

Migrant Camp Visit - The church visit to the Bloomdale Migrant Camp (2618 Rosendale Road, Bloomdale, 44817) is on **23RD of July**. We will depart from the church parking lot at 4pm and plan to arrive at the farm at 5pm. We invite you all to plan to attend this annual and mutually so uplifting. This visit is our opportunity to get to know and give thanks to the migrants from Guatemala, Mexico, and other Latin American countries for harvesting the food that lands on our tables. We are collecting a number of items for the migrants through the **Deacons' Shop**. The need for the following items is great:

- working clothes:** jeans; tennis shoes; socks; long-sleeved shirts
- silverware & household items**
- bed sheets & linens** (probably do not need blankets during the summer)
- towels**
- toys for children and babies** (last year the workers were interested in such items & clothes for the children that were in Guatemala)

Vacation Bible School - The Green Team is happening on **Saturday, July 29!** We'll have our one day VBS Blast from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. We'll be focusing on the Earth and how we can be good stewards of our resources. There will be music, drama, games, crafts and lots of fun! We love having a great adult-to-kid ratio, so if you're available to help with any portion of the day, please contact Miss Adriane.

Mission Support in Bowling Green

The Salvation Army and United Way in Wood County are teaming up for the annual Tools for School campaign. The two nonprofits are working together to collect school supplies for Wood County students in need.

Local churches are being asked to collect specific school supplies for the collection drive. **Please donate broad and thin-tipped markers, yellow highlighters, tissue boxes and scissors**



The donation box can be found in the office lobby labelled **“Tools for Schools Mission Project”**. The last Sunday to donate items is July 30th.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of Christ, and in the power of the Spirit.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad. Glory to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 87* Pew Bible pg.513 & Hands On Bible pg.580

SPECIAL MUSIC *Lift Up Your Hearts* E. Elgar
Allison Swanka, flute

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Revelation 21:1-5* Pew Bible pg.1085 & Hands On Bible pg.1270

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children are dismissed to the Pray Ground in the Narthex)

SERMON

Pointers

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Through affirmation of faith Linda has been received into the one holy universal and apostolic church. She is no longer a stranger, but a member of this family and household of God.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome her into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support her, to share the good news of the gospel with her, and to help her to know and to follow Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The Lord Reigns

E. Butler

Morgan Kellow, soprano soloist

*Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Good Morning, & Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!
We are glad you chose to worship with us today!

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

In 1620 Pastor John Robinson sent the Pilgrims off to America with a final sermon in which he talked about “more light.” He believed that God wants us to be continually open to hearing new things from God’s Word in the Bible. A “More Light” Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian



Church (U.S.A.). *There are no closed doors here.*

Christ

Welcomes All!

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MISSION STATEMENT

The First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green is a Christian community focused on glorifying God by being:

- welcoming in worship
- inclusive by intention
- joyful in doing justice
- steadfast in loving God and neighbor

Our worship and our downtown facility are creatively traditional – our commitment to mission and service is innovative and relentless. We strive, in all facets of our common life and mission, to be a church, “Where Christ Welcomes All.”

To our Visitors: We are so glad to have you join us for worship this morning! If you are brand-new here, please mention this to one of our greeters or ushers so we can show you around our buildings and make some introductions. To those who have visited with us often – we hope you’ll feel guided by the Lord to consider joining our church. Our church family is incomplete without you! You may put a note in the offering plate or speak with the pastors.

Worship Bags & Welcome Bags: Children can go pick out a worship bag from the holder in the narthex and find new activities each week to do during the worship service. Visitors can also pick up a Welcome Bag that will have some activities for them to do and a special trinket from the Christian Education Team for them to take home.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH are encouraged to please wear your nametags. Thank you.

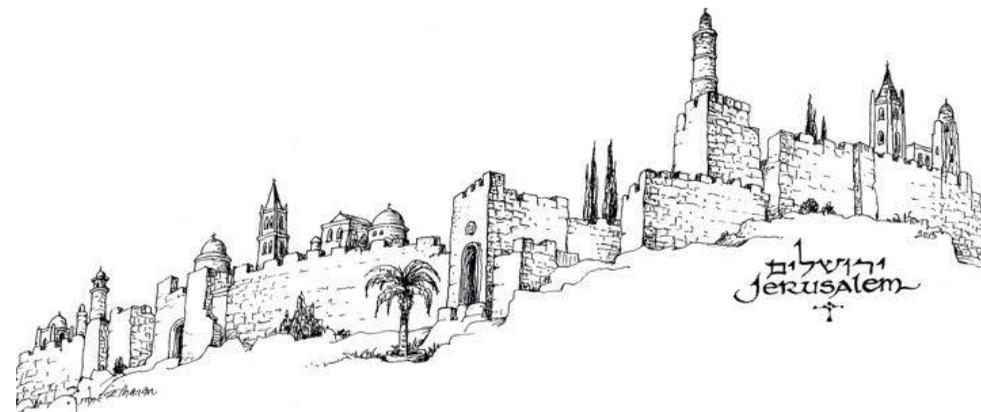
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