

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 1, 2017

10:00 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE *Two Variations on "How Great Though Art"* Linker

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).

INTROIT *Heleluyan (Hallelujah)* Native American chant

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted and the privileged, in the private house, in the public place, in the wedding feast, and the judgment hall,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love, the kingdom comes so that the world believes.

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: For this time, for all time. In this place, in every place. With on purpose for all creation,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

***HYMN #505** *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* The Feast Is Ready

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: There is no one among us who is without sin. There is no one among us who is not reliant upon the grace of God to forgive and to understand. Let us confess to God together.

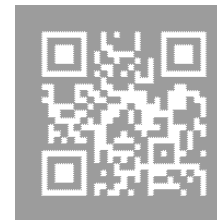
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust in your abundance. You have brought forth the earth and your peoples to live in harmony. But we judge one another and live in fear. We hoard resources and refuse to share gifts. We dishonor your grace and call others enemies. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with others. Give to us a wake-up call, that we may be stopped in our tracks. Change us. Make us new.

***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

Week of October 1 thru October 7

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Peacemaking & Global Witness luncheon
	3:00 p.m.	La Conexión meeting in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	The LIGHT Group at BGSU A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
MONDAY	2:00 p.m.	Book Group in the conference rm at Grounds for Thought
TUESDAY	6:00 p.m.	La Conexión – English as a 2 nd language class [Youth Lounge]
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee meeting A.A. [Fellowship Hall]
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Deacons' Shop sorting and placing of clothes
	2:30 p.m.	MVP Committee meeting in the Gathering Place
	6:00 p.m.	"We Meet" Dinner & Fellowship [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.
	6:00 p.m.	La Conexión – English as a 2 nd language class [Youth Lounge]
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Choir room
SATURDAY	1:00 p.m.	AA District 8 Workshop in the Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship



October is here, and that means that it's time once again for CHEESE BALLS! Fall is here, which means: CHEESE BALLS! This year, PW is selling Wood County Fair BLUE RIBBON Cheese Balls! That's right, the Dried Beef won first place in the savory category, while the Cheddar earned top bidding in the vegetarian category. If there were more categories to enter, I'm certain our onion and horseradish would have won, too. They're that good. Get your order in today! You don't want to miss them this holiday season! **Once again we're offering horseradish, dried beef, onion, and cheddar in full size and the sampler packs. And, all packs are just \$7 each.**

Want to help raise money for Missions and Care? SPREAD the word and begin taking order now through November 5. To place an order, simply scan the QR Code to the left to access the electronic order form. Then, bring your mixers and roll up your sleeves to help assemble from 6-8:30pm on Thursday, November 9 and/or Saturday, November 11 from 9am until all the orders are filled. Contact Heather Jordan (heather.l.h.jordan@gmail.com) OR call/text to [\(330\)734-8917](tel:3307348917) if you'd like more information.



COME WALK WITH ME!

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE'S CROP HUNGER WALK

The CROP Walk takes place on **Sunday, October 15th at 1 p.m. at BG City Park, Kiwanis Shelter. 25% of the money raised will stay locally for BG's Christian Food Pantry and The Brown Bag Food Project.** There will be pizza, live music, and activities for everyone!

Sign-up or pick-up the information in the Fellowship Hall on Oct 1stth or anytime in the church office during the week. Questions – contact Linda Myers at 419/352-8053 or lmyers@dacor.net.

Youth Group - Youth Group is up running again in October! We'll be heading to the **Crop Walk** to start off our time together and make a difference for hungry people all around the world and here in our own neighborhood. We'll have some pizza and play a game at the park after the Crop Walk is over. All youth, 6th grade and up are encouraged to invite a friend and plan to attend this fun activity!!



CELEBRATING - THE REFORMATION - A Maumee Valley Presbytery service will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4 p.m., at Collingwood Presbyterian church, 2108 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo.

October's Mission Possible will be focused on the Crop Walk. All students and families are invited to participate in the Crop Walk and raise funds for the hungry people here in BG and around the world. We'll gather all of our pledges up and bring them to City Park on **Sunday, October 15.** There we will have a great time walking together and eating pizza. Can't wait to see you there!



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***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: God offers us grace that is beyond our ability to understand. We exercise this discipline of faith that we may be prepared for those occasions when it is difficult but right to do so. As forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. Friends, hear and proclaim the good news of our faith:

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

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 8:1-4;15-17** Pew Bible pg.982 & Hands On Bible pg.114

ANTHEM **Sing a New Church** **Dufner/Honoré**

Anthem Reflection: *Through our diversity, we make the world one.*

SCRIPTURE READING **Numbers 22:22-35** Pew Bible pg.137 & Hands On Bible pg. 158

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

SERMON **Stopped in Our Tracks**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory **Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing** **Harris**
***Doxology** **Hymnal Page 606**

*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**

***HYMN #65** **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** **Cwm Rhondda**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

All: *People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.*

One: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all who trust in him to share in the feast which he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

The Thanksgiving

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: *We lift them to the Lord.*

One: Give thanks to God for God is good.

All: *God's love is everlasting.*

The Sanctus Hymnal # 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Partaking of the Elements

We will come forward to receive the elements individually. Children will come forward with their families, and may receive Communion or a personal blessing at the discretion of the parents. Elders will be available to bring the elements to those who prefer to remain seated.

Prayer (unison)

God our help: We thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* Ar Hydy Nos

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Sizohamba naye* J. Bell

*POSTLUDE *Tantum Ergo* Wilcox

Worship Reader is Christina Guenther.

Today's Prayers: Meryl DenBesten, Ian Santino, the LIGHT Group on BGSU campus.

Today we receive our **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. We are able to keep 25% of the amount received. This year our portion is going to US Together a local organization that supports refugees and families living and rebuilding their lives here in NW Ohio. **Following the worship service** everyone is invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall and listen to the director of US Together in Toledo, Ms. Corine Dehabey speak about the challenges in helping refugees settle in our region and to **enjoy our international harvest potluck too!**



WE MEET" - Join us on **Wednesday** starting at 5:30 p.m. to help create cards for the card ministry and then stick around for dinner at 6:15 p.m. There will be a **sign-up board** in the Fellowship Hall for those who like to attend the event to sign-up to cook one of the Wednesday evening meals. We gather, pray, eat and enjoy each other's company during this low key meal. **Please indicate with a "W" by your name on the Fellowship Pad.** This aides in the preparing the correct amount of food for the evening.

Everyone is welcome!

SWINGIN' SENIORS – Come join and energetic group at Frisch's on North Main Street this **Thursday, October 5th at 9 a.m.** for fellowship and food. We need reservations by Wednesday, Oct. 4th. Email Peggy Brigham t pagrigham10@gmail.com or Emmy Hann at emmy23@frontier.com or 419/352-3393. Swingin' Seniors: We may have stripped our gears, but we haven't lost our drive!

Trunk or Treat - Please join us on Sunday, Oct 29 for a ghoulish time! We'll gather on our green space behind the church and open up the trunks of our cars to treat the kids of First Presby. You can decorate a little, or a lot, everyone is welcome for this event. A light lunch will be provided during this event, which will begin directly after worship. Sign up to let us know you're coming, or contact Miss Adriane if you have questions!



Our First Presbyterian Church invites all women and girls in our congregation to the annual Presbyterian Women's Fall Luncheon. Hear our very own Pastor Team, Pastors Mary Jane & Gary Saunders, give us a first-hand account of their recent trip to Israel! (preceded by a short PW business meeting.). **When? November 5** (after the church service); **Where? Fellowship Hall; Please RSVP to Nancy Hess,** nhess1581@yahoo.com or call 419.806.4788; **Meal Choices:** Lasagna (either meat or vegetarian, gluten-free); Please let us know if you need **child care.** **The Thank Offering will also be received during this time. Envelopes for may be picked up from PW table in the Fellowship Hall and checks made out to Presbyterian Women with "thank offering written in the memo section.**

First Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402

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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