

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 14, 2021

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

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: Aaron Roos

Leader: In the presence of God whose Word has called the stars into being.

People: We stand in awe.

Leader: In the presence of God who embraces children, and whose eyes have sparkled with laughter,

People: We stand in trust.

Leader: In the presence of God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for love,

People: We stand in need.

Leader: Before You, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and truth and wholeness.

People: Be with us, move us, use us for Your glory.

***HYMN #804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (vs. 1-3)

Marion

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Your sin, my sin, our sin has shaken the relationship God intended, and still intends, for us. The first step toward reconciliation is confession, admitting our guilt. Join me in our public and private confession.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: I've got Good News to share!

People: Tell us. We need Good News!

Leader: We are forgiven and given a fresh start through Jesus Christ!

People: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! halle-lu-jah! halle-lu-jah!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8

SERMON

Rev. Jessie Commeret

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

[from: the Confession of 1967]

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Interlude

Michael Shea

***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.*

***Litany of Dedication**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully with our song and our pledges.

People: **Let us come to God with thanksgiving and joy.**

Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

People: **Thank you, God.**

Leader: For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

People: **We praise you, God.**

Leader: For those who are being honored in the giving of these pledges:

People: **We honor you, O God.**

Leader: For the commitment of those who gave of themselves

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: To the glory of God, Author of all goodness and beauty, Giver of all skill of mind and hand and voice:

People: **We dedicate these gifts and pledges.**

Leader: In faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who has inspired humans of all time and places to offer praise through mission and worship

People: **We dedicate our gifts.**

Leader: For the on going work of mission in the world:

People: **We dedicate these pledges and our very lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

***HYMN #761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Beecher

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN # 80** *Trees of the Field* (*clap) The Trees of The Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
 the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,
 and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
 And all the trees of the field will clap* their hands**; the trees of the field will clap* their hands**; the trees of the field will clap their hands** while you go out with joy.

***POSTLUDE**

Ushers: Prudence Adibah, Ellyn Stout and Doretta Schmidt

IN OUR PRAYERS: Bill & Betty Reid, Bonnie Stearns, Lee Liebetreu's family, Ann Titus, Ann Marie Montgomery, Stewart & Pam Orr, Mikel Grenier, the PNC, Mary Frances & Bill 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, Ethiopia, and those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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Sunday, December 26th.

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer red poinsettias for sale from Benches Greenhouse to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price this year will be \$10/plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word "poinsettias" on the memo line.** They can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. **The deadline to turn orders in will be Friday, December 3.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the service on December 24th, or

Please fill out your poinsettia order with the following information:

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Memory or Honor of: _____

of Poinsettia plants ordered _____

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Week of November 14 thru November 21

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service w/guest pastor/Consecration Sunday**
 11:00 a.m. **Q & A session in the FH about Pastor Nominating**
 11:15 a.m. **There will be NO The Study of Luke today**
 3:00 p.m. **Youth Group service project**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**
- TUESDAY** **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
 10:00 a.m. **Maumee Valley Presbytery Meeting in Findlay**
 1:00 p.m. **Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge**
 6:00 p.m. **La Conexion in Youth Lounge**
 7:00 p.m. **Session in the Green 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** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop is open to the public (masks required)**
 5:00 p.m. **Deacons Meeting in the Fellowship Hall**
 6:00 p.m. **La Conexion in Youth Lounge**
 7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal resumes (must be vaccinated)**
- FRIDAY** **FRIDAY-SUNDAY – Rekindle Youth Retreat at Kirkmont**
- SATURDAY** 9:00 a.m. **Jingle Jumble Christmas Sale in FH until 3 p.m.**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship**
 11:15 a.m. **Study of Luke – the last session**



Intergenerational Advent Festival will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 5th** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making Advent Wreaths for families to take home, have activities for children/youth to do and take home. There will be family friendly "finger food" & refreshments. **Room size is limited we will only be able to accept 20 families. We ARE REQUIRING RSVP'S.** RSVP's are due to the church office by **Sun. 11/21**. Sign-ups will be in the Narthex and at the SW entrance to the Sanctuary. For more information contact Michelle McDonald, Interim DCE at michelle.mcdonald@my.lpts.edu.

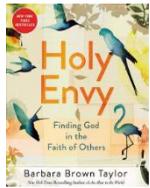
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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 11:30 a.m.** next week as they continue in the Gospel of Luke. Next Sunday's session will be: **Luke 22 select verses and Luke 24 select verses.**

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 we will examine** John 18: 33-38. 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 11/10 - Chapters 9 & 10 "Born Again & Divine Diversity"**, 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.**



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). **We need volunteers to help the day of the sale. If you would like to help with a shift, sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall, or contact Nancy or Susan.**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (vs. 1-3)

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
2. With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send for th the sturdy hymns of old. The psalms of ancient days. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.