



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

10:00 am



St. Vitale - Abraham and the Three Angels (Detail), from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.



Welcome! Your presence in the worshipping community is a gift! Please be sure to let us know you're here by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code. If you have the Connect app, you may also check in using Realm.

Large print bulletins are available at each entrance.

Hearing devices are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children through age 5.

At the sign * you may rise in body or spirit.

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera at any time during worship.

We Gather at God's Call

For Silent Meditation

I join with those around me to worship you, O God. I am mindful that you have called me—have called us—to lift our hearts to you, to sing your praise, to glorify your name. May that be my only desire as I lose myself in wonder, love, and praise. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Grant and Blair Repass

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

arr. Larry Shackley

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Nancy Brown and Martha Anderson, piano duet

*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Today we gather to worship God with all that we are.

We come to lift our hearts to the Lord.

Here, in this place, among these people, we will discover what the Holy One requires of us:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*Hymn 272 (Vss. 1, 4)

God, You Rule with Royal Bearing

BRYN CALFARIA

Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

Calling and life-giving God:

**When we are ungrateful,
remind us of your grace.**

**When we do not recognize your gifts around us,
open our eyes to your goodness.**

**When we judge others by how they look,
help us to see as you do—
to look at their hearts.**

**When we decide that we are incapable of answering your call—
believing ourselves to be**

**too old, too young, too new, too unknowing—
remind us that you continue to call the unexpected.**

When we forget who we are as your children, call us once more by name.

**And grant that we would let go of anything
that keeps us from loving you and our neighbors.**

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen!

Musical Offering

All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia

Thomas Keesecker

Summer Choir ©2016 Birnamwood Publications

*All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see.
We shall see and we shall know. We shall know and we shall love.
We shall love and we shall praise. Behold our end which is no end.*

We Listen for the Word of God

Children at the Chancel

Jenna Coy

Chil - dren wel - come in the name of Je - sus. Chil - dren wel - come

in the name of love. All are wel - come in the name of

Je - sus. All are wel - come in the name of love.

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Children Are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way)

Children will return to the sanctuary for the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

Sermon

Is Anything Too Wonderful for God?

John P. Leggett

Sermons from Genesis: *The Call of God's Promise*

*An Affirmation of Faith

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
God kept his promises.
All that we can ever hope for
was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

*Hymn 74

When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

Katherine Redmond

Prayers of the People



Invitation to the Offering

No matter how or where we give, our giving is an act of worship.

*You may share your gifts by placing them
in one of the offering plates by each sanctuary door,
mailing them to the church office,
or through the secure online link to give electronically.
Or text 2PRESLEX and any amount to 73256 to give.*

Offertory Hymn 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

*Doxology (A Song of Praise)

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

John P. Leggett

*The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Sends Us to the World

Blessing of the Backpacks

*Hymn 804 (Vss. 1, 3-4)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

*Charge and Blessing

John P. Leggett

*Postlude

Prelude on ST. DUNSTAN

Douglas E. Wagner

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Today's flowers are given in celebration of the **50th Wedding Anniversary of David and Beth Porter** on August 7th. Thanks be to God and your many prayers.

2026 Sanctuary Flowers: Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our sanctuary on Sundays and gives you a chance to remember a loved one. You are also welcome to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or baptism. Scan the QR code on page 7 to see the Sundays we have open, or contact the church office (859-254-7768).

This Week at Second

Sunday, August 9 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Lemonade in the Courtyard 11:15 am Deacons Meeting	Thursday, August 13 <i>No events scheduled.</i> Friday, August 14 <i>No events scheduled.</i>
Monday, August 10 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place) 6:00 pm Mission Committee	Saturday, August 15 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum)
Tuesday, August 11 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Needlepoint Group	Sunday, August 16 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Lemonade in the Courtyard 11:15 am Session Meeting
Wednesday, August 12 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom)	

Upcoming Events:

- August 23:** Youth Fellowship Kickoff
- September 6-27:** Civil Rights Exhibit (Fellowship Hall)
- September 13:** Return to Regular Worship Schedule
- September 13:** Sunday School Kick Off (Fellowship Hall)

Children & Youth Announcements

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Youth Fellowship Kick-Off: All rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to our first Youth Fellowship of the year on **Sunday, August 23rd from 11:00-12:30 pm**. We will meet for Lemonade in the Courtyard and then head to the youth room for lunch and fellowship. It will be a great time to connect after summer! Invite a friend!

Mark your calendars for our Youth and Children Sunday School Kick-Off: All children, youth, and their parents are invited to join us for our annual Sunday School kick-off on **September 13th at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall! We will have breakfast goodies (fruit, muffins, water and juice), parents can turn in the annual registration and release forms and youth and children can meet their teachers! **Come join us as we begin a new year of learning and growing in faith together as followers of Jesus!**

Other Announcements

Sign-ups for all events can be found by scanning the QR code.

Additional information is available on our website.



Blessing of the Backpacks: All Students, teachers, administrators, coaches, staff members, and anyone involved in education are invited to bring your backpack, or other tools of your office, to the front before the final hymn.

Lemonade in the Courtyard will take place today following the service. Please exit the sanctuary by the door to your left. An elevator or stairwell will take you to the lower level. This is a wonderful way to get to know others in our church family!

Sing with the Summer Choir! All youth and adults are welcome to join us at **9:30 am in the sanctuary** in preparation for the 10:00 service. Singers will receive the anthem of the day, a choir folder, and a warm welcome. Anthems are chosen to be prepared in a very short time. **You are welcome for any or all Sundays in August!**

School Supply Drive: It's soon going to be back to school time for the students in Fayette County; you are invited to participate in the **Back to School supply drive for the students at Westminster Village. Visit the table set up in the Gathering Place** to pick up a detailed listing of items needed.

Coffee & Conversation: Join Pastor John, various staff members, and unknown others from the congregation **each Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am** (or so) in the Gathering Place.

During the summer months, remember to bring your non-perishable food items on Sunday, or during office hours, and place them in the **God's Pantry Blue Barrel**, located at the bottom of the steps near the youth entrance.

Church Prayer List: Please contact the church office if you would like to add yourself or someone else to our prayer list. To keep the congregation's prayer list focused on immediate prayer concerns, we will ordinarily remove names and causes after three weeks. You may also contact the church office if you wish to have a name or cause on our prayer list for an extended period.

Women's Saturday Discussion Group meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

Men's Book Group meets each Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.) by Zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu or 859-608-6662 for Zoom instructions and details.

Blue bins are available at each sanctuary exit for you to **recycle your bulletin.**

Prayer Concerns

In Our Church Family

Julia Leopold	Nellie Little
Sally Bradford	Jorene Terry
Libby Messer	Dwight Carpenter
Robbie Messer	Kenny Leatherman
Carol Karutz (Cathy Rogers's mother)	David Porter

Global Concerns

You may keep up with the most recent and ongoing responses of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from the link on our church website, or by going directly to the denomination's website at www.pcusa.org. Your gifts support good and important work.

We Extend Our Love and Care to...

...**Becky and Rack Edwins** on the death of Rack's brother, **David R. Marshall**, who died on July 4th.

...**Ron Smedley and his family** on death of Ron's wife, **Marilyn Smedley**, who died on July 31st.

...the family of **Nellie Little**, who died on August 6th. Service dates are pending.

Church Staff

Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music and Covenant Choir
Martha Anderson, Organist
Katie Baird, Assistant Director of Children and Youth
Jenna Coy, Director of Children and Youth
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