

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2026
10:30 A.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**Rise in body or spirit*

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Dube

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken
The text for this anthem can be found at Hymn 499.

Bourgeois

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the wonderful work of the Lord—

Who brought us out of captivity,

Who fed us with bread from heaven,

And gave us water from a stone.

God will never forget the promise;

Therefore, let us rejoice and sing!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not been generous. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus name we pray.

Brief moment of silent prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE (HYMN 575)

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

PARDINI

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory Be to The Father

GLORIA PATRI

*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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 501)

Feed Us, Lord

FEED US

BLESSING OF YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

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

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:21-30 (N.T.p. 196)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Mercy & Grace"

The Rev. Dr. John Hagmann

Matthew 20:1-16 (N.T.p. 21)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

*HYMN 351

All Who Love and Serve Our City

CHARLESTOWN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
The text for this anthem can be found at Hymn 223.

Gilbert Martin

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.**

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. 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.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living Christ, as you open the scriptures to us you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Let us now go forth from this place, fed at your table and filled by the Spirit, to walk with you all the days of our lives, and proclaim the glory of your resurrection to all the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: The *Rev. Dr. John Hagmann*

Music Director: *Patrick Ritsch*

Liturgist: *Andrew Higdon*

Communion Servers: *Sarah Higdon & Madeline Howell*

Kids' Kirk: *Kim Lashbrook*

The Life of the Church

We have printed copies of the **PresbyNotes** available for pick up in the hall.

The **Mission Committee** will NOT meet today following worship. They will meet on October 4th instead.

The **Property Committee** WILL meet today following worship.

The **FPC Golf Scramble** will be on Sunday, October 18th. Tee times begin at 12:10. Cost is \$55 per person. If you are a member with a cart pass or volunteer, cost is \$15. Registration and payment are due October 5th. All are invited to dinner at Old Hickory at 6 PM. RSVP to Patti, 270-314-6099, for dinner. See PresbyNotes for more information.

The **Worship Committee** is excited to restart the sanctuary flower ministry. The arrangements will cost \$75 each if done in house or you can arrange to bring your own arrangements. Contact the church office to reserve a date and order. Please see PresbyNotes for more information.

For the next three months, the **Mission Committee** will be focusing on helping 3 different organizations that serve the homeless here in Owensboro. September 13 through October 4 we are accepting donations to benefit St. Benedict's Women's Shelter. We are accepting donations for the following: · **September 13** – money for bus tickets; · **September 20** – laundry detergent and dryer sheets; · **September 27** – hairbrushes, deodorant, razors and underwear; · **October 4** – food items such as ground coffee, powdered creamer, and ramen noodles. There will be a table at the front of the sanctuary where you can place your donations. See PresbyNotes for more information.

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

Year-To-Date (thru August)	Month of September To Date	Week of September 13
Income: \$ 325,138.95	Income: \$ 21,128.06	Income: \$ 6,725.48
<u>Expense: \$ 322,613.19</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 35,511.28</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 12,957.37</u>
Balance: \$ 2,525.76	Balance: (-\$ 14,383.22)	Balance: (-\$ 6,231.89)



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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