



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on E-Flat

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **STEPHANIE**

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

CHORAL INTROIT

We Praise Thee, O God

Joseph Barnby

*CALL TO WORSHIP **MATTHEW**

Matthew 10:29-30

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?

And yet without God's watching, not one bird can fall to the ground.

As for each of us, even the hairs on our heads are counted.

We do not fear for our worth. We are secure. We are valuable to our Lord and maker.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER **MATTHEW**

My God and Savior, we are glad for this new day. Thank you for the blessing of belonging here and belonging to you. Here is our sanctuary; here is our home. Here we are welcomed; here we are taught your mercies. In our worship we pray that you will strengthen our resolve for love and service. We pray that our dedication will deepen on this Dedication Sunday. **Amen.**

*HYMN 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION **LINDA**

Worshiping God allows us to honor all that God has given us. We are especially glad for each other and for the commitments we each can make. Ours is a fellowship where mutual connection is celebrated. We are drawn here by God's great mercy. Let us call on that mercy now. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LINDA

Behold us in our emptiness, O Lord! We have allowed our fears and confusions to make us small. A day of national elections has highlighted our divisions. We are too often angry. We settle for the limits our own selfishness creates. We forget our commitments to you, and to your peace. Hear us as we call on your mercy. Bless us to find healing in Jesus Christ. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Kyrie” from *Service in F*

Harold Darke

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison (ancient Greek): Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON MATTHEW

We will not forget you, O Lord. We will never forget your goodness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Remember your baptism and be thankful!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 583)

GLORIA (TAIZE)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE MATTHEW

By God’s grace and under God’s mercy we are free to love one another. The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 205)

Live in Charity

UBI CARITAS

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 for Kids’ Kirk. They will return before communion.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, merciful God, whose Word enlightens and directs us, open that Word to us now. Help us understand and teach us to believe what we will hear, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

LINDA

Psalm 146 (O.T. p. 581) The Psalms are a songbook for believers. **Thanks be to God.**

MATTHEW

*Mark 12:38-44 (N.T. p. 49) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

*HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHERE PONI

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Helwig

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MATTHEW

The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MATTHEW TO THE END

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice before God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Bow Down Low

arr. David Bridges

*Bow down low and bend your head.
For to sweep the Lord's house clean.
Yes, I've come to wash and clean,
from this floor the stains of sin.
For, lo I've come again,
and I've not come in vain.
Sweep high, sweep low,
sweep clean, as you go.
-Shaker Song*

*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: (Hymn 572)

**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.**

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. Gluten free elements are available on the small plate near the baptismal font. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

You may bring your pledge card forward as you come forward for Communion.

COMMUNION MOTET

The Best of Rooms

Robert Lehman

*Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes to feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have sometimes wondered if we matter, and if anything we do makes a difference. But now we have been to your Table of Blessing, Lord. We have seen that you invite us, and feed us, and extend yourself in every way for us. We will depart in peace and in comfort. We matter to you, and to each other. Send us into your world with fresh confidence, so we may devote our full selves to your way; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Fourfold Amen

I.L. Jennings

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Minor

JS Bach

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington* ~ Liturgist: *Linda Morris*

Communion Servers: *Debbie McCoy & CeCe Robinson* ~ Kids' Kirk: *Marna Loucks*

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 withdrawal



The Life of the Church

A Donation Drive for St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter is being held this November to help our neighbors prepare for the winter months. Please plan to bring the following items: **Sunday, Nov. 10** - Hats and Gloves; **Sunday, Nov. 17** - Deodorant and Body Wash (full or travel size); **Sunday, Nov. 24** - Socks and Hand Warmers

A Fall Study on Poverty will not meet this week, but will resume Monday, November 11 when we will discuss Section IV of *The Kingdom of the Poor* by Charles Strobel.

Faith Fest Owensboro is a cooperative effort of local faith communities. FPC will host The Art of Spiritual Hospitality on Saturday, November 16th, at 10AM in the fellowship hall.

Hanging of the Greens Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 30th and come help us decorate and prepare the church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. We will begin at 9 AM. All are welcome to come lend a hand!

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

Year (through Oct.)	Month of Nov. (to date)	Week Ending Nov. 9
Income: \$414,694.89*	Income: \$ 9,512.00	Income: \$ 9,512.00
<u>Expense: \$444,621.11</u>	<u>Expense: \$16,392.48</u>	<u>Expense: \$16,392.48</u>
Balance: -\$29,926.22	Balance: -\$ 6,880.48	Balance: -\$ 6,880.48

*This includes \$20,000.00 from Permanent Funds

Want to help? If you are writing or renewing your will, please remember the church.

Poinsettias will be ordered again this year through the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation. They will be available for a suggested donation of \$15 each. Please fill out the form below and place in the offering plate along with a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church with Poinsettia in the memo. You may also call the church office, 270-684-1467, or email, office@fpcobky.com, to place your order. Order deadline is Sunday, November 24.



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