

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship
One: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and stage.
All: Let us worship together, the young and the old.
One: The good news is proclaimed in God’s words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks and rest time.
All: Let us worship together, every generation.
One: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.
All: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.
One: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, “Let the children come!”
All: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

*Opening Hymn “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” Hymn #298

Scripture Acts 16:1-5 Pew Bible, pg. 136

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession
Loving God, often we let fear get in the way of joy, desperation dilute faith and hope, and ego restrict Your power in our lives. We have a tight grip on how we feel life should be. Often, we fail to treat You as Creator; and instead, put our faith in our own wisdom. Forgive us for judging others at first glance; for grumbling and complaining about the tasks we have when others are praying for guidance and direction; and for questioning Your presence as we journey through each day. Grant us wisdom to see Your vision and hear Your call.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Responsorial Hymn “Glory to God” 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.”

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Time with Our Children: Blessing of the Backpacks
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture 1Timothy 4:1-16 Pew Bible, pg. 209

Sermon “See One, Be One, Teach One” Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” Hymn #307

*Affirmation of Faith from the 2026 Confirmands (Graeme Carelock, Evie Hughes, Reese Winkler)
We believe and trust in God Almighty, creator of all. We trust in the plans that are laid out for us. God will love us no matter what, even when we trip and stumble...And we will!
We believe in the forgiveness of sins for which Jesus died. Jesus was God’s only son. He was human and walked among the people, teaching, showing people how to live and helping people to find God. He set examples for us to follow. Jesus asks us to care for the sick, stand-up for those who cannot stand up for themselves, and help the vulnerable and outcasts.
The Holy Spirit is always with us. We are never alone. The Holy spirit guides us on our path and helps us in times of darkness and in times of greatness.
We trust in our church family to help guide us on our journey of faith. The community gathers together for worship, rejoicing in God’s love and his presence in our lives. Together, we can answer God’s call to serve others and to grow stronger in our faith. May the grace of God be with us all.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Please respond with *“Loving God, hold us and our prayers”*

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 Christ, The Great Foundation”

Hymn #361

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Jesus Calls Us”

Hymn #720 v.4

**“Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.”**

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Carol Winkler and Youth

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

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Flower Dedication



The flowers today are given by
Amy & Tom Hills and Tisha Gray Bruemmer
In celebration of
Gloria Gray's Birthday!

Service of Worship

August 16th, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson, Pastor

Mika Komuro, Pianist