

Tenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

June 9, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 138*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

**Before all that is I sing your praise.**

I bow down to give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

**On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.**

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you stretch out your hand of deliverance.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Unlike earthly rulers, you, O Lord, are ever steadfast and faithful. You send us your Son, Jesus Christ, to rule over us not as a tyrant, but as a gentle shepherd. Keep us united and strong in faith, that we may always know your presence in our lives, and, when you call us home, may we enter your heavenly kingdom where you live and reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

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

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer.** *A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

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

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 829)

OLIVET

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;  
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (OT p.251)    The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Mark 3:20-35 (NT p.37)    The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from a Brief Statement of Faith—Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

Andy Beck

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

\*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:

*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

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

**THE SENDING**

\*HYMN 370

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

**LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Preacher: *Rev. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Creda Heffelfinger & Judy Hughes*

**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



## The Life of the Church

**Southern Gospel Sunday** is set for next Sunday, June 16. Our music in worship will be based in the Southern Gospel music tradition. Following worship, we will enjoy a BBQ meal in the Fellowship Hall. Food will be provided. There will be a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$25 maximum per family.

**Two Community Events** are coming up where the church will have a booth. We welcome church members to join us as we connect with our neighbors.

**Juneteenth on the River** – Sat., June 15 at English Park, 4-9 P.M.

We will highlight the Multicultural Festival at this event that includes live entertainment, vendors, and exhibitors.

**Owensboro Pride Picnic** – Sun., June 25 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.

**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 15: Queerness and Faith (moderated by Jeff Moles)
- June 22: Parenting a Queer Child
- June 29: Fostering LGBTQ+ Creativity

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

<b>Year (through May)</b>	<b>Month of May (to date)</b>	<b>Week Ending June 7</b>
Income: \$198,175.16	Income: \$38,802.45	Income: \$ 9,395.00
<u>Expense: \$239,755.64</u>	<u>Expense: \$59,619.93</u>	<u>Expense: \$10,968.43</u>
Balance: -\$41,580.48	Balance: -\$10,817.48	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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