b>Year (through June)</b>	<b>Month of July (to date)</b>	<b>Week Ending July 20</b>
	Income: \$198,175.16	Income: \$28,701.85	Income: \$ 3750.98
	<u>Expense: \$239,755.64</u>	<u>Expense: \$16,584.22</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 1,985.51</u>
	Balance: -\$41,580.48	Balance: \$12,117.63	Balance: \$ 1,765.47

**Want to help?** Please keep your giving current, and if you are able, increase what you give to our church and the ministry we share.



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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Tom Furlong  
Creda Heffelfinger  
Debbie Hutchinson  
Don Preuss  
Jerry Price  
Patti Price  
CeCe Robinson  
Brad Smith  
Mary Lou Taylor

## DEACONS

Susan Furlong  
Judy Hughes  
Janice Odom  
Beverly Swanson  
Karen Taylor  
Patti Burns Taylor

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Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington  
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& Mission; Organist

Stephanie Dube  
Director of Children's &  
Youth Ministries

Dennis Jewett  
Director of Music

Sasha O'Bryan  
Office Manager &  
Pastoral Assistant

Dylan Schroader  
Custodian

Debbie Hutchinson  
Interim Bookkeeper