

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 20, 2017

10:00 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "Rhosymedre" Vaughn Williams

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)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, people of God! It is time to gather to worship God!
People: **We come, just as we are. Some come swiftly, some with steps more thoughtful and slow.**

Leader: Come, whoever you are, wherever you've been.
Come let us journey together on this great adventure that is our life with God.

People: **In joy and thanksgiving - with gratitude for all that has been and hope for all that is yet to be - we worship God together!**

***HYMN #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *from Romans 14:10*

Leader: Before we even say a word or think a thought of repentance or contrition, God's grace is already surrounding us and setting us on the right path. In trust and assurance, let us worship God together.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Forgive us, Lord, when we live for today at the expense of tomorrow.

Forgive us for any ways we hoard for ourselves and lay burdens too heavy to bear upon future generations.

As we remember the many ways in which former generations have blessed us, help us to be good stewards of all your gifts to us and of your good creation. Correct us where we are in error, and inspire us to do better. We pray in Jesus' name.

***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Of all God's many gifts to us, the greatest gifts are those of the grace and forgiveness which come to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. This IS the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***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 16** Pew Bible pg.471 & Hands On Bible pg.538

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Mark 4:26-29** Pew Bible pg.870 & Hands On Bible pg.981

CHILDREN'S TIME
(Children are dismissed to the Pray Ground in the Narthex)

SERMON **A Goodly Heritage**

***HYMN #250** **Hymn of Promise** Promise

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory **Tierce en taille** Guilain
***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 # 450** **Be Thou My Vision** Slane

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** **Toccata in e-minor** Pachelbel

Worship Reader is Chris Dunn.

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

We thank Dr. David Saunders for filling in for Dr. Ed Duling this morning. Dr. Saunders is a native of Perrysburg and holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He currently serves as a substitute organist throughout the area, and is the File Room and Records Manager for the law firm of Marshall and Melhorn, Toledo.

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!

First Presbyterian Church <http://www.bgpresb.org/>

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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 20 thru August 27

SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship
	11:30	a.m.	Dinner & Speaker in the Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	MVP Beer & Hymn Sing at the Black Cloister in Toledo A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
MONDAY	2:00	p.m.	Book Group in the conference rm at Grounds for Thought September Newsletter Deadline
TUESDAY	9:30	a.m.	Red Cross Training in the Movie Cave
	7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting in the Gathering Place A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
WEDNESDAY	9:00	a.m.	Deacons' Shop sorting and placing of clothes
	5:00	p.m.	Gay to Z event at BGSU Union
	7:00	p.m.	Trustees' meeting in the Gathering Place N.A. [Green Lounge]
THURSDAY	9:30	a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to provide used clothing until 11 a.m.
FRIDAY	10:00	a.m.	MVP CPM meeting in Pastor Mary Jane's office
	1:00	p.m.	Newsletter assembling and mailing in the Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY	9:30	a.m.	Red Cross Training in the Moving Cave
	10:00	a.m.	Indivisible District #5 meeting in the Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship
	1:00	p.m.	Pizza Picnic at BGSU Union at the Oval
	5:30	p.m.	BGSU International Student Potluck in Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	A.A. in the Green Lounge



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.

Today are 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 following the worship service in which church members can hear about the various ways gifts to the church can be made and the last impact of those gifts

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's special speaker is Stephen Keizer from the Presbyterian Foundation. He started with the foundation in 2004 and leads the Ministry Relations efforts for the Presbyterian Foundation. His team of Ministry Relations Officers serves pastors and their congregations throughout the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) from regional offices across the country. Stephen and his staff work to help congregations create a culture of generosity in the church, offering seminars and workshops, developing gifts and fundraising plans for ministries, and providing coaching to finance, stewardship, and endowment committees.

Prior to joining the Foundation, he spent 15 years at Western Michigan University where he served in many fund-raising capacities within the development office including the Annual Fund, athletic fund-raising, corporate and foundation relations and finally as a major gift officer. Stephen has three degrees from WMU – Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, Master of Arts in Athletic Administration, and Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership. He is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portage, MI.

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.

REFORMATION DIALOGUE ON RACE SPONSORED BY THE PRESBYTERY OF MAUMEE VALLEY

As part of the observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the Presbytery of Maumee Valley has scheduled a series of dialogues leading up to a major celebration in October.

The second dialogue in the series is a **Reconciliation Dialogue on Race** and is scheduled for **August 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of our church**. Facilitators will include Pastor Mary Jane, Dr. Christina Lunceford, Rev. Karen VanderPloeg and Ms. Beatriz Maya. We will engage in a time of learning, reflection and prayer. A major focus will be recognizing the ways in which we in the Reformed tradition have contributed to, and been blind to, systemic racism in our country and in our world. The event will include a time of prayer and confession in this regard, along with an opportunity for committing to working for a better present and future.