

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 am

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship
One: Each morning, God’s grace awakens us, each evening, God’s peace cradles us.
All: Compassion is our constant companion, as we go through work, school, the day.
One: In every moment, God is present with us; God whispers words which can change our lives.
All: Justice is our faithful teacher, pointing to where we can carry out fairness.
One: We find ourselves groping in the shadows, God’s light will provide a way home.
All: We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us; we return home, and find a feast prepared.

*Opening Hymn “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” Hymn #436

Scripture Jonah 1:1-17 Pew Bible, pg. 859

Call to Confession
*Prayer of Confession
Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers: called to treat all people equally, we take sides and pick favorites; chosen to be your children, we arrogantly assume others are not so honored; challenged to be examples of faith, we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends. Forgive us, Giver of Rest. Enable us to stop putting you to the test, so we can open our hypocritical hearts to your healing touch of compassion and hope. As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us, may we give ourselves to you-confidently, completely, faithfully.

*Assurance of Pardon
...but offers grace and peace to all.
God has heard our prayers and done the very thing we asked – forgiven us, healed us, restored us. Thanks be to God, Amen.

*Hymn of Response “I Come with Joy” Hymn #515, v. 1

**“I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.”**

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Time with Our Children
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Jonah 3:10-4:11 Pew Bible, pg. 860

Sermon “A Fish Tale” Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

Hymn “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” Hymn #438

*Affirmation of Faith, from A Declaration of Faith
We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Hymn #738

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Hymn #80, sing twice

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Winklers and Youth

Acolyte: Dawn Family

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

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Service of Worship

October 18th, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor
Audrey Schmid, Guest Pianist

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