

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR SEPT. 18, 2022

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Gathering Around The World

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ps. 113

One: Who can compare to the Lord our God,
high above the heavens in glory?

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

One: God raises the poor from the dust
and lifts up the needy from the ashes!

**All: Praise God's holy name,
from now until forever!**

One: From east to west,
may the Lord's name be praised!

All: Let us worship our holy God!

*HYMN

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Generous God,
we owe a great debt to you and your mercy.
You have enriched us with life worth living,
but we confess we often squander your good gifts.
We have wasted our time and energy,
but hold tightly to things we think we need.
We consume far more than our fair share.
Forgive our foolish priorities.
Free us from our spiritual chains.
Inspire us to live more generously,
trusting your goodness to sustain us always.
Give us the grace to share our lives with others.
Through Jesus Christ, our savior, we pray; Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear and believe this good news:

All: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**for portions marked with an asterisk,
you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

*PASSING THE PEACE

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

*RESPONSE 581

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.**

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

PSALM 113

(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)

SHARING FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

SERMON

Responding to the Word

*HYMN

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

See Insert

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

See Insert

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*God longs for us to bring all that we are
into this relationship with our creator.*

May our offerings today symbolize our reciprocal desire.

*THE DOXOLOGY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN

My Hope Is built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN

Irish Blessing

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

Wed., Sept. 21 @ 5:00pm - Fellowship Committee
Wed., Sept. 21 @ 5:00pm - Youth Group
Wed., Sept. 21 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., Sept. 22 @ 6:00pm - Centering Prayer
Sun., Sept. 25 @ 11:00am - Worship
Sun., Sept. 25 @ 12:00pm - Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Hannah Vaught
Ushers.....Autumn & Forrest Brock
Sound.....Mary Beth Waller
Coffee Plus.....Sherry Brown

First Reading—Psalm 113

¹³ Praise the Lord!
 You who serve the Lord—praise!
 Praise the Lord's name!
² Let the Lord's name be blessed
 from now until forever from now!
³ From sunrise to sunset,
 let the Lord's name be praised!
⁴ The Lord is high over all the nations;
 God's glory is higher than the skies!
⁵ Who could possibly compare to the Lord our God?
 God rules from on high;
⁶ he has to come down to even see heaven and earth!
⁷ God lifts up the poor from the dirt
 and raises up the needy from the garbage pile
⁸ to seat them with leaders—
 with the leaders of his own people!
⁹ God nests the once barren woman at home—
 now a joyful mother with children!
 Praise the Lord!

Second Reading—1 Timothy 2:1-7

² First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. ² Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and it pleases God our savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the human Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a payment to set all people free. This was a testimony that was given at the right time. ⁷ I was appointed to be a preacher and apostle of this testimony—I'm telling the truth and I'm not lying! I'm a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Scripture verses taken from
 the Common English Bible translation*



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Jim Davis; Paula Burlew's mother; Janice Avera; Our Neighbors in Eastern Kentucky; Janet Germain Piercy; Bill House; George Joplin; Richard Wright's sister, Peggy; the family of Mary Jane Lackey; Ed & Joyce Mick; Jon Burlew; Sherry Woodall's sister, Ardenia; Leslie Phillips; Becky Pitman's sister, Rhonda Roark

Current Giving

	Rec'd Wk of 9/11/22	Needed Weekly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$315	\$3,682	\$109,100	\$136,234
Non-Pledged	\$1,268	\$728	\$34,880	\$26,936

Assisting In Worship

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Jane Evans
Ushers.....John & Cathy Wright
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. Andrew Bowman

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Marty Whitson
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Katie Jones
Carol Prater	Susie Lackey	George Joplin
	Stephanie Ousley	

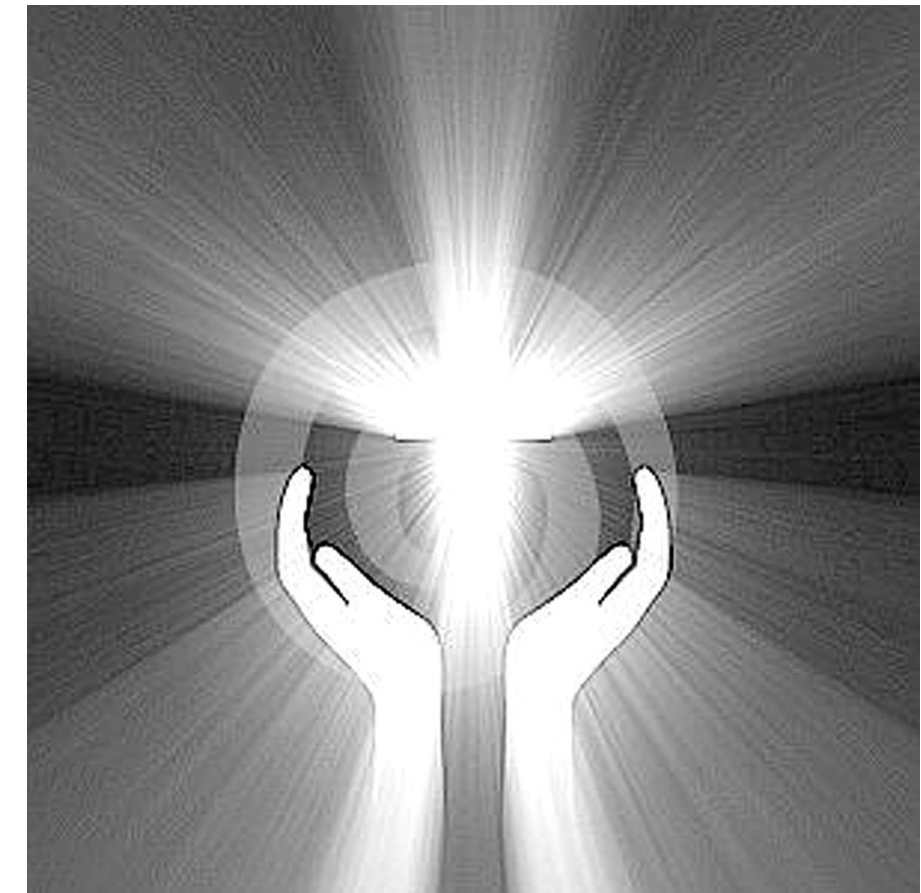
Elders:

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>
Forrest Brock	Bill Fountain	Charlie Leveridge
Chris Phillips	Kimberly King	Zack Vaught
Erin Stephens	Perry Waller	John Wright

First Presbyterian Church

September 18th, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday



For God So Loved the World, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57573> [retrieved September 13, 2022]. Original source: <http://denazaret.wordpress.com/2010/04/13/juan-3-16-21-vino-la-luz-al-mundo/>.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.

Due to the personal boundaries and preferences of others, please ask before offering a hug or handshake.

Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil system for people with hearing difficulty.