

Service of Worship

*February 8th, 2026
5th Sunday after Epiphany*



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

*Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor
Lisa Dexter, Guest Pianist*

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

The Gathering

*Call to Worship, adapted from Psalm 112

One: People of God, praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

All: **Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.**

One: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

All: **Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.**

One: We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

All: **Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!**

Scripture

Proverbs 14:23, 22:9, 12:24

pg. 597

Question to ponder...

How has hard work paid off in your life of faith?

*Opening Hymn

“For Everyone Born”

Hymn #769

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is just easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.

*Assurance of God's Love

God will show us the way to God's realm. Gracious, merciful,
and righteous is our God of salvation!

God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*Responsorial Hymn

“Give Thanks”

Hymn #647

“Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ the Son. And now let the weak say, “We are strong” let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks.”

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are one forgiven family. Let us continue to worship God in thanksgiving as we greet those who join us in prayer and praise.

As we have been welcomed by God, we now seek to welcome those among us.

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

(Friends, while still maintaining the safety of the peace sign, let us take a holy moment of active greeting. Move to the 3 pews around you, sharing God’s peace with God’s people before returning to your seats.)

The Word

Time with the children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:22-25

Pew Bible, pg. 202

Sermon

“The Coach’s Call”

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn

“When We Are Living”

Hymn #822

Affirmation of Faith from The Confession of 1967

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*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

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 Sending

*Closing Hymn

“Come, Labor On”

Hymn #719

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Fill My Cup”

Hymn #699 v. 1

“Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow; Let it overflow with love. Lord, let me be your instrument, spreading sunshine in the land; let people see your works in me; help me live the best I can.”

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

Liturgist: Cheryl Boettger

Acolyte:

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

All Hymns from Glory to God hymnal, unless noted otherwise

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Super Bowl Challenge

In addition to the Souperbowl luncheon, which will be today after worship, we are going to be participating in a Super Bowl Challenge. There is a great need in our community for non-perishable food and hygiene items and we want to help.

- * Pick your team ahead of the game (be honest!)
- * bring in the amount of non-perishable or hygiene items equivalent to the score of the team you picked.

This is a challenge, not a mandate—if the score is too high, do what you can. If you prefer to donate money, Rev. Holly will shop for you. Most importantly—Have Fun!