



Kenneth Paik, "Demolition of Housing in a Low Income Neighborhood," Kansas City 1975

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

The Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, November 14, 2021  
10:30 A.M.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### INTROIT

*O Christ, Surround Me*

Colligan/Sims

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*1 Sam. 2:1-2*

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;  
**our strength is exalted in God.**

Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;  
**God has given us the victory.**

There is no Holy One like the Lord;  
**there is no Rock like our God.**

**Praise the Lord!**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

### \*HYMN 35

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jeff Moles

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

1 John 3:2

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of the children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. 21:5-6

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

\*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 697)

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 1:4-20            The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 13:1-8              The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

“Searching in the Wrong Direction”

Rev. Matt Curry

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH            *1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*It's Me, O Lord*  
Tevin Vincent, solo

Betty Jackson King

\*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

*As you come forward for communion today, you may bring your pledge card to place in the Joash Box as a sign of the gifts we all bring to God's table.*

## LITANY OF DEDICATION

*Jer. 29*

Thus says the Lord of hosts:

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you, and pray to the Lord on its behalf.

**For in its welfare we will find our welfare.**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.

**God's plan is for the flourishing of humankind, not for its harm. God's future is one of hope.**

When you search for me, says the Lord, you will find me; and I will restore your fortunes.

**God will bring us back from our state of separation to build a community of covenant love.**

Today, brought together in this hope, we recommit ourselves—our time, talent, and treasure—to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

**We pledge ourselves to the work of ministry:**

**sharing our gifts in worship;  
welcoming the stranger;  
reckoning with injustices like systemic poverty and racism;  
celebrating the beauty and diversity and culture;  
renewing the mind through study and learning;  
comforting one another in struggle and sorrow; and  
playing, laughing, and feasting together in joy.**

The God of hope is with us.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SENDING**

\*HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## **LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Tom Furlong*

Communion Servers: *Susan Furlong & Janice Odom*

# The Life of the Church

**Fall Pastor's Bible Study** concludes this Wednesday on Zoom at 6:00pm. This week's discussion will focus on chapters 15-16 of the Gospel of Mark.

**The SEEK Museum** (Struggles for Emancipation and Equality in Kentucky) in Russellville is the destination of a racial justice pilgrimage we will take on Saturday, Dec. 4. Depart FPC with us at 8:30am or travel on your own and meet us in Russellville at 10am. After a guided museum tour, we will share lunch together and reflect on our experience before traveling back to Owensboro. The cost is \$13 which includes lunch. Contact Jeff Moles to sign up.

**A Congregational Meeting** has been called for next Sunday, November 21, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for 2022. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of nominees:

**Session Class of 2022:** Tom Furlong, Patrick Wallace

**Session Class of 2024:** Creda Heffelfinger, Ashley Hicks, Don Preuss\*, Jerry Price\*, CeCe Robinson\*

**Deacons Class of 2024:** Janice Odom, Beverly Swanson\*

**Trustee Class of 2024:** Ashley Johnson\*

**2022 Nominating Committee Members At-Large:** Marna Loucks, Meredith Bowers, Rayma Bramschreiber\*, Patti Price\*\*

*\*second term \*\*third term*



For I know the plans I have for you,  
plans to prosper you and not harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11



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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