

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 27, 2017

10:00 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Built on the Rock* Lindeman/Rasley/Wilson

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: The new day dawns; God gathers us for worship;

People: **And Jesus Christ is still Lord – yesterday, today and tomorrow**

Leader: Our ancestors anchored their lives on the Lordship of Christ,

People: **And now we do the same, with grateful and joyful hearts.**

***HYMN #363** *Rejoice the Lord is King!* Darwall's 148th

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: At times our faith is solid as a rock...but not at all times. In the splendor of worship, we sense the shadows of our shortcomings...moments for loving, moments for generosity that we did not grasp. Let us speak truth before God and each other.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

We thank you, Holy One, for kindling the light of faith in our hearts, to transform us and guide us. We love our walk with our Lord! But sometimes, like the first disciples, we look for an easier path. We treat Jesus as a nice friend, rather than as Lord and a much-needed Savior. We confess it, asking forgiveness, and also ask that you strengthen our faith. Make us strong like rock when temptations come and laziness beckons. We ask it in Jesus' name.

***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Let us rejoice in the good news of the gospel:

People: **When we are in Christ, we are constantly a new creation. The old is dismissed; we are made fresh and new, with our futures before us. Thanks be to God!**

***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 *Isaiah 51:1-6* Pew Bible pg.631 & Hands On Bible pg. 709

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains* F. Flaxington Harker
Mike Fuhrman, solo

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Matthew 16:13-20* Pew Bible pg.850 & Hands On Bible pg.959

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SERMON *Peter, the Rock*

***HYMN #726** *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)* Kelvingrove

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *The Solid Rock* Bradbury/Larson
***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 # 361** *O Christ, the Great Foundation* Aurelia

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* Pritchard/Smith

Worship Reader is Joan Callecod.

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

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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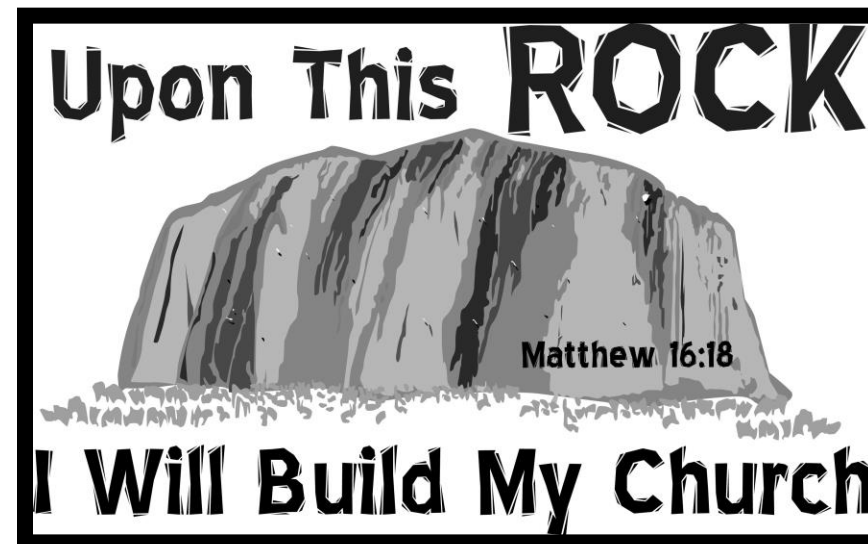
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Week of August 27 thru September 3

SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship
	1:00	p.m.	Pizza Picnic w/the Presbyterians @ BGSU Union at the oval
	7:00	p.m.	A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
MONDAY	2:00	p.m.	Book Group in the conference rm at Grounds for Thought
TUESDAY	10:00	a.m.	MVP CRE Committee Mtg. in the Gathering Place
	7:00	p.m.	Reformation Dialog in the Chapel
	7:00	p.m.	A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
WEDNESDAY	9:00	a.m.	Deacons' Shop sorting and placing of clothes
	7:00	p.m.	N.A. [Green Lounge]
THURSDAY	9:30	a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to provide used clothing until 11 a.m.
	11:00	a.m.	Campus Fest @ BGSU
	5:30	p.m.	Choir having dinner at the home of the pastors
	7:00	p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Choir room
SATURDAY	9:30	a.m.	Red Cross Training in the Moving Cave
SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship w/communion

It's time to re-enroll – or enroll – for Kroger Community Rewards.

Kroger requires that everyone renew their enrollment every **August**. This is an easy way for the church to receive donations. All you have to do is enroll or re-enroll using the directions below. Then when you shop at Kroger, a portion of your spending will be directed to First Presbyterian Church. We recently received a check for \$177.08 for the last quarter. There are at total of 25 households who shopped at the BG Kroger between January 31, 2017 and August 31, 2017!

Follow these directions to sign up with Kroger:

- Go to www.kroger.com, sign in, and click on the “community” tab.
- Scroll down to Kroger Community Rewards.
- Click on View Your Rewards Details.
- Then scroll down to Community Rewards. It will show if you are enrolled to benefit First Presbyterian Church.
- If you are not enrolled, click edit and select First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green (Organization Number: 91930)
- You may need to create an account, if you have not done so already. That's pretty simple - just follow the directions on kroger.com.

Photo/Video Releases - It's time to update our release forms! Everyone, especially parents, is being asked to sign a release form for photo and video. These forms are necessary because we use Facebook photo albums and are now video recording our worship services. You can obtain a form from Miss Adriane or at the church office. Thank you in advance for getting these to us in a timely manor!

Calling all Photographers - If you have a phone that you're snapping pics with during worship or other events, please be sure to share them with us! Our in-house photographer, Dale, does an amazing job, but it's fun to see things from your perspective, too! Please send photos via text or email to Miss Adriane or to the church office.

Nursery - This Fall, we'll be trying a new model for our Nursery. Each week, we'll have two people "on call" to leave the sanctuary and staff the nursery if the need arises. This flexibility will help us to serve visiting families while still conserving our resources. Please contact Gale Swanka or Miss Adriane to reserve an "on-call" week. We appreciate your support of being a welcoming place for families with small children!

Monday Books @2

This lively book group gathers on Mondays at 2pm, in the conference room at Grounds for Thought. We're currently on summer break, but **we'll start again in September with “The Gift of Years,” by Joan Chittester.** The books we read cover a wide “range of topics, and we learn a lot from each other. We've also “adopted” the church library for cleaning purposes, as proposed by the Trustees. Books may be purchased [we usually do a group order at amazon] or borrowed at the public library. Questions or info: Marcy St.John [419.352.8715 or mestjohn@yahoo.com].

Kindred Spirits first meeting will be held Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of hostess Lyn Long, 1005 Gustin Ave. Lyn will also be the discussion leader as we begin the study "*Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews*". This promises to be an interesting and challenging study. We invite all women of the church to join us. Lyn promises a great dessert as well as stimulating discussion.

Fall Fair - Time to celebrate our kickoff with Fall Fair! **This year we're celebrating the Power of One!** We'll have snacks, games, hands on mission work and take a peek at other ways to get involved in the upcoming year. This event is designed to be Cross-Gen (cross-generational) and everyone is invited to come and join together on **Sunday, September 17 following worship. Bring a dish to share if you can!**