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SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2026

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in Christ



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for All



ONE MISSION
Together

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

Thursday Evening - 7 p.m. - September 17, 2026

Prelude

Handbell Choir

Directed by Karen Breeden

First Christian Church, Bardstown

Introduction of Guests

Elder Gary Barr

First Christian Church, Bardstown

Mayoral Greeting

Honorable J. Richard "Dick" Heaton

Mayor of Bardstown, Kentucky

A Welcome to The Assembly

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II

General Minister and President

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

Call to Worship

John 15:4-5, 9-10

Rev. Judi Ring

First Christian Church, Paris

L: God of love, remain in me as I attempt to remain in you.

P: **As a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can I produce fruit unless you remain in me.**

L: You are the vine; and we are the branches; produce in us the fruit of your limitless love because we can do nothing without you.

P: **God, we know your love will never leave us because we were created in your love.**

L: God, we know that through listening and keeping your commands we will remain in you.

ALL: **May your love remain within us so that our joy will be complete. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Chalice Hymnal #4, verses 1, 2, and 4

Opening Prayer

Rev. Amanda Meade

First Christian Church, Louisville

Scripture Philippians 2:1-11

Rev. Dr. Jacque Compton

First Christian Church, Ashland

A Moment for Offering – Host Church

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler

West Area Minister

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Chalice Hymnal #425, all verses

Words of Institution of Bread and Cup

Rev. Jim Summers & Rev. Jackie Meece Summers

First Christian Church, Bardstown

Sharing of Elements

Elders and Deacons of Host Church

Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Chalice Hymnal #86, verses 1 and 3

Introduction of Speaker

Rev. Dr. Lon Oliver

District 10 & 11 Minister

Nicholasville Christian Church

Sermon “*The Real Thing*” Matthew 26:26-30

Rev. Dr. Nathan Brown

Christian Church Foundation

Vice-President Southeast Zone

Invitation and Closing Song

God of Grace and God of Glory

Chalice Hymnal #464, v. 1, 4, and 5

Benediction

Rev. Foster Frimprong

Co-Founder & Lead Minister of Co-Heirs with Christ

Postlude

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

Friday Evening - 7:00 p.m. - September 18, 2026

Call to Worship

Chalice Hymnal #279

Rev. Sharon Fields

First Christian Church, Paris

A Time of Singing

Blessed Assurance

Chalice Hymnal #543, all verses

How Great is Our God

Opening Prayer

Elder Wallis Brooks

Seventh Street Christian Church, Paris

Opening Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11

Deacon Marsha Thornton, Jr.

Director Disciples Women's Ministries

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

Special Music

Pour My Praise on You

Litany and Blessing for Outdoor Ministry

Rev. Steven Straub

Executive Director of Camp Wakon' Da-Ho

Rev. Rachel Nance-Woehler

West Area Minister

A Moment for Offering - Camp

Rev. Steven Straub

Executive Director of Camp Wakon' Da-Ho

Rev. Rachel Nance-Woehler

West Area Minister

Communion Hymn

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

Chalice Hymnal #206, all verses

Words of Institution for Bread and Cup

Rev. Susi Greene, Int. Pastor

Elder Bill Wessell

Warsaw Christian Church

Sharing of Elements

Elders and Deacons of Host Church

Introduction of Speaker

Minister Lola Garr

Seventh Street Christian Church, Paris

Special Music

Say the Name

Sermon *“Bowed Low, Lifted High”*

Rev. Dr. Denise Bell

Donald and Lillian Nunnely Chair for Pastoral Leadership
and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Leadership at Lexington
Theological Seminary

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Music

Let the Church Say Amen

Benediction

Pastor Leticia Gray-Overton

Associate Minister, Second Christian Church, Mayfield

Lucy Gabbert

First Christian Church, Bardstown



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

Saturday Morning - 9:30 a.m. - September 19, 2026

Gathering Music

Crowded Table

by The Highwomen

Call to Worship

Rev. Dikiea Elery

East Second Street Christian Church, Lexington

Affirmation of Faith

Congregation

Opening Songs

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Reckless Love

Installation of Board Members and Moderator Team

A Time of Recognition and Thanks

In Memoriam

Rev. Josh Snyder

Associate Regional Minister

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

A Moment of Offering – Kentucky Region

Rev. Dr. D. Anthony Everett

Staff Consultant to New Church Ministry

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

Doxology

Congregation

Communion Hymn

When You Do This, Remember Me

Chalice Hymnal #400, all verses

Words of Institution for Bread and Cup

Rev. Lisa Caldwell Reiss &

Rev. Mark Caldwell Reiss

First Christian Church, Berea

Sharing of Elements

Elders and Deacons of the Host Church

Introduction of Speaker

Pastor Jeremy Gillett

Stamping Ground Christian Church

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11

Rev. Darrell Hayden

Mt. Sterling Christian Church

Sermon

“Pour”

Rev. Dr. LaMarco Cable

Co-Executive of Global Ministries and
President of Disciples Overseas Ministries

Invitation to Discipleship

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Closing – Pouring out of God and God’s Spirit on us

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General Minister and President
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Acknowledgements and Special Thanks

The **Christian Churches of Kentucky** gratefully acknowledges the many pastors, ministers, musicians, elders, deacons, volunteers, and congregations whose faithful service has made the **2026 Kentucky Regional Assembly** possible.

This gathering is a celebration of the Body of Christ united in worship, prayer, learning, fellowship, and mission. We give thanks to God for every individual who has offered their gifts, talents, leadership, music, hospitality, and servant hearts in support of this Regional Assembly.

A special expression of gratitude is extended to the congregation of **First Christian Church, Bardstown, Kentucky**, for their generous hospitality in hosting this year's Assembly. We also thank the Regional Assembly Planning Team, Regional Staff, volunteers, worship leaders, musicians, technical teams, hospitality teams, and countless servants working behind the scenes.

**May God continue to bless each congregation represented here together to:
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Worship Participants

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Christian Kalb

Organist, First Christian Church, Maysville

Rev. Dr. Jacque Compton

First Christian Church, Ashland

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Interim Pastor, Warsaw Christian Church

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Regional Assembly Band

Tommy Cook

First Christian Church, Louisville

Katie Cook

First Christian Church, Louisville

Timothy Harper

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Rev. Leah Eubanks

First Christian Church, Dawson Springs

Rev. Dan Kovaly

First Chrisitan Church, Convington

Rev. Rob Shrader

Beargrass Christian Church, Louisville

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Dr. Charisse L. Gillett became the 17th president of Lexington Theological Seminary in September 2011. Her appointment is historic in the 156-year history of the seminary. She is the first woman and first African American to lead the seminary as president.

She holds a doctorate in education and educational specialist degree from Northern Illinois University and a Master's in Education and Bachelor of Arts with a major in social work from the University of Northern Iowa. Her dissertation is Transforming Two-year Colleges into Four-Year Colleges: Critical Factors in Senior Leadership and Organizational Change. In her 15th year at Lexington, she has led the seminary through a period of transformation in its academic programs, enrollment, finances, and strategic vision. Central to this transformation was the introduction of technology into the classroom, a strategic plan to help guide the institution, and a fully engaged Board of Trustees. She has spearheaded the receipt of over \$6.5 million in grants and a successful capital campaign of \$4.3 million in gifts.

She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Theological Schools, with responsibilities as a member of the Finance Committee. She is the chair of the Board of Directors for the In Trust Center for Theological Schools, a member of the Transylvania University Board of Trustees, serving on the Student Experience Committee and Academic Affairs Committee, and a member of the Bluegrass Community and Technical College Theatre Advisory Board. She served on the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission.

Dr. Gillett received a \$15,000 Reflective Leadership grant from Leadership Education at Duke Divinity in 2018. She wrote about her journey and strategies for navigating difficult moments in an essay, Reflections on Leadership in an era of COVID-19 and in the Midst of a Reckoning on Racial Injustice, which was published in the Journal of Higher Education Management 2021 by the American Association of University Administrators. She was recognized as an ATS Woman of Influence in March 2023. She is the 2026 recipient of the Conductor Award for her leadership at the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from the African American Clergy women.

She is married to the Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II General Minister and President of the Christian Church in Kentucky.

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