

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR SEPT. 11, 2022

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* HOLY GROUND

Gathering Around The World

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

All: **God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us, when we waste the gifts we have been given.**

One: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.

All: **Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together!**

*HYMN 769 *For Everyone Born vrs. 1,3,5* FOR EVERYONE BORN

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Luke 15:10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Patient and loving God, we recognize

how much we need you for life itself.

But so often we have behaved

as if we did not know or even care about you.

We do not carry out the justice you desire.

We try to dominate others

even as you stand with them.

We take part in the destruction of your creation.

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us for the times we have lost our way.

Wash away our sinfulness,

and help us live more faithfully as your servants.

Find us, O God, and lead us safely home.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Lamentations 3:21-24

Beloved of God, hear these words of scripture: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases! God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. May our mouths be filled with praise, and our hearts with joyful song, because of this wonderful 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 51:1-10

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

SHARING FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

ANTHEM 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBIA

SECOND READING

LUKE 15:1-10

SERMON

Ninety-Nine Problems

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CHURCH CREED

Front cover of hymnal

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

page 35 in hymnal

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

As the shepherd searches for a lost sheep, and the woman searches for a lost coin, God seeks us out to save us. With gratitude and joy, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

*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 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN 769 *For Everyone Born (refrain only)* FOR EVERYONE BORN

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 14 @ 10:00am - Presbyterian Women Bible Study meeting

Wed., Sept. 14 @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes at GFP

Wed., Sept. 14 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting

Wed., Sept. 14 @ 7:00pm - Deacon Meeting

Thur., Sept. 15 @ 6:00pm - Session Meeting

Thur., Sept. 15 @ 6:00pm - Centering Prayer

Sun., Sept. 18 @ 11:00am - Fall Picnic & Worship at Pulaski county Park, Shelter #2

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Jane Evans

Ushers.....John & Cathy Wright

First Reading—Psalm 51:1-10

¹ Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!
Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!
² Wash me completely clean of my guilt;
purify me from my sin!
³ Because I know my wrongdoings,
my sin is always right in front of me.
⁴ I've sinned against you—you alone.
I've committed evil in your sight.
That's why you are justified when you render your verdict,
completely correct when you issue your judgment.
⁵ Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin,
from the moment my mother conceived me.
⁶ And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places;
you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.
⁷ Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean;
wash me and I will be whiter than snow.
⁸ Let me hear joy and celebration again;
let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.
⁹ Hide your face from my sins;
wipe away all my guilty deeds!
¹⁰ Create a clean heart for me, God;
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

Second Reading—Luke 15:1-10

¹ All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. ² The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
³ Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.' ⁷ In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.
⁸ "Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

*Scripture verses taken from
the Common English Bible translation*



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Michael Davis's father, Jim; Paula Burlew's mother; Janice Avera; Our Neighbors in Eastern Kentucky; Janet Germain Piercy; Paul Henderson; 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 9/4/22	Needed Weekly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$3,739	\$3,682	\$108,785	\$132,552
Non-Pledged	\$388	\$728	\$33,612	\$26,208

Assisting In Worship

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Bill Fountain
Ushers.....Zack Vaught & Marty Whitson
Sound.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Jo Salmon
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:

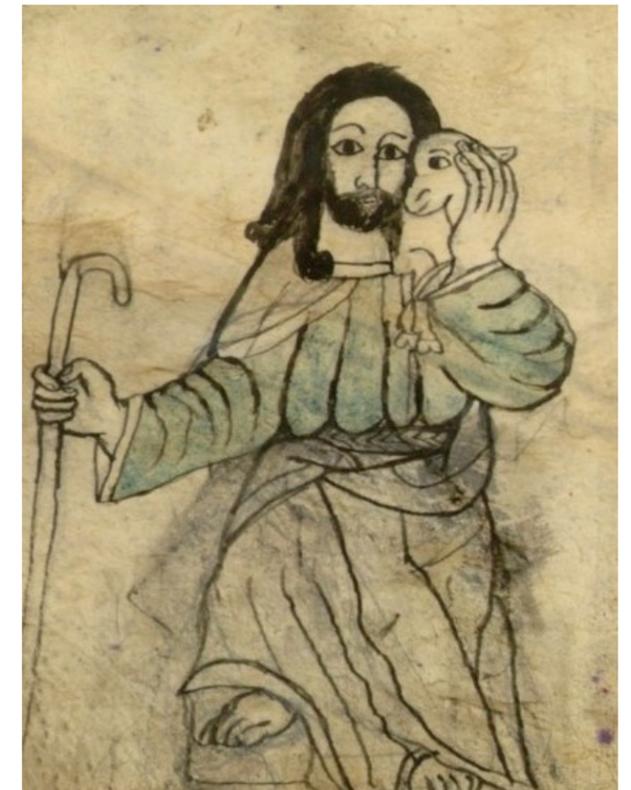
<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>
Forrest Brock	Bill Fountain	Charlie Leveridge
Chris Phillips	Kimberly King	Zack Vaught
Erin Stephens	Perry Waller	John Wright

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First Presbyterian Church

September 11th, 2022

**Fourteenth 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.