

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

November 21, 2021

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

**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: Chris Williams

Leader: Lord, God, the words "Jesus is King" come easily to our lips,  
**People:** **yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us.**  
Leader: In this service, help us worship you in spirit and truth,  
**People:** **and give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you**  
Leader: Every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord.  
**People:** **Amen.**

**\*HYMN #363** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* Darwall's 148th

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: In the Kingship of Jesus Christ, he has called us to be servants; and sometimes, we fail at this and need to ask for forgiveness because we need to live in obedience to Jesus and his proclamation to serve the least of these.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of the world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.  
**People:** **With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.**  
Leader: He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to service our God, and they will reign on the earth.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*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**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

II Samuel 23:1-7

**MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Michelle McDonald, Interim DCE

**ANTHEM** *Come Ye Thankful People, Come* Richard Walters

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 18:33-38

**SERMON** *What Is YOUR Truth* Michelle McDonald, M. Div.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

**We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")**

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

**Offertory** *Modal Prelude* Gordon Young

**\*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 #610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1-3)* Azmon

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*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** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Hal Hopson

**USHERS:** Nancy Hess and Terri McNamara.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** 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.

**STAFF MEMBERS**

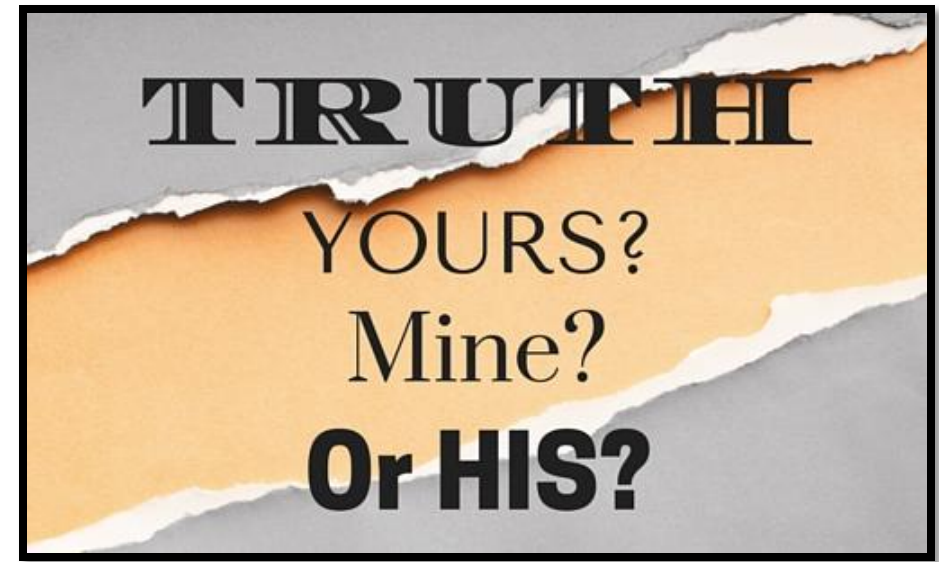
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# First Presbyterian Church

## A More Light Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402



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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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## ***Rejoice, the Lord Is King!***

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ever more. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
4. Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home. Lift up your heart lift; up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1-3)***

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
2. The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive; the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

## **Week of November 21 thru November 28**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service w/guest Michelle McDonald</b>
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>There will be The Study of Luke in Green Lounge</b>
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Virtual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>La Conexion in Youth Lounge</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary</b>
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>A.A. in the Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Study in the Green Lounge</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED – HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship – the First Sunday of Advent</b>



**Intergenerational Advent Festival** will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:michelle.mcdonald@my.lpts.edu).

**The Bowling Green Ministerial Association** is celebrating Thanksgiving this year with their **Annual Thanksgiving worship service will be live at 7 pm, Sunday, November 21**, on the BGMA’S YouTube channel. The link is <https://bit.ly/BGMAThanksgiving> or you can search for Bowling Green Ministerial Association on YouTube. Accompanied by Heather McEwen Goldman and singing led by Aaron Roos. Offering supporting the BG Christian Food Pantry may be sent to PO Box 84, BG 43402 or sent directly at [https://christianfoodpantry.wixsite.com/bowling green/donate](https://christianfoodpantry.wixsite.com/bowling%20green/donate).



**A Note from Session:** Session heard very clearly from the congregation at the gathering after Sunday’s service (Nov. 14) with Pastor Jessica Commeret and Carol Burnworth that the lines of communication need to be clearer in general. Members of the Session have taken this concern to heart and plan to keep the congregation informed about

relevant discussions and decisions. We are drafting a report on the pastor nomination timeline (among other issues) which will be sent out to all members by email and included in the bulletin in late November. Please note, however, that we do not and cannot speak for the PNC. Be on the look-out for more regular communications from us and do not hesitate to share your questions and concerns with your Session members.

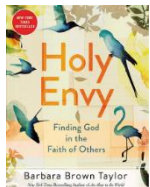
### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**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. today’s session is: Luke 22 select verses and Luke 24 select verses.** Today is the last day of the class.

**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 will get ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent! We will examine Isaiah 65:17-19, 25.** If you’d like to join in this discussion, please contact church office or David.



Every **Wednesday evening** running through Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Michelle McDonald, Interim DCE, will be hosting a book study, **Holy Envy (next week will be on 11/24 - Chapters 11 & 12 “The God You Didn’t Make Up & The Final Exam Epilogue: The Church of the Common Ground”**, 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.**



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is called for Sunday, December 12 right after worship for the purpose of electing officers: 3 Elders for the class of 2024; 2 Deacons for the class of 2024 and 1 Deacon for the class of 2023; and two Trustees for the class of 2024.

The nominating committee will present a slate of officers yet nominations from the floor are allowed. If you have a name to nominate, please be sure your nominee agrees to serve if elected.



**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 24<sup>th</sup>, or Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Please fill out your poinsettia order with the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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