

# First Presbyterian Church

Catlettsburg, Kentucky

**“Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum”**

“The Word of the Lord Endures Forever”

October 08, 2023

## We Gather Around the Word

### Prelude

June Swinford

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**People: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

Pastor: God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

**People: In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Pastor: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

**All: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is perfected in us.**

**\*Song of Praise #358 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” BEECHER**

### \*Prayer of the Day

### \*Prayer of Confession

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

### \*Declaration of Pardon

### \*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen*

## Concerns of the Church

**The Peace** The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## We Proclaim the Word

### The First Reading

**1 John 4: 7-12**

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### Children’s Sermon

June Swinford

### Hymn #437

“Jesus Loves Me”

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### The Epistle

**2 Peter 1: 3-11**

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

### The Homily

“GOD IS LOVE”

R. Brown

## We Respond to the Word

**\*Hymn #273 “Jesu. Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” CHEREPONI**

### The Affirmation of Faith

From “A Brief Statement of Faith” 1983

In Life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forging sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life. Amen

### Prayers of the People

### The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### \*The Doxology

*s*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise Him all creatures, here below*  
*Praise Him above ye heavenly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## We Take the Word to the World

### \*Hymn

#614

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**\*The Charge and Blessing**

**\* Postlude**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

\* Please remember to bring cleaning supplies and personal care items for AAPM Clean Start.

\*October 11, 2023 –”Mid-Week Manna Pot-Luck Dinner at 6pm  
Please read the 7th chapter of Romans.

**Coram Deo: Living before the Face of God**

"He loves us not because of who we are, but because of who He is:  
He is unconditional love. Robert Warren

**Current Session Members**

2023	2024	2025	
Linda McKenzie	John Clark	Andy Brown	
Jim Swinford	Becky Brown	Mary Caudill	
John Greer	Joan Musser	Ann Slone	Hunter Long
Herma Jean Wellman	Beverly Tomlin	Conner Long	Keith Brown
Tally Wechsler	Mike Bowling	Linzie Elam	Allison Clark
Jan and Larry Maloni	Phil Swinford	Dinah Pratt	Bobette Wilson
Caden Engle	Burt Wellman	Mark Long	Jamie Wheeler
Chris Hall	Lillian Craycraft	Lara Branham	Nick Truitt
Mary Hall	Violet Swinford	Ron Conley	Gary Zornes
John Gregory	Karen Groves	Joseph Nameth	Jill Matucci
Jackson Holly	Jean Lemaster	Sue Meade	Alissa Plank
Glenn Newmann	Michelle Williams	Shawn Thompson	Dan Yon
June Swinford	Jim Swinford	Denver Eldridge	Becky Brown
Charlene Osborne	Tiffany Griffith	Loleta Burns	Jody Boggs
John Mac Arthur	Michelle Boggs	Barb Chapman	Jamie Wheeler
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