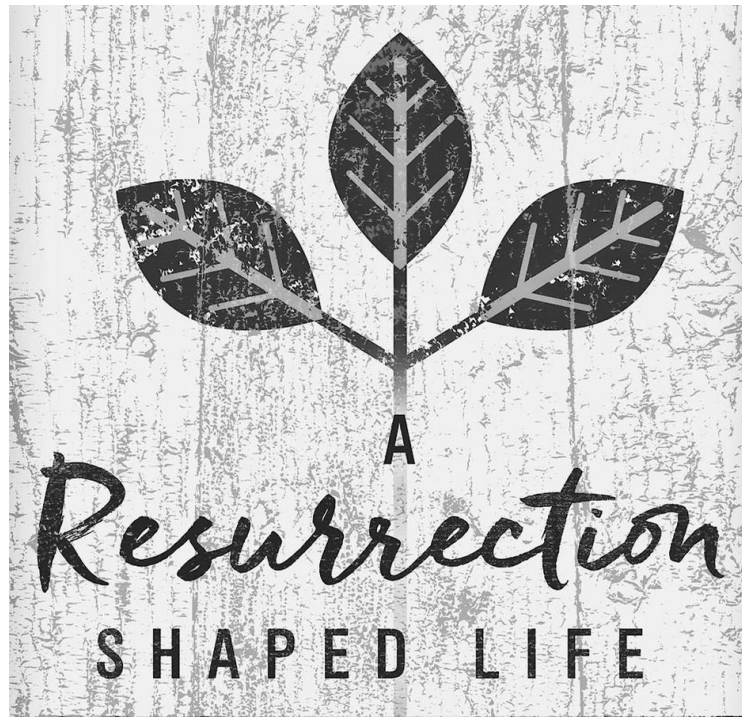


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## *Service for the Lord's Day*

September 23, 2018

### *Gathering Around the Word*

**Gathering Music**

Mike Kanan

**Striking of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Variations on LAUDATE DOMINUM*

Franklin Ashdown

*O praise you the Lord! Praise him in the height; Rejoice in his word, you angels of light;  
You heavens, adore him, by whom you were made, And worship before him, in brightness arrayed.*

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship**

Jesus is Lord! We want to follow him.

**But Jesus surprises and confuses us.**

He leads us in obedience to God, and to suffer for the sake of others, to die, and to rise again.

**Our lives have this resurrection shape!**

And so, we hope. Even the darkest nights end in the brightening dawn.

**Resurrection, rescue, renewal, and repair are a part of everything we do.**

Every attempt at faithfulness,

**Every act of service to another.**

Jesus is Lord! We want to follow him.

**Throughout these lives with a resurrection shape.**

**Hymn 839**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

**Call to Confession**

The call to follow  
Christ may be as  
simple as caring for  
others in their need.



## ***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 727**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

**Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

From A Declaration of faith (8.2)

**God sends us to proclaim the gospel.**

**We believe God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith, and obedience. We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set all people free from sin and self hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death.**

**We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Richard Shephard

Sarah Chapman, soprano; DiDI Turley, alto; Sam Tuggle, tenor; Jason Fox, bass

*All Stand*

**Doxology**

*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**

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 643**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Agincourt Hymn*

John Dunstable

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The Church in the world joins in doing the Lord's work.

The Buck in a Basket offering will go to provide non-perishables for Room in the Inn.

*WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.*

### **Donate Online:**

We have recently set up the church website to accept online donations. Just go to the website below and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You can also scan the QR code, right.

<https://bgpresdonate.cloverdonations.com/online-donations/>



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## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, September 23**

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. Children's Music  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Habitat/Dessert Auction  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation class  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### **Monday, September 24**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

### **Tuesday, September 25**

11:00 a.m. Special Care  
7:00 p.m. Missions

### **Wednesday, September 26**

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, September 27**

5:00 p.m. PLC Potluck

### **Friday, September 28**

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayers

## ***The Presbyterian Church Staff***

*Pastor*

*Dr. Matthew W Covington*

*Organist, Pastoral Assistant*

*Thomas N. Moody*

*Choir Director*

*Dr. Wayne Pope*

*Financial Administrator*

*Terry Johnson*

*Director of Christian Education*

*Leslee Kirkconnell*

*Youth Ministry*

*David Clarke*

*Treasurer*

*Steve Moore*

*Secretary*

*Cheryl Gregory*

*Director, Preschool Learning Center*

*Dana Patterson*

*Custodian*

*Cedric Whitney*

*Children's Music*

*Ellie Osborne*

*Sunday Sexton*

*Barbara Solberg-Hale*

*Clerk of Session*

*Tim Leigh*

**Our church Elders:** Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Fred Higgins, Brad Howard, Matt Hunt, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Bobby Rabold, David Sears, Diane Simmons, David Thomison, Denny Wedge.

**Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Melody Harper, Wayne Hendrix, Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Linda Leigh, Nathan Love, Tom MacMillin, Marilyn Mattingly, David Muffett, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, and Judy Whitson.

## ***Announcements***

**USHERS:** The Bigler family and friends

**LAY READER:** David Coverdale

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Barbara Solberg-Hale, Matt Hunt

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

**LIBRARIAN:** Arnie Petrus, [arfranpe@msn.com](mailto:arfranpe@msn.com)

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, September 30:** Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22; Psalm 124; James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50.

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE MEMBERS:** Sarah Chapman graduated from South Warren High School. She is a Junior Music Education Major at WKU. Greenwood graduate DiDi Turley is a Junior Music Performance Major at WKU. Music Performance Major Sam Tuggle is a graduate of South Warren High School. He is a Junior at WKU. Jason Fox, a graduate of Russellville High School, holds a BA in Music and a BS in Geography/Environmental Studies from WKU where he is currently pursuing a master's degree in Geoscience. We are grateful for their contribution to the Chancel Choir and our worship.

## **TODAY**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** this week will be Rider Allen. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 843-4707.

## *Announcements (continued)*

**HABITAT LUNCHEON AND DESSERT AUCTION TODAY** immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck salad/side dish/vegetable lunch with each table then competing for the best desserts by pooling their money to bid. We will also have Herb Simmons' world-famous bird houses for Silent Auction and Living Waters for the World necklaces for sale (\$7).

**THE FLOYD HAYS ELLIS CLASS** will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 each Sunday until the elevator is repaired. Join us for coffee/light breakfast fellowship beginning at 8:30am and stay for class. The discussion of The Apostle's Creed for Today continues.

**3 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION** is NEXT SUNDAY, September 30. Our children and youth will come around with the big cans to collect your coins, bills and checks. \$8.10 is the individual contribution per quarter, but we gratefully accept all donations. One third goes to support our Food Pantry (generally giving out about 100 bags each month) and the remainder to the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

**TODAY'S BUCK IN A BASKET** will be the final day to contribute toward the Room in the Inn pantry (next week we collect 3 Cents a meal instead). Your generosity to date will be very helpful as we seek to share abundant hospitality with our guests. Room in the Inn hosting starts in mid-November.

**WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING?** Our preschool class learned about Jesus' Baptism in Matthew 3:13-17. Kindergarten-3rd Grade in Godly Play heard about Creation in Genesis 1 and Genesis 2:1-4. Joseph's Dreams were the focus for our 4th-5th Graders from Genesis 37:1-11. Please read the scriptures with your children at home and talk about what they learned about God during class.

**YOUTH** continue their study of "What is Love?" by exploring 'Barriers to Love.' The scripture focus is 2 Samuel 4:4.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets this afternoon, 4:00pm in the Conference Room.

**SEASON OF PEACE.** September and early October are the Season of Peace, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. We observe this by collecting the Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday. 25% of our gifts stays here at the Presbyterian Church for Peacemaking efforts locally. 25% stays with our Presbytery and the remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advance peace and justice globally. Envelopes will be in the pews on October 7.

**ROOM IN THE INN VOLUNTEER TRAINING.** Sunday October 21 we will hold a special training (lunch included, please RSVP) for all who volunteer with Room in the Inn (everyone in the congregation is welcome however!). Sarah Major from Uspiritus will be here to help us understand how what happens to us in our early lives can affect us as adults. Since many of our guests and friends have experienced possibly severe trauma in childhood or beyond, this training is very important to help us be the best hosts possible. Please RSVP to Leslee Kirkconnell, who will also be happy to answer questions.

**A ROUND TABLE PULPIT** study continues tomorrow evening, 7:00pm in the Conference Room (Fellowship Hall if the elevator is nonfunctional). Join this lively discussion and exploration of the following Sunday's lectionary passages (see list each Sunday in the bulletin). Matthew Covington is leading and all are welcome to join us!

**CIRCLES** CIRCLE 3 will meet on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Village Manor at 11:00am.

### **COMING UP SOON:**

**CHILI COOK OFF AND BAKE SALE:** Sunday November 4th at 11:30 come along and taste some great chili and delicious baked goods, and have some fellowship after the Sunday service. We need our great chefs to bring their best chili! Bakers needed for their delicious dessert treats! Sign up with our Perfect Potluck - <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=QJQE6000&welcome=1> or call the office. ALL PROCEEDS to benefit our Youth Montreat Conference next summer! For more information speak to David Clarke.

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:** Tonight, running from 5:30-7:00pm. We will be providing dinner before games and some bible study. For more information contact David Clarke. If you are interested in helping with providing dinner please reach out and speak to David Clarke ([david.clarke@bgpres.org](mailto:david.clarke@bgpres.org)) or use the link provided to sign up for a date: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-fall2>

**YOUTH HELP** As you know, our new youth year has started and we are always welcoming ways for the congregation to get involved (there are lots of things to be doing). So if you have a desire to do so, please speak to David Clarke and see what ways you can help out.

**YOUTH AND FALL FESTIVAL:** October 28<sup>th</sup>-- The youth group will be in the fellowship hall from 4:30-6:00pm. Come along and enjoy our festival. Bring along your pets and have a fun filled afternoon.

**CAMP LOUCON:** The dates and times have been released for the youth trip to camp Loucon. It will be from the 9th-11th of November and forms are available from David Clarke. We are hoping to bring our youth along to this gathering. The hope is to use this as a way to continue in our partnership with Franklin Presbyterian. For more information speak to David Clarke.

**OUR FALL CRAFT WEEK GROUP** will be leaving for Montreat NEXT SUNDAY. Watch for pictures and updates on our Facebook page!

**COMMUNITY-WIDE STUDY:** Beginning Thursday October 11, we are sponsoring the study 'Reclaiming Jesus: Civil Discourse.' This will meet *off-site*, 600 State Street, 7:00-8:30pm. We will explore why and how Civil Discourse is important over five Thursdays (ends November 8). We urge you to attend and invite friends and neighbors. Leaders include Tim Leigh, Larry Gildersleeve and Matthew Covington.

**SAFE SANCTUARY WORKSHOPS.** For ALL who work with our children and youth. Sunday October 7, immediately following worship (lunch provided) or Tuesday October 7, 6:30pm, in the Conference Room. All working with children/youth must attend one workshop (if you did so in the last 18 months, you are done for now). Specific invitations have been issued, but ALL in our congregation are urged to attend, because being a safe place for ALL God's children is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Please see Leslee Kirkconnell with questions. RSVP's needed for the October 7 so lunch hospitality will be abundant.

**CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE PLANNING TEAM** meeting, Sunday October 14, 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided. Two months and counting! Contact Shannon Dyche with questions.

**SEEKING DONATIONS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY** for us to stuff in our treat bags for the Downtown Halloween on Saturday October 27. Please bring to the office by October 20. If you would like to help us pass out the bags and be a smiling presence for that event, see Leslee Kirkconnell.

#### **OTHER NEWS:**

**MAGAZINES NEEDED!** The Christian Education program needs some good magazines for various activities - Smithsonian, Travel, Cooking, anything that can be used by children and youth for projects. We have a good number of National Geographic already, and need other categories. You never know what a project might require. Please bring to the office for Leslee Kirkconnell.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** is helping with the impact from Hurricane Florence. There is always a need for additional funding when disaster strikes. You may give to the church, please put 'Florence relief' in the memo line or you can go to the PCUSA website, <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/> and give directly.

**FROM SEEDS TO BLOOMS:** Our current Art exhibit features works by Shannon Dyche, Myra Dwyer, Bud Schlinker, and Diane Simmons. See it in the Fellowship Hall gallery, M-Th 8:30am to 4:30pm; Friday and Sunday 'til noon. This exhibit closes October 11th.

**THE CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP** meets on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 10:30am. The second Friday meetings will be at the church, and the fourth Friday meetings will be at the Gramlings' home at 118 Greyrock Drive.

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**SHERIFF'S GOOD SAMARITAN FUND** At Christmas, the Warren County Sheriff's office gives \$100 bills to people they know to be in need. Our church has agreed to help fund this effort.