

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 13, 2017

10:00 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign and Pass the Friendship Register

***PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Jesus told his followers "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." We greet each other with, "The peace of the Lord be with you," and respond, "And also with you," or other variations).

***Hymn #306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (the 1st verse only)

*Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Over the wind and waves, Christ calls to us. Do not fear to meet Christ here.

People: **We have heard the invitation. Our hopes have brought us together.**

Leader: Let us call on God's name and give thanks. Let the hearts of all who seek God rejoice.

People: **We will sing of God's wonderful works. We will share with others God's marvelous deeds.**

***HYMN #169** *Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind* Rest
[Note use of alternative title lyrics]

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: The Lord of wind and wave gathers us for worship; the Author of Creation reaches for us; and we are quickly aware of our weakness and our shortcomings. Let us speak the uncomfortable truth before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)
God, we confess that we are more intent on our own importance than on your vision for us. We like our favored positions on this earth, and don't want to risk them for others. You call us to walk on water; we are very cautious, standing safely on the land. We pray for pardon, for greater courage, for a future in which we live and serve with faithfulness. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: O you of little faith, why do you doubt? Take heart. Do not be afraid. Those who call on God's name with trust will be saved. And the invitation to serve the Master is still extended.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymnal Page 582

*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 LESSON **Psalm 46** Pew Bible pg.490 & Hands On Bible pg.556

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Matthew 14:22-33** Pew Bible pg.849 & Hands On Bible pg. 957

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SERMON

Lord of the Cosmos – and of Me

***HYMN #819** *Be Still, My Soul* Finlandia

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

***Doxology** Hymnal Page 609

*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.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN #463** *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Worship Reader is Jan Larson McLaughlin

Today's Prayers: The family of David Chilson, Denise Gotich (Carol Lashuay's daughter), Ginny Retterer, Ian Santino, Ron Schnitker (father-in-law of Tammy Schnitker).

We thank Dr. David Saunders for playing the organ and for the beautiful music today.

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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Week of August 13 thru August 20

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/the Blessing of the Backpacks
	11:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship [Fellowship Hall]
	7:00 p.m.	Evensong on the Green on Wooster St. A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
MONDAY	2:00 p.m.	Book Group at Grounds for Thought Conference Room
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Move Rummage Sale items from 3 rd floor to Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Retreat Follow-up with Session Committee Members A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Deacons' Shop sorting and placing of clothes
	6:00 p.m.	We Meet Dinner & Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons' meeting N.A. [Green Lounge]
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to provide used clothing until 11 a.m.
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Martha's Kitchen – our church's turn to provide meal & clean-up at First United Methodist on Wooster St.
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall until noon today
	9:00 a.m.	Nominating Committee meeting in the church library
	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to provide used clothing until 11 a.m.
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Legacy Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Dinner & Speaker in the Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	MVP "Beer & Hymn Sing" at the Black Cloister in Toledo

Evensong - Tonight!

Join with other Bowling Green Churches at 7 p.m. until sunset for an evening of Music, Dessert, Prayer and Fellowship. On the Wooster Green (located on the South side of Wooster St., between Church St. and S. Grove St.) Bring finger-foods to share and a lawn chair for comfort. All ages are welcome! There will be a Children's play area, Sing-a-long time, and Vespers at sundown.

~ The Bowling Green Ministerial Association

Just a reminder that Monday, August 21st is the September newsletter deadline. If there are events for September and early October please make sure to include those in this newsletter. All information should be emailed to the church office by the end of the day.

Choir Rehearsal starts back up again on Thursday, August 31st at 7 pm in the choir room.

MARTHA'S KITCHEN

On Friday, August 18th, our church is on call to serve dinner at **Martha's Kitchen (United Methodist Church, BG)**.

We are in need of volunteers for various jobs that need to be done. We need help on Fri. afternoon (3:30-5) to help set-up and serve or (5-6:30) helping with the clean-up. We presently have some people making the main dishes, but we do need Jell-O or green salads and vegetable dishes. Thank you for helping feed the hungry of our community. Please see or call Eniko Szentkiralyi at 419/352-1726 to help with Martha's Kitchen.



The church's continuing legacy has left its mark on so many of us. Everyday acts become sacred inside these walls and with the people who worship here. Indeed, many of us have families that are made by our design in the relationships we've built.

Once again on **August 20th (next Sunday!)**, we'll be celebrating **Legacy Sunday** to discuss how we can continue the blessing of the church's legacy well into the future by planting seeds

today and tomorrow that will bear fruit for years. There will be a light luncheon in which church members can hear about the various ways gifts to the church can be made and the last impact of those gifts. **Please call the church office to rsvp.**

Generations before us have left an indelible gift for us in the financial planning that they did to ensure that the church continues to be a place for worship, friendship and families to grow in Christ and that the church and it's people are a beacon for all. **No one is going to be asked for money - this is simply an informational session for those who are interested.**



Today during the worship service we will bless the teacher's supply kits that the church has collected for this year. These kits are offered to our local elementary school teachers especially when the students' supplies run low. So many times there are students who are unable to purchase the required supplies (for a variety of reasons) and it often becomes the burden of the teacher to help the students out. Many teachers do so unselfishly and

often times are not reimbursed for their purchases. Our hope (and experience) is that by supplying some of the most-needed supplies we will lift the burden a bit from those teachers.

We will also dedicate the student supplies gathered by our congregation as part of Wood Area Ministries' ecumenical effort to prepare Bowling Green students in need for opening day. Please keep all our teachers, students and their families in our prayers as the new school calendar year begins!