



Service for the Lord's Day
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025



Etching by [Jan Luyken](#) illustrating the parable, from the [Bowyer Bible](#).

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

A couple of years ago we spent the summer looking at “hard sayings” from the Bible. How do we interpret the coming of Jesus again in the future? Do we need to worry about the second coming of Jesus? Jesus said, “Nope! No need to worry about what you’re going to eat or what you’re going to wear.” Luke encourages us not to worry and not to be afraid, for our Father God gives His flock the kingdom as a gift. With similar words as last week’s scripture reading, Jesus told the disciples to give God a thought in their decisions and to sell their possessions and give to the poor; in other words, to store up treasures in heaven where neither thief nor moth destroys. Jesus told them to be ready: to be dressed for action, loins girded, and lamps lit like slaves waiting for their master to return from a wedding. Don’t worry. Be ready. Jesus gave a similar message about the unexpected hour the thief comes to burglarize the house. Be ready, because no one knows the hour. What does Jesus’ “end times” message mean for First Prez Shelbyville today from Luke 12:32-40? How do we “slaves” get ready for the master to return?

Remember the Sunday morning gathering in the fellowship hall begins around 9:00 a.m. for hot coffee, a morning snack, and friendly fellowship. Then, come upstairs to worship God together as the body of Christ at 10:00 a.m.

May the binding love of the Holy Spirit be in us,

Jim



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

In Diary of an Old Soul, George MacDonald wrote:

"O Christ, my life, possess me utterly.

Take me and make a little Christ of me.

If I am anything but thy Father's son,

'Tis something not yet from the darkness won.

Oh, give me light to live with open eyes.

Oh, give me life to hope above all skies.

Give me thy spirit to haunt the Father with my cries."

(as recorded in A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants, Job and Shawchuck, p. 262)

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

"Faith" (Hornberger)

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

"How Firm A Foundation"

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*Call to Confession

(Ephesians 2:1, 3b, 4-5)

Leader: The Apostle Paul writes, "You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient."

People: "We were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else."

Leader: But we know a "God, who is rich in mercy, and out of the great love with which He loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved." It is to such a God of grace we confess our sins, praying...

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Sovereign God, Who alone dwells in the light and holiness, we come before You as a sinful people, unworthy to stand in Your awesome presence. We confess that we have not stood firm in resistance to the evils that pervade within us and around us. Our sin has led us away from You. Our pride has kept us from returning to You. Draw us again to Your dwelling place where we ask that You heal our sinfulness. Cleanse us, sanctify us, and empower us so that we may be Your faithful ambassadors, a people holy unto You, for the sake of the world and of our holy Savior Jesus, Your anointed Deliverer.

(time of silent confession)

*Indicates standing for those who are able.

*Assurance of Pardon

(Corinthians 5: 16b-18)

Leader: Know that whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

People: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Leader: All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

All: We believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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

Connie Crafton

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 11: 1-3, 8-16

Pages 225-226, NT Pew Bible

*Hymn

"Spirit Of The Living God" (two times)

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Gospel Reading

Luke 12: 32-40

Page 75, NT Pew Bible

Sermon

"Like a Thief in the Night"

Rev. Dr. Jim Moran

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Theological Declaration of Barmen" (8.16-.18, The Book of Confessions)

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together." (Eph. 4:15, 16.)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

The Offertory

"I Am Resolved" (Fillmore)

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

"In Christ There Is No East Or West"

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*Charge

(Ephesians 5: 1-2)

Leader: "Be imitators of God, as beloved children,

People: And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us."

Leader: Walk, walk, walk in love.

All: For the love of God, thanks be to God!

*Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

*Postlude

"You, Living Christ, Our Eyes Behold" (Fleming)

Dr. Michael Hooper



Memorials



In Memory of Carolyn Simmons Matusek a Donation to the Greg Garner Fund was made by:

Tommy & Linda Anderton

Mike & Frieda Bone

Samuel Brown & Hunter McCreary

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Helen Garner

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Lauren Smith, Karen Williams, & Sharon Frost

Pat Thomas

Roy & Lisa Turner

Richard & Kristin Wilhelm

Charlotte Williams

Robert Wright



Calendar

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Time for Fellowship 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Bring your Good Samaritan Donations

Monday, August 11, 2025

Sermon Roundtable 10:00am

Mission Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Faith Development Meeting 6:00pm

Thursday, August 14, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, August 15, 2025

AA Meeting 1:00pm

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Time for Fellowship 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Ice Cream Social 4:00pm

Monday, August 18, 2025

Sermon Roundtable 10:00am

Session Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, August 21, 2025

AA Meeting 7:00pm



August 10 Willie Snell

August 12 Cathy Ikard

August 13 Ginny Saylor

August 14 Jim Caperton,

August 15 Nikki Turner

August 17 Reed Emerson

August 17 Lowry Ann Marsh



Melanie Abraham (Brent Canady's Cousin)

Jenny Baker Barber (Ginger Shofner's cousin)

Frieda Bone (Member)

Mary Brown (Member)

Family & Friends of Jackie Christie (Friend of Christy Jensen)

Donna Cox (Tommy Anderton's Sister)

Family & Friends of Catherine Daugherty (Former Member)

Kay Dennis (Friend of the Jim & Cathy Ikard)

Kay Earhart (Friend of the Canady's)

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)

David Kee (Member)

Naomi Luna (Member)

Carol Magnuson (Member)

Evie Marsh (Family Member)

Family & Friends of Carolyn Matusek (Member)

Tony Matusek (Member)

Mary Helen Maupin (Former Member)

Chris & Savanna Morton (Family & Friends of Debby & Willie Snell)

Family & Friends of Ruth Parsons (Blair Turner's Grandmother)

Joe Powell (Relative of Melanie Hamilton)

Barbara Singleton (Member)

Family & Friends of Margaret Smith (Member)

Barbara Steinke (Member)

Chris Stephens (Son in Law of Wayne & Charlotte Williams)

Jeremiah Thomas (Pat Thomas' Grandson)

Doug Treadway (Member)

Megan Wallace (Jim Flannagan's Sister)

Weaver Family (Friends of the Pendergrass')

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.



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Ushers/Greeters
Sarah Natale
Christy Jensen
Richard & Kristen Wilhelm
 Lay Liturgist
Charlotte Williams

A Time for Young Christians
Connie Crafton
 Hall Monitor
Belinda Craig
 Acolyte
Kate Marsh

Children's Church
Grace Wilhelm
 Nursery
Raychelle Flannagan
 Flowers
Lana Beavers

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
Pat Marsh
Willie & Debbie Snell
Pat Thomas
 Lay Liturgist
Rob Marsh

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Mary Marsh
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Christy Jensen
 Nursery
Bea Marsh
 Flowers

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Ushers/Greeters
James & Lori Smith
Grace Wilhelm
Charlotte Williams
 Lay Liturgist
Brent Canady

A Time for Young Christians
Kate Canady
 Hall Monitor
Terry Saylor
 Acolyte

Children's Church
Belinda Craig
 Nursery
Debbie Snell
 Flowers

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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
Sandy Yount
 Nursery
Katherine Marsh
 Flowers



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



**Please bring your
 Good Samaritan Donations
 on Sunday, August 10th**



*Flowers Were given this week By Lana Beavers
 In loving memory of Carolyn Simmons Matusek
 and to the Glory of God*

