

July 23, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10:00 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Ancient of Days* Jeffery/Hughes

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: Surely the Lord is in this place!
People: **This is the house of God.**
Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #31 *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind (Psalm 136)* Monkland

***PRAYER OF THE DAY** (unison)
O God of Jacob, you speak in the light of day and in the dark of night when our sleeping is filled with dreams of heaven and earth. May Jacob's vision remind us to be open and watchful, ready to discover your presence in our midst. 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 Genesis 28:10-19a Pew Bible pg.23 & Hands On Bible pg.30

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Earth is the Lord's* McAfee
Joe Amstutz, tenor

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:12-25 Pew Bible pg. 983& Hands On Bible pg.1114

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

SERMON Every Rung Goes Higher

*HYMN #824 *There Is A Place of Quiet Rest* McAfee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory *Search Me, O God* Moore
*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 #701 *Sanctuary* (sing 3 times) Sanctuary

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Fanfare & Hymn* G. Martin

Worship Reader is Allison Swanka.

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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Evensong - August 13, 2017

It's an informal event for little kids and oldsters alike. We will have special activities for children. **It begins at 7 p.m. and lasts until sunset.** Our location will be our **"New Presbyterian Park" right behind the Presbyterian Church.** Music will be provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Peace Lutheran Church, and First Presbyterian Church. Bring a chair, a dessert, a friend and a smile! We hope to see you there as a part of the BG Christian community.

~ The Bowling Green Ministerial Association

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. The committee is especially looking for those who would be interested in becoming part of the regular Martha's Kitchen crew. 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. We celebrate friendships, fellowship, baptism and even the lives those who have gone before 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**, 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.

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.

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. No one is going to be asked for money - this is simply an informational session for those who are interested.



Week of July 23 thru July 29

SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship
	11:15	a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship [Fellowship Hall]
	4:30	a.m.	Meet at the church to go visit the Bloomdale Migrant Camp
	7:00	p.m.	A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
MONDAY	2:00	P.M.	Book Group in the conference room at Grounds for Thought
TUESDAY	3:30	p.m.	MVP Presbytery Mtg at Christ Presbyterian Church
	7:00	p.m.	A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
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 [Youth Lounge]
	6:00	p.m.	We Meet Summer Dinner [Fellowship Hall]
	7:00	p.m.	N.A. [Green Lounge]
THURSDAY	9:30	a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to provide used clothing until 11 a.m.
FRIDAY	1:30	p.m.	Finance Mtg. at W.C. Library
SATURDAY	10:00	a.m.	One Day Vacation Bible School until 3 pm
SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship

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.

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.

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.

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.



Operation - “BACK TO SCHOOL”

Most of us are aware that many teachers spend their own money when it comes to supplying their classrooms. Many teachers also go out of pocket to help students acquire the necessary supplies. Some students who begin the year with all the required supplies find they need replacements as the year goes on and their families are simply unable to furnish them. So guess who does? The dedicated and committed teacher, of course.

As a way to say, “thank you” to our public school teachers in this community, we are gathering supplies for “Teacher Emergency Kits”. These kits will be filled and given to the teachers at our local primary schools along with a note of thanks and encouragement.

The particular items that will go into these kits are listed below (written by a teacher). You may wish to purchase these items yourself, or you may prefer to give a monetary donation. **Donation boxes will be in the office lobby.**

These items are always welcomed by classroom teachers

To replenish student supplies that runs low:

- ⇒ Yellow #2 Sharpened Pencils – Made in the USA, please and sharpened
- ⇒ Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons
- ⇒ Large or Small Glue Sticks
- ⇒ Dry Erase Pens (thick or thin, black or blue)
- ⇒ Thick Crayola Markers
- ⇒ Poly/Plastic Folders with and without prongs
- ⇒ Pink/Beveled Erasers
- ⇒ Pencil Cap Erasers
- ⇒ 6x9 Plastic Supply boxes and/or shoebox size plastic boxes with lids
- ⇒ Boxes of Tissues (they use these a lot!)
- ⇒ Canisters of Clorox or Lysol brand cleaning wipes
- ⇒ Small and Large Bottles of Hand Sanitizer

WE WILL BE DEDICATING THESE KITS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th. We will pray for the teachers who will received them. Whether you choose to participate in this project or not, please join us in the coming weeks as we lift up all our schools in prayer – primary, middle, secondary and university.