

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 24, 2021 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Hal Hopson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

INTROIT *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Clara Scott

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; Illumine me, Spirit divine!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Liturgist: Drew Hanna

Leader: Give thanks to God's presence in all times and places.

People: We rejoice that God hears us now in this time of worship.

Leader: God is ready to meet our needs and promises a loving relationship.

**People: As we come to worship, we come to face ourselves as we really are,
aspiring to become all God wants us to be.**

All: Let us praise and worship God!

***HYMN #366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Hyfrydol

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest."
Trust in Jesus' invitation. Let's come before Christ and our neighbors honestly
and humbly admitting our sin. Join me in prayer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**O God, our God, we cry to You in our time of need. We ask that You hear our
petition as we bow before Your grace and compassion. Each day we fail to love as
You have shown us to love. Each day we harbor ill feelings toward those who have
wronged us and we have not forgiven them as we have been forgiven. Lord have
mercy on us for we seek to be Your faithful followers and need Your guidance.**

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: The Good News is for us all.

People: Our burdens are lifted by our reliance on Christ.

Leader: Friends, believe and live the Good News that we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God's gracious love and acceptance of us.

ALL: Glory be to God!!!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*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. (3X)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Dave Horger

ANTHEM

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Richard Walters

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

Begging To See The Way

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

[from: The Declaration of Faith]

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as He has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Session met with Prudence Adibaht & O'Leo Loki to receive them back into active membership. They were approved unanimously.

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION:

Will you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, promise to love, encourage, and support to share the Good News of the Gospel with Prudence Adibah and O'Leo, and to help them know and follow Christ?

(We will)

Will you welcome them into the worship, work, and fellowship of this congregation, listen to their suggestions, and welcome their ideas as we grow together in faith?

(We will)

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Tune

***Doxology (Unison)**
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #450** *Be Thou My Vision* Slane

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

***POSTLUDE** *Impromptu, Op. 90 No. 4* by Franz Schubert

Ushers: Donna Nelson Beene, Joyce Kepke, Debbie Zappitelli

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ann Marie Montgomery, Alice Sears, Stewart & Pam Orr, Michelle McDonald, Mikel Grenier, Mike Shaner, the PNC, Mary Frances Moss, Jason Sybert, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and its various strains, Afghanistan, Haiti, and those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

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 Here!

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Love Divine, All Loves, Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou, are all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High king of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

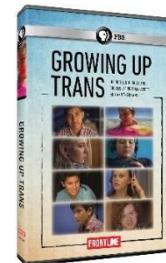
Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as Creator, siblings all are we, Let me walk with my sibling in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; With every step I take let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Week of October 24 thru October 31

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:15 a.m. **Mission Meeting in the Gathering Place**
11:30 a.m. **The Study of Luke – Adult Bible Study in Green Lounge**
2:30 p.m. **Youth Group to Stevens Gardens**
8:00 p.m. **LGBTQIA+ Movie Outside – Growing Up Trans**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**
- TUESDAY** 6:00 p.m. **La Conexion in Youth Lounge**
8:00 p.m. **A.A. in the Fellowship Hall**
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. **Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop**
12:00 p.m. **BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.**
5:30 p.m. **Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom**
7:30 p.m. **Book Study on *Holy Envy* in the Green Lounge & Zoom**
- THURSDAY** 6:00 p.m. **La Conexion in Youth Lounge**
- FRIDAY** 1:00 p.m. **Aging with Pride via Zoom**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:15 a.m. **The Study of Luke – Adult Bible Study in Green Lounge**
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group meeting**

LGBTQIA+ History Month – Oct 24: *Shifting the Lens!* “I never knew I knew a homosexual until I went to seminary in 1983. As part of my theological training, we were required to participate in IPR (Inter-Personal Relationships). The first day of our first retreat the six of us students introduced ourselves to our two professors and each other. Bonnie started off by saying, “Well, if you are to know me, you need to know I am a lesbian.” There it was. That was the beginning of my journey with the LGBTQIA+ community. After her introduction I admitted, “Bonnie, I have issues with that. I don’t understand.” And she said, “That’s alright. Let’s deal with it.” Bonnie became one of the best pastors I have ever encountered and still count her as one of my best confidants.”
- David Montgomery



In celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month: All are welcome to view the PBS Frontline documentary “Growing Up Trans” (2020). The film documents the struggles of transgender kids and their families in an era of increasing medical options. **We will show the film outdoors on the Green on TONIGHT from 8-9:30pm.** We will have a few chairs and tents available in case of rain. Bring along your warm blankets and comfortable lawn chairs! The event is free open to the BG community.

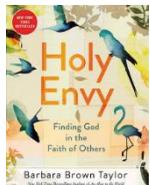
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery Care is provided during the worship service through the adult Sunday School hour. Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery. Snacks will be provided for the children.



The Gospel of Luke by Adam Hamilton – Join Michelle McDonald, Interim DCE in the **Green Lounge at 11:15 a.m.** to begin diving into the Gospel of Luke! If you would like to know more, please contact Michelle at (513) 919-6821. Next Sunday's session will be: **10/31- Calling Disciples: Forming Communities/Relaxing to Wholeness**; Luke 4:14-30, 5:1-11, 27-32, 6:1-49; 7:18-23; 8:1-3; 9:1-6, 18-36 & Luke 5:12-16, 17-28; 7:1-10, 11-17, 8:22-25, 26-39, 40-56; 9:37-43

Join Michelle McDonald & David Montgomery on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the Bible Lectionary Series on the scripture that the sermon will be based on the following Sunday. **THIS WEEK THERE will be on Mark 12:28-34.** If you'd like to join in this discussion, please contact church office or David.



Every **Wednesday evening** running through Nov. 24th Michelle McDonald, Interim DCE, will be hosting a book study, **Holy Envy (next week will be on Chapters 3 & 4 Wave Not Ocean & Holy Envy)**, in the **Green Lounge from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Dive into the author's rediscovery of her faith as she learns more about faith and growing closer to God. Nursery care will be provided for those who would use it.

After consideration of current health concerns due to Covid, **Presbyterian Women have decided to cancel the Fall luncheon scheduled for November 7.** It saddens us that we cannot yet safely sit with friends and share a meal, but safety must come first. In lieu of the luncheon, there will be a brief business meeting at 11:15 am in the sanctuary (with masks) to vote on a few necessary items and to distribute the new membership directories. Our business should be completed in time for people to attend the 11:30 class. We do hope to be able to plan a PW event by next Spring.



Join us for a **Safe Zone Workshop 2.0 - Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Our **Safe Zone Trainers: Shayauna Newsome & Shevonne.** **FPC-Bowling Green is a More Light Presbyterian Church:** We are a community of believers who worship and serve God in a changing world. Our congregation fosters relationships with Bowling Green University faculty, students, and staff. We welcome and affirm persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, family status, economic status, and physical, mental, or emotional ability into full participation in our faith community. **The Safe Zone Project at BGSU strives:** To promote awareness of LGBTQ+ people and issues; and To improve the climate for LGBTQ+ people in our community through increased active allyship. *Please contact Christina Guenther cguenth@bgsu.edu if you have any questions or would like to register for the two-hour workshop.*

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER



Prudence Adibah - I am a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in Engineering Technology at BGSU. Originally born and raised in Ghana, I've spent all my formative years in a small town called Hohoe in the south-eastern part of Ghana, West Africa until I decided to take a giant leap to study for my master's degree across the Atlantic (America). I come from a loving and close family of 4. My parents, my brother and I. I now have 2 adorable nephews that I love so much. In my leisure time, I love to watch movies and take long naps. As an Evangelical Presbyterian who was born and baptized in the church, I decided to join the First Presbyterian Church here in Bowling Green in August. The outpour of love and generosity from the members here is overwhelming. It's such a privilege to be part of this inclusive and non-judgmental church.

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