

Community of Faith



Presbyterian Church

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*God calls us to love  
God and each other  
and show that love  
through our songs,  
prayers, and  
thoughts during our  
worship service.*

*We pray together to  
seek forgiveness for  
sins of the  
corporate body. We  
pray silently for  
personal sins.*

## Worship, September 4, 11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

### Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements  
Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Centering Music**

#### +Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting

**P: The Lord's name is great among all the nations.**

Let us pray: **Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

**+Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (464)*

#### Call to Confession

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to show us the way. Let us seek forgiveness from God as we ourselves forgive our fellow human beings.

#### Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our struggles to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have erred in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways. (Moment of silent prayer)**

#### Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: by the grace of God we are forgiven!

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Response of Praise** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (2x)*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.*

**Passing of the Peace**

L: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another as Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

*(The sign of the peace is shared.)*

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 67). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**Special Music** Rufus Baker**Hearing the Word****Prayer for Illumination**

**P: God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. church.**

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church:

**Scripture Reading Philemon 1-21** Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, 2to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: 3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. 7I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

8For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, 16no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

*Philemon is the shortest book in the Bible, having only one chapter containing 21 verses.*

18If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. 22One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. 23Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, 24and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. 25The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**Hymn** *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love* (2223)

**Gospel Reading Luke 14:25-33** 25Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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## Sermon

### Responding to the Word

**Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)* Presbyterian Hymnal, pp 14

## Offering Prayer

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it; the world and all that is in it. Let us give thanks to God for all God has done for us.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love. Amen**

## Celebration of Holy Communion

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Apostles' Creed was first used in the context of Baptism and is one of the earliest affirmations of faith used in Christian worship.

Communion is also sometimes called Eucharist or the Lord's Supper. All are welcome to the table.

*We celebrate communion to remember the last night of Jesus Christ's life when he and his disciples ate together around the table. We also remember his arrest, death and resurrection, and honor his suffering. Finally, participating in communion celebrates our place in the body of Christ.*

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Chorus (all):** *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)*

*The whole world is full of God's glory (3x)*

*Holy is the Lord!*

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

### **Taking the Word into the World**

**+Song** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (2171)*

**+Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

## HYMNS

### **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love,  
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
 Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
 Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountains, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began,  
 Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
 Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
 Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### **They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
 And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,  
*Refrain* And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
 Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
*Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
 We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
 And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride,  
*Refrain*

All praise to the father from whom all things come,  
 And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son,  
 And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.  
*Refrain.*

### **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring your love  
 Where there is injury your pardon Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace, where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
 Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh master, grant that I may never seek to be consoled as to console,  
 To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life

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### Scriptures for Sunday, September 11

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12–17  
Luke 15:1–10

### In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy  
Ruth Roeber  
The McDermott family  
Johanna Willis  
Nita Kleier  
Jean Jennings' family  
Emille Walden  
Kelly Montana  
Lynda Jaeger  
Kittie Dupps  
Skip Dixon & Family  
Ron Carlin  
Ella Grace Marksberry

### Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

### Session Meeting

The Session will meet at the church on Thursday, September 8 at 6:45 pm.

### Cornerstone Meals

We'll be providing meals for Cornerstone this month. Food prep will take place on Monday, September 19, and we'll serve meals at Cornerstone on Tuesday, September 20. Contact Rev. Sharon for more details.

### Donations for Johanna Willis & RideCincinnati

On Sept 17, 2022, Johanna Willis will be participating in RideCincinnati, a bike ride to raise money for cancer research. She has registered to ride 50 miles. To donate, please go to: <https://ridecincinnati.org/rider/2241>.

### Buckhorn Disaster Offering

Buckhorn Children and family Services state their mission as:  
The mission of Buckhorn Children & Family Services is to provide a sanctuary of health, healing, and hope for at-risk children, youth, and families.

Unfortunately, that mission is in jeopardy, due to the disastrous flooding in their area of eastern Kentucky. Several of their buildings have been severely damaged, several of their staff have lost their homes and all their possessions, and the Buckhorn Elementary School has also been heavily damaged and has had to delay opening for the new school year.

COF has supported Buckhorn for many years with our Christmas gifts and donations, as well as our prayers. Most of you know that Jack Kleier has been on the Buckhorn Board of Directors for decades.

Please consider a gift of cash or a gift card to Buckhorn, through Community of Faith, sometime in the next 2-3 weeks. You can put a check in the offering plate made out to Community of Faith (with "Buckhorn" in the memo line), donate online through the church, or pick up gift cards to Walmart, Target, or Lowes. The gift cards can be given directly to Jack, or to Bill Lindsay, Treasurer.