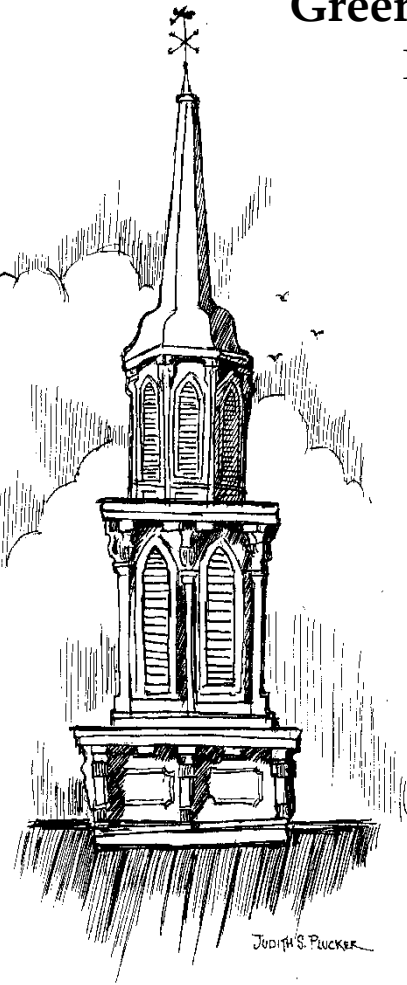


Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Feeding the Community, Body and Soul



Service for the LORD's Day

May 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to worship.

May we be nourished with joy and hope as we join our hearts and voices in praise to God.

At the asterisk sign (), you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

If you're visiting,

*we're glad you're here! In the service, the congregation speaks **bold type** and sings **bold italicized type**.*

If you are willing, please fill out a visitor's card from the pew rack to let us know more about you.

A secure nursery for both infants and children up to age 5 is located across the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

Staff

Robert White, Interim Pastor

Jeff Farr, Music Director

Whitney Ball, Organist

Cindy Click, Organist

Steven Craig, Custodian

GATHERING

Gathering Song Hymn 394

“In My Life Lord, Be Glorified”

God’s Light Enters

Acolyte

*Opening Sentences

We may not know the time or the place,

but we know that God is restoring the world.

We may not see the risen Christ before us,

but we know his spirit rests on us.

We may not know what God is doing next,

but we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Hymn 64

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Confession and Pardon

Christ our Savior,

as you ascended, you left the work to us.

You called us to keep the movement going,

to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal,

to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds,

to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us.

We have fallen short of this call.

We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort,

and resigned ourselves to the status quo.

Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will,

that we may be signs of your coming reign.

(silent confession)

Listen to this prayer:

“Protect them in your name that you have given me,

so that they may be one, as we are one.”

This is the prayer that Christ prayed on our behalf.

This tenderness and care for us shows us who Jesus is—

the one who hears our prayers,

responding to our longing for forgiveness with mercy.

Thanks be to God,

praise be to Christ,

glory be to the Holy Spirit.

*Responding to God’s Pardon

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.

*Sharing God’s Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Announcements

THE WORD

Children's Message

Anthem "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

arr. by Kim

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 1: 6-14, p. 993

John 17:1-11, p. 987

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.** *1 Corinthians 15:1-2*

Sermon

The Reverend Robert White

*Hymn 448

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

EXPRESSING OUR FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.
They therefore accept themselves
and love others,
knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of Intercession

COMMUNING WITH GOD

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"You Raise Me Up"

Arr. Coates

*Bringing our Gifts to the Altar

***Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication 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.**

ENTERING GOD’S WORLD TO SERVE

*Hymn 231

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*Blessing and Charge

May the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus’ name, remembering his new commandment
to love one another just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

*God’s Light Leads the Way

Acolyte

*Postlude

“God Be With You”

Arr. Gaspard

We would like to welcome Chris Fleming as he worships with us today from Paducah, KY. He works within the denomination in Engage Program. We would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Chris for sharing his time and knowledge as we continue to search for a pastor.

For more information on church ministries, visit our website at www.gpcchurch.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting in Community Room
	11:30 a.m.	Senior’s Reception in Fellowship Hall
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Yoga in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting in Community Room
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Exchange Club Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	12:15 p.m.	Bridge in Heritage Room
	6:00 p.m.	Teachers Helping Teachers in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting in Community Room
Wed.		No scheduled activities
Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	AA Meeting in Community Room
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Fourth Friday Fun Night in Fellowship Hall
Saturday		No scheduled activities

*Note: No Church Social the month of May

Acolyte: Tod and Sharon Duncan

Next Sunday

Ushers: John McInturff, Bill Gott, Tim Teague, Andrea Daniels, Bob Zimmerman, Tanya Kuykendall,
Kevin Keaton