

October 31, 2021 **SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY** Reformation Sunday 10:00 AM

PRELUDE *Descend, Celestial Dove* Michael Shea

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

INTROIT *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* St. Margaret
*O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Liturgist: Lisa Lawson

Leader: Hear, all people, the Sovereign One is God; whose commandments and promises are sure.

People: **Teach us your statutes, O God, and grant us understanding that we may keep them.**

Leader: You shall love God with all your heart, with all your soul, mind, and strength.

People: **We love in response to God's steadfast love and rejoice in the salvation Christ offers.**

Leader: God's love prompts us to love ourselves aright and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

People: **We will write these laws on our hearts and teach them to our children.**

***HYMN #203** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* Chereponi

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: As God has instructed us to love God, neighbor and self, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Creator of all things and God of Love, we come to you this day aware that we do not live the love that we see in you. Help us in our daily living to see opportunities for caring and loving. Guide us in viewing your world and our lives in unselfish ways. Through the love and sacrifice of your Son upon the cross impress upon us how much we are loved. Teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Renew our relationship with you so that we might be better able to renew our relationships within the world. Guide us so that we might take risks in caring, forgiving and loving those with whom we share your world.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory

People: **or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love.**

Leader: God, who know us completely,

People: **bestows pardon, love and peace!**

All: **Thanks 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Lisa Lawson

ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God

Walters

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

It Seems To Always Come Back to Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

[from: A Brief Statement of Faith]

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Elegy

Franklin Ritter

*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 #772**

Live into Hope

Truro

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Let There Be Peace On Earth

***POSTLUDE**

Prelude in G Minor, BWV 535

J.S. Bach

Ushers: Donna Nelson Beene, Doretta Schmidt, Shirley Brannan.

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, Lebanon, 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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Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. **Refrain.**
2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away. **Refrain.**
3. These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. **Refrain.**
4. Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you. **Refrain.**

Live into Hope

1. Live into hope of captives freed, of sigh regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!
2. Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.
3. Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
4. Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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 31 thru November 7

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:30 a.m. **The Study of Luke – Adult Bible Study in Green Lounge**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**
- TUESDAY** **ELECTION DAY – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE 😊**
12:00 p.m. **BG Ministerial Association in the Fellowship Hall**
1:00 p.m. **Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge**
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**
7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal resumes (must be vaccinated)**
- SATURDAY** **SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR TONIGHT**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service w/Communion**
11:00 a.m. **PW business meeting in the sanctuary**
11:15 a.m. **There will be NO The Study of Luke today**
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group service project**

LGBTQIA+ History Month - Oct. 31: *Did you know?* “Did you know that “Transgender History” is an up-and-coming field of study? Susan Stryker (2017) explains that more recently, writers are addressing trans issues in a broader context as part of social communities and movements rather than in “individual” or “psychological” terms. What is meant by “trans?” Stryker reminds us that “trans” means crossing over: “*it is a movement across a socially imposed boundary away from an unchosen starting place, rather than any particular destination or mode of transition*” (1).

After consideration of current health concerns due to Covid, **Presbyterian Women have decided to cancel the Fall luncheon scheduled for November 7.** 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.



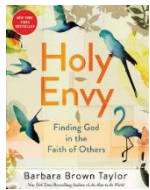
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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: **There will not be a class next Sunday, November 7th**

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 Mark 12:38-44; II Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:11.** 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 11/3- Chapters 5&6 The Nearest Neighbors & Disowning God,** 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. **Please RSVP for Nursery to Michelle McDonald.**



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.*

REKINDLE
MVP YOUTH RETREAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19th – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 2021
7:30PM (FRI.) – 11:30AM (SUN.) | KIRKMONT CENTER

Registration Deadline:
Friday, October 29th at 5PM!
Register TODAY on the MVP website! (www.maumeevp.org)
\$15 Early Bird Registration by September 30th
\$25 Registration after October 1st

A fun, inspiring, faith-filled weekend for all youth (grades 7-12) in the Maumee Valley Presbytery!

Sponsored by the MVP Discipleship Commission
Contact Sharyn Cline at pauline777.sc@gmail.com
or Karol Farris Schilling at pastor@blufftonpc.org



The Jingle Jumble Christmas sale will be back this year 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 20th (BG Christmas Parade day). Although this year we will not offer hot drinks and food due to Covid, we do hope to



fill the room with plenty of gently used Christmas decorations and decor for sale.

We will accept donations of decorations/decor for the sale Tuesday, November 9 through Thursday November 18. Items should be left in the designated drop off area in Fellowship Hall. **Please do not leave your donated decorations in the lobby.** Funds raised through this event help fund our church's Choral Scholars (BGSU students who sing in our choir). **Questions?** Contact Susan Dunn (419) 352-1927/sudunn@gmail.com OR Nancy Hess (419) 806-4788/nhess1581@yahoo.com.

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS: Next week, November 7, we will be Tolling the Necrology for All Saints' Day. We will toll a bell each time a name is lifted in celebration of their life. Come prepared to share the names of your loved ones who have died since November 2020.