

Twelfth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

June 23, 2024
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember us! Your most precious tribe—you paid a good price for us!

Why don't you do something? How long are you going to wait?

God is my King from the very start; he works salvation in the womb of the earth.

With one blow you split the sea in two, you made the monsters of the deep into a stew for the weak.

With your finger you opened up springs and creeks and dried up the wild floodwaters.

You own the day, you own the night; you put stars and sun in place.

You laid out the four corners of earth, shaped the seasons of summer and winter.

Great God, stand with us now!

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you created the world and everything we know, or have ever known. The wind and the sea obey your Son. All praise to you, our stronghold and savior. **Amen.**

*HYMN 463

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

First and last verses only

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may return to sit with their families.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We strive to be strong and self-sufficient, but in truth we are in constant need of grace. In penitence and faith, let us confess our weakness to God and to one another. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us! We imagine that we can live without you, even though it is you who gives us breath. We seek control over others rather than striving to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into knowledge and trust of your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like an ever-flowing stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Let us live, then, as those who have received new life. Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Godself. As reconciled souls, let us greet one another with a word of peace. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 817)

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."**

**And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
May we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of eternity, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 74:1-2, 12-17 (OT p.55) A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Mark 4:35-41 (NT p.39) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

For "Juneteenth"

We celebrate freedom. Thanks be to God for granting freedom and giving us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord! Some in our community recall an ancestral story of bondage that gave way to freedom. The vestiges of enslavement and oppression remain, so our faith calls us to strive for the safety, security, and mutual sharing that reflects God's kingdom. Our faith declares liberation and excellence for all. We are more than conquerors through Jesus who loves us. God made our world, called it good, and created us all equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one. God still works to redeem creation, and to bless us with new and Christ-like spirits. We desire to live more fully in this spirit now. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With tithes and offering, give thanks to the Lord; whose steadfast love endures forever.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

The Lord's Prayer
Will Jones, Baritone

MALOTTE

*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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

How grateful we are, O God, that you feed us, and set us apart for your service. By this sacred meal, may we be filled with your grace, your patience, your generosity, and your love. We pray that our lives, consecrated in baptism and renewed at this Table, may now faithfully continue your ministry to the world in the name of Christ, or Lord. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 840

It Is Well With My Soul

ILLE DU HAVRE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Jerry Price*

Communion Servers: *Glenda Price & Patti Price*

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
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawals



The Life of the Church

A Community Event will take place this afternoon where the church will have a booth. We welcome church members to join us as we connect with our neighbors.

Owensboro Pride Picnic – Today, June 23 at Unity Fellowship Church, 12-4 P.M. Visibility Walk at Noon, Picnic with Free Food, Vendors, Music, and more begins at 1:00. Join us as we spread the good news of God’s radically inclusive love.

The Nominating Committee is beginning to meet to consider the following positions to serve the church: session, deacons, trustees, and the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee). If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of these positions, please let Patti Price, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, know, 270-314-6099.

Worship and Wonder is taking a break during the months of June and July. We look forward to having kids in worship with us. Books and activity bags will be available in the Sanctuary.

The Prism Arts Alliance will be hosting panel discussions in our Fellowship Hall at 5:00 P.M. each Saturday evening in June to educate the community on issues related to understanding and supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

- June 29: Fostering LGBTQ+ Creativity

Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year (through May)	Month of June (to date)	Week Ending June 22
Income: \$198,175.16	Income: \$21,855.64	Income: \$ 7,655.34
<u>Expense: \$239,755.64</u>	<u>Expense: \$25,090.28</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 3,615.74</u>
Balance: -\$41,580.48	Balance: -\$ 3,234.64	Balance: \$1,573.43



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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