

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in d minor

J. Pachelbel

GREETING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Jer. 31, 2 Tim. 3, & Luke 18

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy and justice, you administer to each according to your grace and not according to what we deserve. Keep from us all evil, the evil we commit and the evil committed by others. Preserve us by your providence, all for the sake of your holy name. **Amen.**

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

based on Jer. 31:31-34

The new covenant God has made with Israel, and with us, begins in forgiveness.

Though we continually break covenant with God, God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE (HYMN 575)

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

Pardini

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May God's mercy renew and stir us. Remember your baptism and give thanks.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Having been reconciled to God, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 175)

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stephanie Dube

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS COOKOOUT INFORMATION

Bill Helwig

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, the words of scripture are God-breathed words – inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit. By your Spirit breathe your Word into us, so that we become proficient in the language of faith and equipped to proclaim the message we receive, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:27-34 (O.T. p. 735)

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

Luke 18:1-8 (N.T.p. 81)

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

SERMON

“Finding Faith on Earth”

Rev. Ken Dick

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*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

In Christ, we have received everything we need. Freely we have received; now freely let us give.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

I Lift Mine Eyes Up to the Hills

Carlyle Sharpe

The text for this anthem comes from Psalm 121, which is found on page 571 (O.T.) in your pew Bible.

*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

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Postlude in F

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Ken Dick*

Liturgist: *Debbie Hutchinson*

Communion Servers: *Judy Hughes & Tom Furlong*

Kids' Kirk: *Kim Lashbrook*

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

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 - *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. Ken Dick. Rev. Dick, a native of southern California and graduate of Vanderbilt University, has pastored churches in Western Kentucky Presbytery beginning in 1978, including seven years as presbytery executive, until retirement in 2022. He and his wife of 48 years live in Bowling Green and their two sons currently serve as pastors in the presbytery.

The **Annual Men's Bible Class Cook-out** will take place at 5 PM on Thursday, October 23rd at Bill & Sally Helwig's home, 5024 Veach Road. Please RSVP so we can make sure to have plenty of steaks, bbq beans, and salad by calling the office, 270-684-1467, or dropping your name and phone number in the offering plate today.

GREAT NEWS!! Our PNC has found our next pastor and they have asked for a Congregational meeting as the next step. Tuesday evening Session voted to call a Congregational meeting Sunday November 9 following worship for the purpose of acting on the call of Rev. Dr. John Hagmann as our next installed pastor. PNC will soon share more information about Rev.Hagmann, stay tuned.

Our annual **Fall Festival** will take place next Sunday, October 26th from 4-6 PM. We will have trunk or treating, a cake walk, a chili supper, and more. The event is open to the community, so we will need lots of help to make this a big success! Please see Stephanie Dube, Marilyn Ericksen, or Debbie McCoy for more information. To volunteer, sign-up sheets are available on the Helping Hands table in the hallway.

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 Sept.)	Month To Date (Oct)	Week of October 12
Income: \$ 343,080.74	Income: \$ 11,413.00	Income: \$ 2,836.00
<u>Expense: \$ 328,755.75</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 22,139.44</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 10,902.92</u>
Balance: \$ 14,324.99	Balance: (-\$ 10,726.44)	Balance: (-\$ 8,066.92)

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