

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 16, 2017

10:00 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Aria, Theme and Variations* Kuhnau/Pasquini

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: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The word of the Lord will not return empty.

People: **It will accomplish all that God intends.**

Leader: Let us worship God together!

HYMN** ***Bringing In The Sheaves (see insert)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (unison)

O God of mercy, in Jesus Christ you freed us from sin and death, and by your Holy Spirit you nourish our mortal bodies with life. Your Word continually lights our footsteps as you plant us in good soil. Plant us now again in that same good soil, that our lives may flower in righteousness and peace to follow your decrees to the end. 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

CHILDREN'S TIME **Camp Songs!**
(Children are dismissed to the Pray Ground in the Narthex)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 55:10-13** Pew Bible pg.635 & Hands On Bible pg. 713

SPECIAL MUSIC ***Holy Spirit*** Francesca Bastetelli
Chelsey Smith and Nathan Kester
Vocal duet and guitar

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Matthew 13:1-9** Pew Bible pg.846 & Hands On Bible pg.955

SERMON

HYMN** ***We Plow the Fields (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory ***Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*** Gottschalk/Hughes
***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 #80** ***You Shall Go Out with Joy (sing twice)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** ***Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet M.W. Smith

Worship Reader is Bob Callecod.

Today's Prayers: Denise Gotich (Carol Lashuay's daughter), Ian Santino, Ron Schnitker (father-in-law of Tammy Schnitker), Ken Weirich (Tammy Schnitker's father), and the Congregation of Adrian Presbyterian Church in Adrian, MI.

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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BLANKET OFFERING SUNDAY- AUGUST 6th

Your contribution to Blanket Sunday will help people in Bowling Green, Wood County, the USA, and all around the world. 50% of your donation will go to Church World Services, and 50% will stay here to be used through our Deacon's Shop. Through our Deacon's Shop you will help provide blankets, diapers, and personal health care items to those in need in our community. The Deacons thank you for all contributions. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and please write "blanket offering" on the memo line.

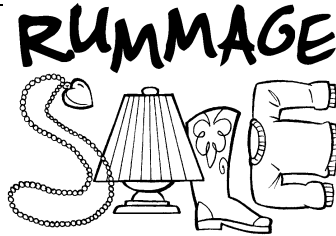
Presbyterian Women's 2017 Rummage Sale

Presbyterian Women (PW) is once again planning a rummage sale, but this year we are extending it for two and a half days, August 17, 18, 19! That means we need lots of stuff and lots of helpers!

Contributions should be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, August 15th. If that is not possible, arrangements can be made to store items on the third floor by calling the church office. Please clearly label your items for the rummage sale if dropped off before August 15. Due to disposal issues, we will not be accepting mattresses, computers or TVs. The sale is a great chance to declutter your home and support PW missions at the same time!

We encourage you to share this information with friends and family who might have items to donate. Helpers will be needed on Tuesday, August 15, 9-12 to move items down from the third floor. This may involve some heavy lifting, but we do have carts and the elevator.

Workers will also be needed during the three days of the sale (**9-3 Thurs - Fri, and 9-12 Sat.**), and for breakdown on Saturday afternoon. Sign up information will be available closer to the event, but please mark your calendars now! Funds from this event will be used by PW to support various missions, both local and international as well charitable organizations.



Bringing in the Sheaves

By Knowles Shaw

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

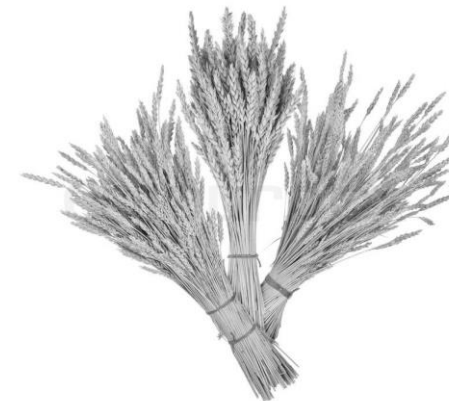
Refrain:

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**



Week of July 16 thru July 22

SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship
	11:00	a.m.	Brief Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers
	11:15	a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship [<i>Fellowship Hall</i>]
	7:00	p.m.	A.A. [<i>Fellowship Hall</i>]
MONDAY	2:00	P.M.	Book Group in the conference room at Grounds for Thought
TUESDAY	7:00	p.m.	A.A. [<i>Fellowship Hall</i>]
WEDNESDAY	9:00	a.m.	Deacons' Shop sorting and placing of clothes
	5:00	p.m.	La Conexión – English as a 2 nd language class [<i>Youth Lounge</i>]
	7:00	p.m.	Deacons' & Trustees' Meeting
			N.A. [<i>Green Lounge</i>]
THURSDAY	9:30	a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to provide used clothing until 11 a.m.
SATURDAY	10:00	a.m.	Indivisible District #5 Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship
	4:30	a.m.	Meet at the church to go visit the Bloomdale Migrant Camp

Migrant Camp Visit – The church visit to the **Bloomdale Migrant Camp** is on **July 23rd** meeting in the church parking lot at **4:30 p.m.** We invite church and community members to plan to attend the annual event that is so mutually 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 the following items for the migrants through the Deacons' Shop:

Working clothes: jeans, tennis shoes, socks, long-sleeved shirts

Silverware and household items

Bed sheets and linens (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.