

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR SEPT. 25, 2022

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 846 *Fight the Good Fight (vrs 2&4)* DUKE STREET

Gathering Around The World

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 146

One: Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
Whose hope is in the LORD their God,

All: **Who provides justice for the oppressed;
Who gives food to the hungry.**

One: The LORD sets the prisoners free;
The LORD will reign forever,

All: **Our God, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

*HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Holy God, giver of every good thing,
we know that you are the source of all.**

The very breath of life is your gift to us.

Everything we have comes from you.

So why do we believe we must hoard our blessings?

It is our sin that makes us live as though

we don't trust your goodness.

So forgive us, we pray.

Teach us once more how to rely upon you.

Remind us that we are always in your loving care.

Fill us with your grace and goodwill,

that our hearts might overflow with your love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As we let go of the pain, bitterness, and anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us. As God's beloved children, let us model God's grace and love in our hearts, remembering and believing this Good News:

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

*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

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

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

SHARING FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

ANTHEM 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

SECOND READING

LUKE 16:19-31

SERMON

Ubuntu

REV. KRISTY EHLERT

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED
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SHARING OUR PRAYERS

See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*Prophets and parables remind us again and again
to share our wealth with those living on the margins.
Let us bless God with our offerings.*

OFFERTORY

TEN CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

*THE DOXOLOGY 606

**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 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

from 1 Timothy 6

*BLESSING

HYMN 541 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again (vrs1)* RANDOLPH

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

TODAY, Sept. 25 @ 12:00pm - Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

Wed., Sept. 28 @ 5:00pm - Youth Group

Wed., Sept. 28 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice

Thur., Sept. 29 @ 6:00pm - Centering Prayer

Sun., Oct. 2 @ 11:00am - World Communion Sunday

Sun., Oct. 2 @ 4:00pm - Neighborhood Party & Blessing of the Animals

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Jon Burlew
Ushers.....Marshall Judy, Suzanne Kidd,
& Linda Bonardel
Sound.....Paul Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Paula Burlew

First Reading—1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Second Reading—Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Perry and Mary Beth Waller; 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 9/18/22	Needed Weekly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$1,930	\$3,682	\$111,030	\$139,916
Non-Pledged	\$2,334	\$728	\$37,214	\$27,664

Assisting In Worship

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Hannah Vaught
Ushers.....Autumn & Forrest Brock
Sound.....Steve Vaught
Coffee Plus.....Sherry Brown
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Preacher.....Rev. Kristy Ehlert

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

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September 25th, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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.