



Service for the Lord's Day

September 4, 2022 11:00 a.m.
13th Sunday after Pentecost



New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. You will see our current Communion instructions in the Sunday Announcements section of the bulletin. We choose from a selection of several different kinds of bread (including gluten-free crackers) coming from various cultures in order to evoke the diversity of God's people, and our grape juice is non-alcoholic. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. Joyce Jones

*Call to Worship

Lord, we come into Your Presence here

May we live lives aware of You every place.

Open our minds and hearts to you daily.

Fill us with a constant awareness of Your providential care.

*Hymn 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Almighty King, the earth is full of Your Glory. Your Presence, love and grace permeates everything. You surround our lives with every good gift and provide our daily needs. Yet sometimes we fail to see, fail to be aware, fail to acknowledge you in the ordinary things of life. Daily distractions, ordinary cares blind us to Your abiding Presence. We look at the ordinary and see only the ordinary, we do see or acknowledge You in the quiet or the everyday.

Lord, help us to look beyond the grand and glorious to Your quiet Presence all around. Open our eyes to Your holiness in the ordinary things of life. May we sense You more than see You, find You in the ordinary and worship You in every place. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

*Hymn #583

"Glory to God"
(sing thru 2x, once in English, once in Latin)

GLORIA

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament Psalm 131 (O.T., p. 574)

Reading from the New Testament 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (N.T., p. 205)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Finding Prayer Everywhere"

Ray Mendenhall

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"Celtic Blessing"

Jeff Perks

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

...therefore we praise you, joining our voices with all creation.

Hymn #552

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LAND OF REST

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer continues

...Let us declare the great mystery of our faith:

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

The Prayer continues

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 774

"There Is Now a New Creation"

STUTTGART

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn 587

"Alleluia!"

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Postlude

Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174

Dietrich Buxtehude

Depart in Peace

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: 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 lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Our liturgist today is: **Cathy Martin**

Acolyte: **Colin Smith**

Prayer Requests

Prayers for: The family of Beth Webster, the family of Ruth Winburn, Cara Richards and Rosa, all those affected by the floods in Eastern Kentucky, Polly Dudley (friend of Debby & Kevin Eddy), Jeff Herring, Christina Tipton's father, Duane Tracy (Doris Palmer's son), Brittany Spradling (granddaughter-in-law of Rue Wallace), Mary Rowland (client of Marianne Griffith's), Judi Ison (friend of the Lockhart's) and Rue Wallace.

This prayer request was posted by the community on the whiteboard in front of the church:

- To enjoy life.
- Recovery from addiction.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

We are preparing a welcome package for our new pastor, Martin Carver and his family. If you have unused gift cards or other items, please drop them off by the office or the basket in the back of the sanctuary. If you have recommendations for pediatricians, doctors, dentists, real estate agents, favorite restaurants, etc., please put a note on the paper beside the basket. If you have any questions, you may call Roger Guffey at 859-537-7914 or email him at rguffey1@twc.com.

2022 Per Capita Fund Offering – The Transylvania Presbytery and Presbyterian Church (USA) Per Capita assessment for 2022 is \$38.47 per member. Each member of Hunter is being asked to consider contributing the \$38.47 that Hunter will pay this year for each of our members. If you would like to contribute your assessment amount, please use the pew envelope marked "Per Capita Fund Offering" or write Per Capita Fund Offering in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

Thank you to those who shared in leading today's service: Allen Fletcher, Cathy Martin, Colin Smith and Val Zeps.

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