



Service for the Lord's Day
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025



Parable of the Great Banquet by [Brunswick Monogrammist](#)
(circa 1525), location: [National Museum, Warsaw](#)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

During the summer months, we have journeyed together with Jesus through some of the travel account of the Gospel of Luke (Luke 9:51-19:28). In a haphazard geographical journey, Jesus and his disciples are on their way to Jerusalem. We are now at the reading where Dr. Luke tells a story about humility and hospitality and teaches a little table etiquette. This Sabbath story does not happen at the synagogue, but at the house of a leader of the Pharisees for the after-worship lunch. There is nothing better than lunch with friends after worship.

Luke writes that “they were watching him closely” (14:1), but Jesus was paying close attention to them, too: “When (Jesus) noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.” (14:7) Though the first story sounds a little manipulative to me, Jesus offered some good manner rules that help guests practice both humility and achieve their goal of sitting in a place of honor. Not to snub the host, Jesus suggested some helpful hints on hosting: “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters..., in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.” (Luke 14:12) Of course, Jesus’ etiquette instructions have an effect on a person’s eternity benefits. We may want to consider how our Christian table manners may affect us eternally.

In my final e-weekly article, I want to tell you how much Denise and I have been richly blessed through being a part of the body of Christ called First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, Tennessee. We love First Prez and our fellow servants of our Lord. We have shared in our church’s vital ministries for over four years, celebrated milestones in the life of our church, laughed together in joy, wept together in grief, loved one another in both smooth and rough seas, and sought to follow the will of God in the life of our church. We hope we have been as much a blessing to you as you have been to us. You will be cherished in our prayers for your ongoing service of our Lord.

May the Lord bless and keep you in the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

Jim



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Preparation for Worship (reading before the service for quiet meditation)

Dr. Charlie Cousar, my professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, comments on Luke 14:1-14: "Eating is essential for life; no one can manage for very long without it. But a dinner with guests is an occasion of social importance, to which people of one's class are invited and where there is an implied sharing of values and ideas. The status and rank of individuals are legitimated by their inclusion in the guest list and their location on the seating chart. For readers of Luke's narrative, meals are also symbols for the inbreaking and anticipated rule of God. In 13:29 we hear of people coming from east and west, north and south, to 'eat in the kingdom of God.' The Lord's table becomes a foretaste of the eschatological banquet (22:14-20)."

(Texts for Preaching (Year C), Cousar, Gaventa, McCann, Newsome, pp. 494-495)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude "Prelude On Kelvingrove" (Peters) Dr. Michael Hooper

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Jim Moran
(Please sign the "Friendship Pad" and make a note if you have a hymn request or information for the Pastor or church office.)

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 84:2-5, 8, 11) Charlotte Williams

Leader: My soul longs for Your place of worship, Lord; my heart and being rejoice in Your living presence.

People: **The sparrow has a dwelling, and the swallow a nest, in the shadow of Your sanctuary, my Lord and my God.**

Leader: Happy are those who inhabit Your house, for they may ever praise You.

People: **Happy are the people whose strength is in God, for their hearts are set on the pilgrim way.**

Leader: Lord God of hosts, hear our prayers as we worship.

People: **For You, O Lord, are our sun and our shield: Yours alone is the grace and glory.**

***Hymn** "To God Be The Glory" #485

***Call to Confession** (James 1:12a, 14-15)

Leader: Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it.

People: **Then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.**

Leader: Remembering our sinfulness, let us confess our sin together, praying...

*** Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

O God, Father and Giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of You. Increase in us true faith so that we may follow Your Son our Lord Jesus as His disciple. Forgive us for the times we have lost our way, stumbled, and sinned. Nourish us with all goodness. For it is only through Your grace that we can be good and do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You, our God. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Holy Spirit so that we may live abundant lives to the glory of Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

(time of silent confession)

*Indicates standing for those who are able.

***Assurance of Pardon**

(Romans 3:23-25a)

Leader: The Apostle Paul wrote to the early church in Rome: "Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

People: They are now justified by His grace as a gift,

Leader: Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

People: Whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by His blood,

Leader: Effective through faith." Believing in Jesus Christ, we are justified, redeemed, and forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

A Time for Young Christians

(Fifth grade and up, please remain in worship)

Kate Canady

Pastoral Prayer 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.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Pages 227-228, NT Pew Bible

Meditation

"The Lord Bless You And Keep You" (Lutkin)

Dr. Michael Hooper

Gospel Reading

Luke 14: 1-14

Page 77, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"Christian Table Manners"

Rev. Dr. Jim Moran

***Affirmation of Faith**

"The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)" (The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 15)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offertory

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (McDonald)

Dr. Michael Hooper

***Doxology**

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

#370

***Charge**

(1 Peter 3:8; Philippians 2:5-6, 7a, 8)

Leader: Have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

People: **Let us have the mind of Christ, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,**

Leader: But emptied Himself ... and humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

All: **Let us have the mind of Christ.**

***Benediction**

(from Heb. 13:20–21)

May the God of peace, Who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

***Congregational Benediction Response**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let Peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

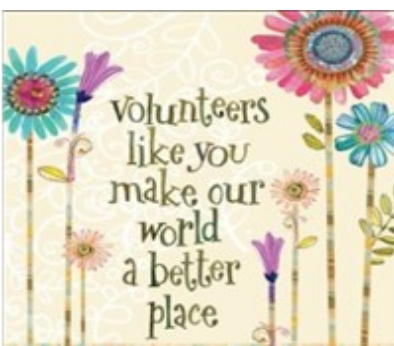
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***Postlude**

"As Morning Dawns" (Anderson)

Dr. Michael Hooper

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation immediately after the worship service today for the purpose of dissolving our Pastor/Congregation relationship effective on August 31, 2025.



Children's Sunday School Teachers - Your help is needed!

We are asking for volunteers to sign up for just one month of Sundays to spend time with and teach the precious children of our church. You may sign up to teach by yourself, teach as a couple, or teach with a friend. Curriculum will be provided. We have two classes - PreK - 2nd Grade and 3rd - 5th grade.

Reach out to Christy Jensen, or any member of the Faith Development Committee to volunteer or with any questions. There will also be sign-up sheets available in the sanctuary.

Children's Church Leaders - Your help is needed!

We need additional volunteers for our Children's Church ministry! You pick the Sunday! Curriculum will be provided.

Reach out to Christy Jensen, or any member of the Faith Development Committee to volunteer or with any questions. There will also be sign-up sheets available in the sanctuary.

Reminder: Children's Church is the time during our service when the children go downstairs to have their own worship time.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST
3:00 – 4:00 PM



Rally Day, Sunday, September 7

Join us as we kick off our Sunday School season with breakfast beginning at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. **ALL are welcome to attend!**

And for those of you who "would be happy to bring something" here's your opportunity!! The Faith Development Committee would love to have additional volunteers bringing breakfast foods to share!



Presbyterian Women News



Presbyterian Women will hold their annual Fall Potluck Supper

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Our guest speaker that night will be **Carlene Smith** who will share valuable information about scams and frauds, something we are being subjected to with increasing frequency.



FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FUN
PLAN TO BE THERE!!!

September 21st,

4:30-7:00PM

At the Lions pavilion
Shelbyville Rec Center
220 Tulip Rd.



Memorials



In Memory of Carolyn Simmons Mausek
Donation to the Greg Garner Fund:

Betty Fox
Ruthie Shepherd

In Memory of Margaret Taylor Smith
Donation to the Backpack Fund:
Ruthie Shepherd

In Memory of David Carmac Kee
Donation to the Backpack Fund:

Aaron & Connie Crafton
Debbie's Bunco Group
Norma Zae Grissom
Bailey & Trena Little
Karisa & Mike Mausek

Calendar

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Time for Fellowship 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Parent's Day Out Open House 3:00-4:00pm

Monday, September 1, 2025

Office Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Parent's Day Out Starts Back

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

Thursday, September 4, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, September 5, 2025

AA Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Rally Day 9:00-9:45am

Worship Service 10:00am

Monday, September 8, 2025

Mission Meeting 5:30pm

Cub Scout Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

PW Fall Potluck Supper 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Chancel Choir 6:00pm

Thursday, September 11, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Melanie Abraham (Brent Canady's Cousin)

Jenny Baker Barber (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

Frieda Bone (Member)

Mary Brown (Member)

Donna Cox (Tommy Anderton's Sister)

Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

Bill Garner (Helen Garner's Brother-in-law)

Cliff Garrard (Member)

Barbara Heuer (Raychelle Flannagan's Aunt)

Edwin Holcombe (Member)

Fred Hunt (Member)

Mike Jenne (Raychelle Flannagan's Brother In-Law)

Anna Kaiser (Friend of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

Family & Friends of David Kee (Member)

Evie Marsh (Church Family)

Tony Matusek (Member)

Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)

Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

Barbara Singleton (Member)

Barbara Steinke (Member)

Jeremiah Thomas (Pat Thomas' Grandson)

Megan Wallace (Jim Flannagan's Sister)

Bob Wilson (Friend of Susan Spears)

Kaemey Young (Daughter of Turner Family/Friend)

LCDR Andy Canady (Member)

Airman Chase Blanton (Member)

Airman Caleb Fletcher (Grandson of Susan Spears)

Pvt. Oscar Taylor (Helen Garner's Great-Great Nephew)

Airman Anna Powell (Melanie Hamilton's Great Niece)

WO1 John & WO1 Carlee Moran

(Nephew & Niece of Jim & Denise Moran)

Those in Military Service and their families.
Those who are serving abroad and at home.

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please call the church office at
(931)684-6541 or send an email to
first.pres.church600@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 31 David Segroves
August 31 Jed Stimpson
Sept 1 Kasey Parsons
Sept 5 Raychelle Flannagan
Sept 6 Annie Grace Jensen
Sept 8 Askel Jensen, IV
Sept 8 Fred Hunt
Sept 9 Lana Craig
Sept 13 ★ Knox Smith





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Ushers/Greeters
Brent Canady
Jim & Kathy Ikard
Kristin Wilhelm
 Lay Liturgist:
Charlotte Williams

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
James Smith

Children's Church

 Nursery
Lisa Turner
 Flowers

Sunday, September 07, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Belinda Craig
Bailey & Trena Little
Rob Marsh
 Lay Liturgist
Kate Canady
 Communion Prep:
 Communion Servers:

A Time for Young Christians
 (Rally Day)
 Hall Monitor
Willie Snell
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Kristin Wilhelm
 Nursery
Lisa Turner
 Flowers

Aaron & Connie Crafton
Linda Anderton, Aaron Crafton, Belinda Craig, Sarah Natale, James Smith

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Nancy June Brandon
Melanie Hamilton
Jim & Kathy Ikard
 Lay Liturgist
Pat Marsh

A Time for Young Christians
Connie Crafton
 Hall Monitor
Roy Turner
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Bea Marsh
 Nursery
Katherine Marsh
 Flowers

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Michal Dobson
Sarah Natale
Kristin & Richard Wilhelm
 Lay Liturgist
Rob Marsh

A Time for Young Christians
Connie Crafton
 Hall Monitor
Pat Marsh
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Belinda Craig
 Nursery
Raychelle Flannagan
 Flowers



If you know of someone that is homebound and they would like to receive communion. Please contact the church office.