

Order of Worship
Presbytery of Transylvania
March 10, 2009
First Presbyterian Church, Paris, KY

THE GATHERING

**Call To Worship*

Praise God! Sing to God a new song.

God's word is honorable, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of God.

Stand in awe of God for God created all things.

Rejoice in the Lord and give praises to God's holy name.

**Opening Hymn #281*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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**Call to Confession*

**Prayer of Confession*

Faithful Giver and Preserver of life, we thank you for your never-ending care for us. You have always met our needs, and have never let us down.

Yet our confidence in you has wavered; we have tried to take care of our own selves, rather than trusting that you will watch carefully over us wherever you may lead us.

Forgive our lack of faith, and by your Spirit enable us to believe that your promises are indeed dependable, and thus to stake our lives on them, to the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Know that God's forgiveness is beyond our perception and understanding, but is as real as the air we breathe. God is not ashamed to be called our God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

From the Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 5:7-20

(To be read responsively.)

Rejoice in God, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

Praise God with the lyre; make melody with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to God a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of God is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of God.

By the word of God the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.

God gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle, and put the deeps in storehouses.
Let all the earth revere God; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.

For God spoke, and it came to be; God commanded, and it stood firm.
God brings the counsel of the nations to nothing, and frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The counsel of God stands forever, the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Most High, the people whom God has chosen as a heritage.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

**Affirmation of Faith* – The Nicene Creed (ecumenical) – page 15 of The Hymnal

THE EUCHARIST

**Doxology – Hymn #111* “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” GELOBT SEI GOTT

**Invitation*

**Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... (prayer continues)... Let us give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ to whom you have granted rest from their labors.
(Clerk reads necrology.)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for these your servants whom we remember today.

Grant us the grace to follow them as they followed Christ.

You have shown them... (prayer continues)...with all the faithful from every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name... (spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord... (prayer continues)... that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit... (prayer continues)...all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

(The sacrament will be received by intinction.)

Music during Communion – Hymns: #513 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

#517 “We Come as Guests Invited”

**Prayer after Communion*

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet with the communion of saints in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passing of the Peace* The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.

**Hymn #438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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**Blessing*

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