

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship
One: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:
All: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.
One: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:
All: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!
One: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:
All: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, ‘God, save us!’ in every situation.

*Opening Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” Hymn #754

Scripture Acts 9:1-16 Pew Bible, pg. 127

Call to Confession
*Prayer of Confession
 God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
*Responsorial Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Hymn #286, v. 2 & 3
 **“Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
 Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
 Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine!”**

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Time with Our Children
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Acts 9:17-31 Pew Bible, pg. 127

Sermon “Whole in One” Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

Hymn “For Everyone Born” Hymn #769

*Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)
 We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Call for the Offering
Offertory
*Doxology “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Christ, all people here below;
 praise Holy Spirit ever more;
 praise Triune God, whom we adore.” Hymn #608

*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

“O God of Every Nation”

Hymn #756

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“We Are One in the Spirit”

Hymn #300, v. 2

**“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:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.”**

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

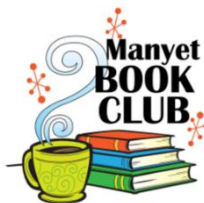
WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Donna Baxter

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

Attribution: Rev. Thom Schuman, Teri McDowell Ott, and Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson



Book Club will meet again on Wednesday, September 30th, at 12:30 in the chapel. Bring a lunch or snacks and a drink. We'll be discussing James by Percival Everett. All are welcome to join us.

If you have questions, talk to Donna Baxter.

Flower Dedication



The flowers today are given by

Paul & Carol Winkler

In honor of

Thelma Pryse's 99th Birthday!

Service of Worship

August 9th, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor

Mika Komuro, Pianist