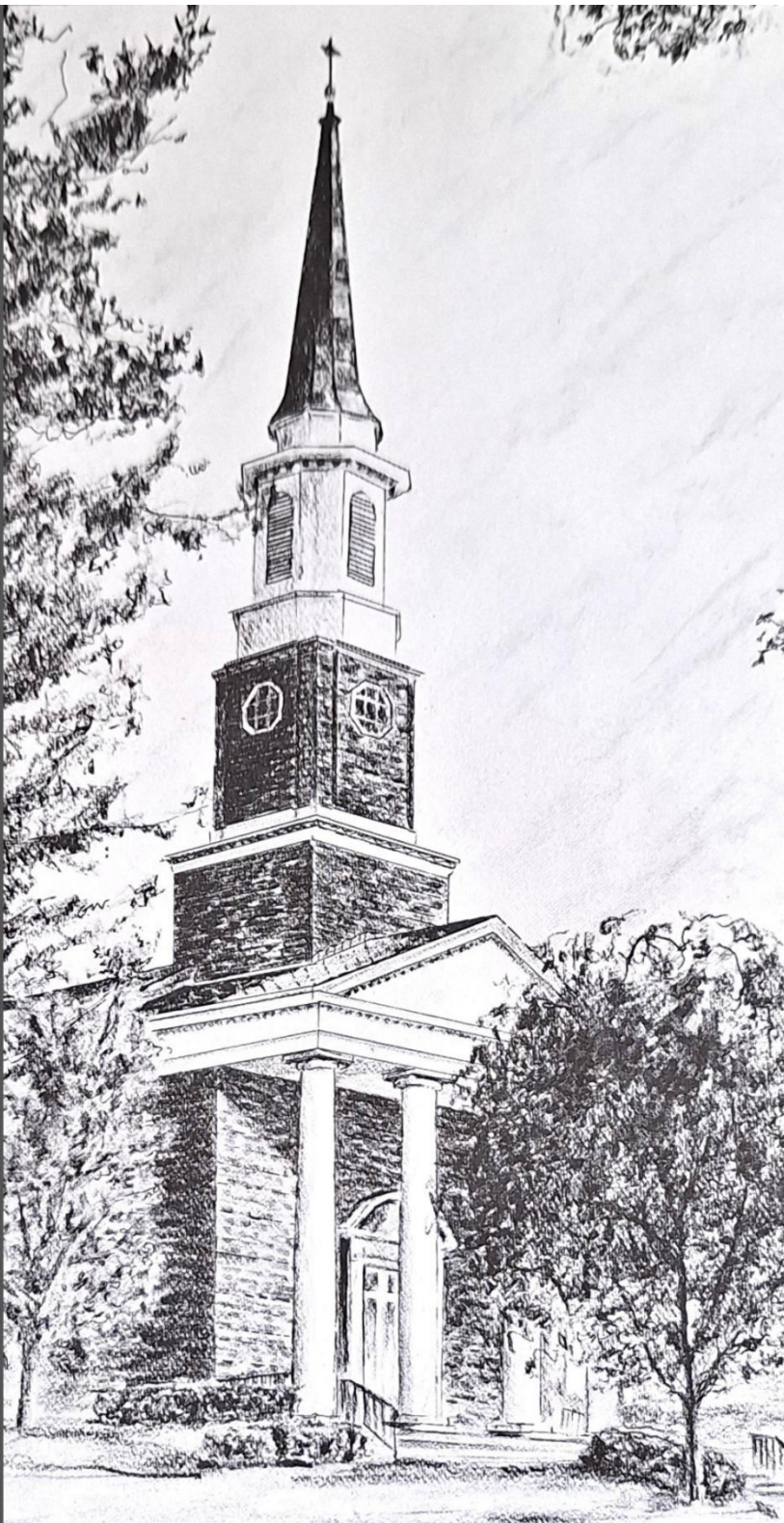


Twenty-Third
Sunday
After
Pentecost

November 16, 2025
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Kingsfold*

GREETING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapt. Isaiah 65 and Psalm 98

The LORD God says: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

I will rejoice and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity;
for they and their descendants shall be offspring blessed by the Lord.
Before they call, I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

God, source of our salvation, marvelous and mighty, nation rises against
nation, kingdom against kingdom. The peoples of the earth suffer earthquakes,
famines, and plagues, and we feel betrayed by those we had trusted. But you, O
Lord, show yourself to us in these troubled times.

Grant us wisdom to speak words of peace and comfort in places of brokenness and
hurt. Make us instruments of the new heaven and new earth you have promised, in
which we place our trust. **Amen.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Before we call, God answers us. While we are still speaking, God hears us. Let us confess our sin to God, who even now is waiting to say, "I forgive you."

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Majestic Creator, we fail to believe we carry your image and we fail to behave as those who belong to you.

Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love and we turn toward our personal preferences.

Merciful Spirit, we forget your call to righteousness and we forget our need of you.

In our sinfulness, triune God, we seek now your forgiveness, praying that you will relieve the burden of our regrets by the power of your patient love.

Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE (HYMN 551)

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is creating new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered. They shall not even cross God's mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what God is creating: newness of life.

In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and to one another. Alleluia!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 637)

O Sing to the Lord

CANTAI AO SENHOR

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Malachi 4:1-2a (O.T. p. 890)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 21:5-19 (N.T.p. 85)

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Bailey Pickens

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(the Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Keep Your Lamps

arr. Andre Thomas

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is coming nigh!
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh!*

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 552)

**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. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G

JS Bach

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Bailey Pickens*

Liturgist: *Patti Price*

Communion Servers: *Stephanie Dube & Mary Lou Taylor*

Kids' Kirk: *Kim Lashbrook*

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
 - *Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.50 is taken from your donation
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The Life of the Church

Today we welcome to the pulpit, Rev. Bailey Pickens. Bailey is the Community Connections Director at Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, KY, where she has worked since 2021. A Florida native, she has lived and worked in Illinois, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Arizona and now resides in Nashville with her wife Kelli, an Episcopal priest and PhD student.

We will once again be assembling an **Advent Devotional** with daily meditations, and we need you to make that happen! We are seeking members of the congregation to write meditations that will guide our journey through Advent. If this is interesting to you, please see PresbyNotes for more information on how to sign up.

Printed copies of this week's **PresbyNotes** newsletter are available on the table in the hall.

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

Year-To-Date (thru Oct.)

Income: \$ 557,705.36

Expense: \$ 558,439.80

Balance:(-\$ 734.44)

Month To Date (Nov.)

Income: \$ 15,622.00

Expense: \$ 11,176.49

Balance: \$ 4,445.51

Week of November 9

Income: \$ 10,772.00

Expense: \$ 7,642.13

Balance: \$ 3,129.87

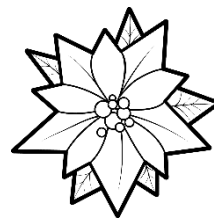
Keep your pledge current and look for more good news here.

Poinsettias will be ordered again this year through the Kentucky Hemophilia Foundation. The suggested donation is \$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 Friday, December 5.

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