

Kentucky Regional Assembly Worship Packet



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Offering Opportunities

There are two ways to give offerings during this assembly. There will an **offering box** in the back where you can place money. The money will be gathered and counted by two regional leaders. You can also click on the **link or QR codes** below and give online. If you are just visiting for a worship service, we invite you to give to the region to offset assembly costs if you are able.



Thursday Night: Outdoor Ministries for Camps and Conferences

<https://engage.suran.com/ccky/s/give/new-gift>

Friday Night: Week of Compassion

Any time we respond to a need in the world, we bear witness to the unity of our table, faithfully sharing the gifts that we have as an expression of Christ's love. In working together with partners, we represent the Disciples of Christ commitment to unity, making our resources reach farther and growing our impact on a global scale.

<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/donate.html> or TEXT: WoC to 41444



Saturday Morning: Region

Giving to the region includes Disciples Women, Men, Reconciliation, New Church, Camps, and many of the ministries that enable us to be a more sustaining presence of God's love to the world. <https://engage.suran.com/ccky/s/give/new-gift>

Worship Resources

We invite you to use resources from this packet in your congregations and worship opportunities as you continue to expand the table after regional assembly. <https://www.ccinky.net/resources/2022-regional-assembly/>

- Videos: It's Time to Set the Table & The Great Banquet scripture by White Oak Pond
- Children Worship & Wonder (*Young Children & Worship* by Sonja Stewart & Jerome Berryman)
- Coloring Artwork by Lily Moses
- Calls to Worship and Benedictions by Amanda Meade and Katherine Ball
- Installation (or recognition) Service (Generic)
- Family Faith at Home "*The Great Banquet*" and 32 other stories
- Skit: *It's Time to Invite More to the Table*

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Thursday Night Worship



Prelude

Pre-Worship Information

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Angie Hopperton

Kayla Eubanks (Dancer)
1st Vice Moderator, **Leah Eubanks**

*Opening Procession

Come Christians Join and Sing
CH 90, Verses 1, 2, and 3

Welcome

Regional Minister,
Donald K. Gillett, II

Call to Worship

Lt. Governor of Kentucky,
Jacqueline Coleman

It's Time to Set the Table (Video)

Kentucky Disciples Women,
Marsha Thornton Jr.

Opening Prayer

FCC Mt. Sterling,
Scott Holley

Community Connection

The Parable of the Great
Banquet

Children Worship & Wonder
Trainer, **Petie McLean¹**

Special Music

St. George's Windsor
by Diane Bish

FCC Maysville & Mill Creek
Christian L. Kalb

Scripture (Video)

Luke 14:15-24

White Oak Pond
Christian Church

Sermon

Moderator of Kentucky Region,
Syvoskia Pope

*Closing Music

God of Grace and God of Glory
CH, 464 (1, 3, & 5)

Benediction

Associate Regional Minister,
Molly Smothers

Postlude

* When you see this symbol,
please stand if you are able.

¹ The song of preparation is "Be Still and Know."

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Friday Night Worship



Opening Songs	<i>Goodness, Love and Mercy</i> <i>Crowded Table</i>	Assembly Band
In Memory (Lighting of the Christ Candle)		Regional Staff Consultant Dave Carr
Welcome		Oxford Christian Church, Kimberly Gibson Pierce
Call to Worship		Secretary of State, Kentucky, Michael G. Adams
Special Music (Video)	<i>At This Table</i>	Regional Communication, Sarah Hack
Community Connection	<i>The Parable of the Great Banquet</i>	Independence Christian Church, Olivia Bryan Updegrove²
Prayer		Florence Christian Church, Susan Diamond
Scripture	Luke 14:15-24 (Common English Bible & Chuukese)	Kentucky Islanders Christian Church, Bradley and Myki Iknasio
Sermon		Week of Compassion, Caroline Hamilton-Arnold
*Responsive Music	<i>Table of Love</i>	Assembly Band
Communion		Pension Fund, Richard Williams First Christian, Mt. Sterling Michelle Ballard High Street Christian Church, Darrell Hayden
*Closing Song	<i>Goodness, Love and Mercy</i>	West Area Regional Minister, Rachel Nance Woehler
Benediction		

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Saturday Morning Worship



*Opening Songs
Lighting the Christ Candle

Blessed Assurance
I Just Want to Praise You

Seventh Street Christian, Paris
Deborah Garr and Assembly Band

Welcome (Video)

Governor of State, Kentucky,
Andy & Britainy Beshear

Call to Worship

FCC Georgetown,
Chris Cash

Installation and Blessing of Officers
and Board Members

Appalachian Ministries, Chaplain, &
FCC Bardstown,
**Lon Oliver, Don Chase,
& Jackie Summers**

Communion Connection

It's Time to Invite
More to the Table

Waddy Christian Church,
FCC Providence,
Tina Glosson & Jeff Mandrell

Scripture

Luke 14:15-24
The Message Version

Alexander Family

Special Music

Deborah Garr

Sermon

Regional Minister,
Donald K. Gillett, II

*Music

I Surrender All

Deborah Garr

All Assembly Prayer

Second Christian Church, Midway
Rick Smith

Benediction

Donald K. Gillett, II

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please stand if you are able.

Please pick up your small table and communion as you go forth!

Calls to Worship and Benedictions

Written by Amanda Meade and Katherine Ball

We invite you to take these with you and use them in your home congregations as we expand the table that unites each of us to God, Christ, the Spirit, and one another.

Worship #1

Call to worship

The table has been set, and the spirit calls us into the feast.

Let us set aside every distraction to be present to this time of worship.

Let us lay down every burden that keeps us from taking a place at this table.

The table has been set, and the spirit call us into the feast.

Let us come to this table knowing that we are welcomed here just as we are.

Let us come to worship.

OR

God wants a full house with a crowded table. There is room here for everyone.

Come, just as you are; join with siblings in Christ from every corner of the state.

We will worship God from Phelps to Wickliffe, from Covington to Tompkinsville.

We will worship God from the Mississippi River to the Cumberland Plateau.

Benediction

We were called to this feast, not because we are worthy, but because the One we gather to worship is.

We were called to this feast as guests, and there is still room.

Fed and nourished may we also head out into the roads and lanes to let everyone know about what extravagant generosity God has for all.

OR

Call to Worship

One: We have been invited to eat with God,

At God table, In God's realm.

There is nothing else for us to do.

There is nowhere else we need to be.

There is more than enough

time, room and nourishment,

For those who accept the invitation.

Do you receive God's hospitality and welcome?

ALL: YES! We accept the invitation!

One: Do you want a seat at this table
Where all are welcomed,
There is room enough for everyone,
Where the lost can be found,
And the hungry can be filled?

ALL: YES! We want a seat at God's table!

One: Will you let go and leave behind
your to do lists, your burdens, your other plans
in order to be fully present
and fully nourished
by the food only God can provide?

ALL: YES! We are hungry for God's banquet!

One: Let us sing and pray and eat together at God's welcome table!

Benediction: The banquet has only begun! May you share God's invitation with those you encounter. May you make room at the table of plenty for all to join! May you stay hungry for the food only God can provide!

Worship #2

Call to Worship:

The banquet has been prepared.
In many places, at many tables.
With flatbread and lavash,
Cornbread and bao buns,
Injera and naan,
Tortillas and baguettes.
When we gather to worship
at the welcome table,
the banquet of God,
we join with our brothers and sisters
from around the world
who teach us about our connectedness
and a deep well of compassion,
We join together,
sharing the joy of song,
the comfort of prayer,
the wisdom of God's holy word,
the welcome at God's table.
Because the banquet is ready,
You are invited to join the feast!

Benediction:

May you go from this place, nourished and fed, filled to the brim with God's love and compassion, may your own cup overflow sharing that compassion with our churches, our communities and all of God's beautiful world.

Worship #3

Call to Worship:

God our Most Gracious Host,
Has prepared a table
Full of good things
For you, and for me.
God offers us the holy nourishment
Of never-ending grace,
Abundant mercy
Everlasting presence
And love that has no end.
Let us give back to God our
Songs of joy,
Prayers of the faithful,
Listen closely to our
scriptures full of wisdom,
and preachers proclaiming hope.
So that we all leave satisfied
When we join together at
the table that stretches
From here to eternity/everlasting life/eternal life

Benediction

Now that we are filled and fed at God's table here, nourished and named by worship and fellowship, let us not keep the good news of this banquet to ourselves. May we set tables all across the region, in cities and small towns, in parks and on playgrounds, in city squares and valleys and mountains, may they be filled to overflowing with God's love and invitation to one and all.

Prayer:

The table has been set, and the spirit calls us into the feast.
Let us set aside every distraction to be present to this time of worship.
Let us lay down every burden that keeps us from taking a place at this table.
God wants a full house with a crowded table. There is room here for everyone.
Come, just as you are; join with our siblings in Christ
from every corner of the commonwealth.
We will worship God from Phelps to Wickliffe, from Covington to Tompkinsville.
We will worship God from the Mississippi River to the Cumberland Plateau.
God has provided, let us offer God our praise and prayers.

Installation of Officers and Board Members

Leader: I ask that our new officers and board members please come down front. I would also like for any of our chaplains that feel comfortable to also come down and stand with them in support and unity, as they represent all of us.

Person One: Within the whole family of God on earth, the church appears wherever believers in Jesus the Christ are gathered in his name. This Region manifests itself as a community of disciples bound together for worship, for fellowship, and for service, to this end we are structured for mission, witness, mutual discipline, and for the nurture and renewal of our members.

God graces the church with leaders equipped for its work by gifts of the Holy Spirit. Today we rejoice in the rich blessings of God as represented in the leaders who have been called to Christ's service and who now acknowledge this calling by the dedication of their lives to Christ's servant ministry.

Person Two: We hear these words from the apostle Paul, who wrote to the church in Corinth, saying: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Some of us are elders, deacons, trustees, teachers, cooks, comforters – and some of us are leaders. They serve in leadership capacities as the church seeks to fulfill its ministry under the headship of Christ. They seek to build up the church in every way.

Leader: First of all, I would ask that our chosen moderators step forward. As they do, we want to thank our Second Vice Moderator **Rev. Tracy Parker** for her hard and graceful work during these last two years of a shift in Regional Ministers and of course – a national pandemic. Tracy, we thank you.

The moderators who are being installed today are

Rev. Dr. Scott Holley, lead minister of First Christian in Mount Sterling, as second vice moderator; Leah Eubanks, on staff at First in Paducah, who filled the first vice moderator's position last year and this, and who now starts her own term in that role; Rev. Syvoskia Bray Pope, minister at New Century Christian in Louisville, who will take on her second term as moderator for the Region of Kentucky.

Person One (to moderators): Do you each accept the office to which you have been called, and do you promise, the Lord being your helper, to fulfill its duties faithfully? If so, will you answer, "I do".

Person Two (to congregation): Congregation of witnesses, will you pledge your eager support to the work of God in this Region under the leadership of these with whom you share ministry in this body of Christ; and pray God's blessing upon them as together we seek to support one another in selfless service? If so, will you answer, "I do".

Leader: If you three will remain here as we call forth the new members of the board

Worship Participants

Music

Christian L. Kalb, FCC Maysville & Mill Creek
Tommy Cook, FCC Louisville,
Deborah Garr, Seventh Street CC
Katie Cook, FCC Louisville
Clarissa Hill, Seventh Street CC
Daniel Hyberger, FCC Louisville
Dan Kovaly, Bullittsville CC
Chris Weiss, South Elkhorn CC

Streaming: Chris Teesdale & Shawn Savoie, Central CC
PowerPoint: Ed Brockman, Florence CC
Sound: Audio Visual Techniques

Liturgical Writers (Calls to Worship & Benedictions)

Amanda Meade, FCC, Louisville
Katherine Ball

Artwork and Supplies

Lily Moses (10th grade), Cynthiana Christian
Coloring: Kids from across the region!
Tables: Ken Williams, Jim McLean, & Larry Carr
Communion Bags: FCC, Bowling Green Women

Worship Committee: Chris Cash, Tommy Cook,
Deborah Garr, Christian L. Kalb, Petie McLean, Tracy
Parker, Molly Smothers and Olivia Updegrove

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Thursday Night Worship Participants

(Ongoing thanks to our host, First Christian Church, Georgetown.)

Named Program Participants

Kayla Eubanks, FCC, Paducah
Leah Eubanks, 1st Vice Moderator
Donald K. Gillett, II, Kentucky Regional Minister
Jacqueline Coleman, Lt. Governor of KY
Marsha Thornton Jr., Disciples Women
Petie McLean, Children Worship & Wonder
Scott Holley, FCC, Mt. Sterling
Syvoskia Pope, Moderator of the KY Region
Molly Smothers, Associate Regional Minister

Community Time

Tracy Parker, 2nd Vice-Moderator of the KY Region
Annajane Updegrove, Independence CC
Sarah Bell and Olivia Simpson, Oxford CC
Carly and Teddy Dickinson, FCC, Georgetown
Young Children & Worship by Sonja Stewart & Jerome
Berryman

Scripture Video

White Oak Pond Christian Church Youth and Children
Chad Snellgrove, Pastor & Rusty Rechenbach (voice)

Friday Night Worship Participants

Named Program Participants

Dave Carr, Regional Staff Consultant
Kimberly Gibson Pierce, Oxford Christian Church
Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State, Kentucky
Sarah Hack, Regional Communication,
Olivia Updegrove, Independence Christian Church
Susan Diamond, Florence Christian Church,
Bradley and Myki Iknasio, KY Islanders CC
Caroline Hamilton-Arnold, Week of Compassion
Richard Williams, Pension Fund
Michelle Ballard, First Christian, Mt. Sterling
Darrell Hayden, High Street Christian Church
Rachel Nance Woehler, West Area Regional Minister

Saturday Morning Worship Participants

Named Program Participants

Andy & Britainy Beshear, Governor of Kentucky
Chris Cash, First Christian, Georgetown
Lon Oliver, Appalachia Ministries and Region
Don Chase, Chaplain
Jackie Meece Summers, First Christian, Bardstown
Tina Glosson, Waddy Christian Church
Jeff Mandrell, First Christian, Providence
Alexander Family
Regional Minister, Donald K. Gillett, II
Rick Smith, Second Street Christian

Skit: It's Time to Invite More to the Table

Characters: Person One, Person Two, Person Three

Person Two: You received a table on your way in... you will receive communion on your way out... If you want extra tables or communion, you can take more than one if some are leftover. These tables... however... make me begin to wonder...
I wonder... how do we invite more people to this table using these little tables?
I wonder... how we set tables in unexpected places outside of these walls?

Person Three: Wait... are we doing communion now?

Person Two: No. We are doing something a little different.

Person One: You know people don't like different.

Person Three: Right. Then, why are we up here?

Person Two: To help bless the little tables and the communion.

Person One: Hmm...?? On the bottom of these tables there are listed the churches, organizations, and ministries of this region.

Person Three: You know we could pray for the groups listed on the bottom of these table. But would we do it? Would we put this table in a place where it will be seen and remembered?

Person Two: We can try. Maybe this table will remind us of more than just the ministry listed on the table. Maybe it will remind us of this moment, this place, and how we seek to expand the table into the next moment and the next place.

Person One: We can also use these tables. Unlike the tables in our sanctuaries, these are easily portable. We can participate in our faith outside of the "normal" places.

Person Three: Oh --- so we can take our tables and communion and share in the sacred meal wherever you go for lunch... or tonight at dinner... or in church on Sunday. There are so many possibilities!

Person One: But wouldn't that feel awkward in McDonalds or the car? Someone might be watching. They may even ask questions, or my family may not take it seriously enough.

Person Two: True. It probably will feel awkward. You may want to make excuses. Yet – haven't we learned that excuses limit us... not others from experiencing God's feast of love?

Person One: Well... yeah... Jesus continues to remind us to invite those outside and to go... These little "to go" tables are for us to go.

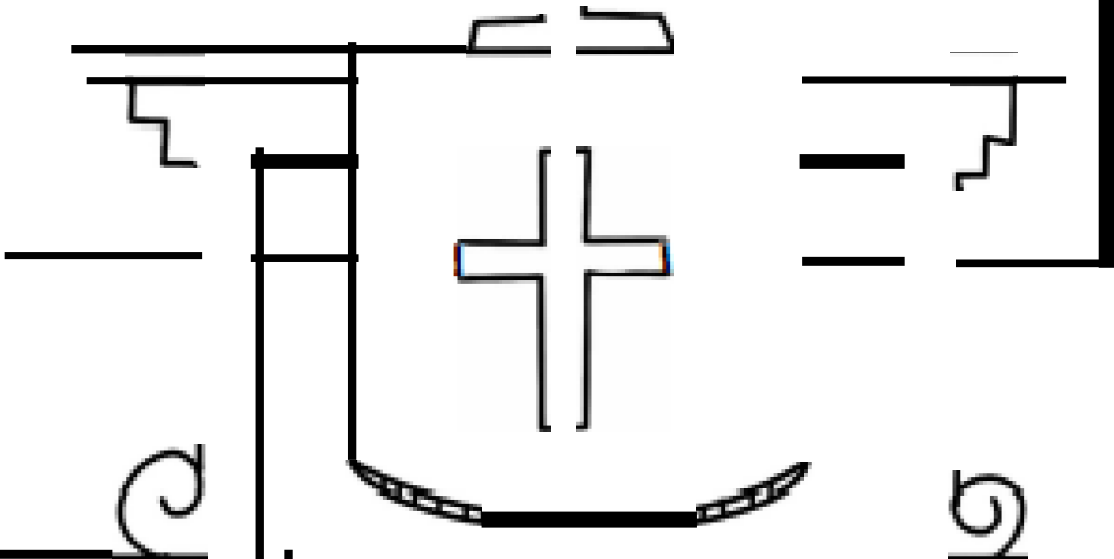
Person Two: Shew. You get it... I think.

Person Three: We must be willing to show up at the table ourselves if we are going to think that others may finally feel comfortable coming to a place to know God better through Jesus.

Person One: We must allow for the unexpected. We must invite the unexpected. We must go... so that real communion in the communities of our lives are reminded that God is inviting us all.

Person Two: On your way out today, all of us will be handed communion to share outside of these walls. So, can you bless the tables and communion for later?

Words of Institution and Prayers



First Name: _____

Church/City _____



First Name:

Age:

Church/City:

