



“Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the One who sent me.”

*Mark 9:37 (The Inclusive Bible)*

September 22, 2024

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## Gathering to Celebrate in Worship

Welcome Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

Call to Worship with Psalm 1:1-3, p.738 Invocation

## Praise and Prayers

† Hymn of Praise #419 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Praise and Testimonies

Prayer Concerns *Solidarity with Virus, War and Storm Victims and Suffering Children*

**Health Care Workers:** Melissa Milam, Donna Smith, Anna Tankesley, Hannah Lake-Rayburn, Ann Waldrop, Greer Waldrop, Joy Crook, Susie Schumann

**Homebound:** Freda & Dan Wyatt, Dianne Stallion, Mike Thomas

### Military Families

Jason Willett, Randy Bagwell, Dylan Field, Kale Merrick, Matthew Petway, David Pace, Christopher Telle, Brittany Jones, Bryar Fortner

### Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru

Prayers of the People

Holy One, you have bestowed upon your Church varieties of gifts through the same Spirit and given us varieties of service but the same Lord: Grant your people all gifts necessary for the upbuilding of your Body and the reconciliation of the world.

**R Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Benevolent One, you give your people drink from the river of your delights: Fill our community with peace and kindness, that we may nurture one another and celebrate our common life. **R**

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Words of Assurance, Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness †*Doxology*

## Proclamation of the Word

A Creed in the Words of St. John

*United Methodist Book of Worship, 1968*

**We believe that God is spirit, and they that worship God must worship in spirit and in truth.**

**We believe that God is Light, and if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.**

**We believe that God is Love, and that everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in God's Son.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life, and that all who believe in Jesus, though they were dead, yet shall they live.**

**We believe that we are children of God, and that God has given us God's own Spirit.**

**We believe that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**We believe that the world and its desires will pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. Amen.**

The Hebrew Text

Proverbs 31:10-31

The Epistle

James 3:13—4:3 & 7-8a

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

† Hymn of Celebration #407

*Close to Thee*

Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Welcoming the One Who Sent Jesus”

## Responding to God's Call on Our Lives

Invitation to Christian Discipleship *The altar in our heart is always open*

† Hymn of Dedication #402

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

## Continuing in Ministry with Our Community

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” *Jesus, Mark 16:15*

Going Forth to Love Others as Christ Loves Us

† Choral Benediction

*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*

Resist evil in all its forms:  
Racism, Discrimination, Exploitation, Violence



### Worship Online

*It's easy!*

Visit our website at [www.Briensburg.org/worship](http://www.Briensburg.org/worship)

The sanctuary is online 24/7/365 so you can enter virtually any time, and if you visit at 11 am on Sundays the worship service will automatically be displayed.

### Worship In Person

*It's easy, too!*

Here is the [Google Map link](#) to our physical location at 1966 US-68, Benton KY 42025



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**Please support the ministries of your church  
with your prayers, your presence, your gifts,  
your service and your witness**

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**Sunday Worship Celebration** 11:00 am — In Sanctuary & Online

**Tuesday Faith Book Club** 11:30 am — In Life Center (10:30 Brunch)

**Wednesday Bible Study** 6:00 pm — Online

**3rd Place Ministries & New to You Thrift Shop** Tue-Fri 9-4; Sat 9-2

**Marshall County Needline** Wed-Fri 9-4

**Paducah Cooperative Ministry** Mon-Thu 9-12 & 1:30-3:00

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#### Next Week's Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

Jesus said in reply, "Don't try to stop i. no one who performs a miracle using my name can speak ill of me soon thereafter! Anyone who is not against us is with us." *Mark 9:39*

*(The Inclusive Bible)*

*Beloved*

Let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for

*God is Love.*

*1 John 4:7-8*