

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 am

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship (from Luke 13:29)

One: People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

All: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.

*Opening Hymn “In Christ There Is No East or West” Hymn #318

Scripture	Isaiah 35:1-10	Pew Bible, pg. 663
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Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to live as good stewards of all you have given us. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Free our world for Jubilee. Reorder our priorities so all your nations and peoples may thrive. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response “Shall We Gather at the River” Hymn #375, v.3

“Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.”

*Greeting in Christ's Name

The Word

Time with Our Children
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture

John 14:1-14 Pew Bible, pg. 108

Sermon “Who’s Coming Along?” Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Affirmation of Faith, The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #582

**“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen."

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “One Bread, One Body” Hymn #530

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

...Holy Holy Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. We lift our voices to you as we pray the prayer Your Son taught us saying...

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

...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. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Bread

The Cup

Prayer after Communion/Prayer for Others and Ourselves

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

"O for a World"

Hymn #372

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"O God of Every Nation"

Hymn #756, v. 4

"Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain."

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Teri Foltz

Acolyte:

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

Attribution: Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott and Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson



Flower
Dedication

The flowers today are from

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Service of Worship

October 4th, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor

Mika Komuro, Pianist