

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

June 20, 2021

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE**

*Antiphon*

Gordon Young

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

*Worship is marked by lighting the Christ candle, a reminder that Christ is present among us. The pouring of the water reminds us that in baptism we are cleansed, delivered, raised, forgiven, reborn, anointed, restored, and strengthened for a life of faith.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

*Lord, Prepare Me*

*Hymn #701*

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Daisy Boyer

Leader: We are gathered in this place to acknowledge our relationship to God.

People: **We know that we are called to be "the people of God."**

Leader: We come to remember what God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

People: **We have come to live out a proper relationship with one another.**

All: **We come to worship God!**

**\*HYMN #409**

*God Is Here!* (vs. 1, 2)

Abbot's Leigh

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Did you hear that? It is NOT what we did or need to do. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! So may we be confident and honest and come humbly before God with our confession. Join me in prayer.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Almighty and Merciful God, we have heard your song of love; we know it by heart. Yet when we speak, our words do not echo that song. We forget to be full of joy and praise. We decide for ourselves what is right based on the world's wisdom and we keep to ourselves when we ought to reach out. Our actions are self-serving, and our love for others is conditional rather than wholehearted. Forgive us when we are afraid of the way You have shown us. Change us from people who are deaf to Your word of life to ones who live only to serve that word faithfully.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: What do we say to God who already forgives us even before we confess?

People: **Thanks?**

Leader: Yes, may we say thanks with our actions, our love and our commitment to serve Jesus Christ.

People: **May our lives be a great Thank You!**

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Hallelujah. Amen!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**DRAMATIC READING**

*"You – Sitting In the Pew Next To Me"*

Aaron Roos & Christine Csernyik

**ANTHEM**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

II Corinthians 5:6-17

**SERMON**

**We Are Well-Known By God**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*[from: The Confession 1967]*

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for us when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which humans know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They there fore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand except God's grace.**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

The Session met with Rosemary Apple to receive her into active membership. She 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 Rosemary, and to help her know and follow Christ?

**(We will)**

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

**(We will)**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)**

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

*Offertory*

*Verso in G Minor*

Domenico Zipoli

**\*Doxology**  
*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 #306**                      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (vs. 1 & 3)                      Dennis

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                      *Closing Prayer*                      Don Besig

**POSTLUDE**                      *Fanfare on an Original Theme*                      Gilbert Martin

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Family and friends of Abe Conde, Terry Housholder, Anthony King, Skip Oman, Orr family, Steve North, Mary Frances Moss, Jason Sybert, PNC, Palestine and Israel, along with all those on the front line sacrificing so much for the rest of us, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and for our nation.

**Today's ushers:** Jenny Ludwig, Christina Guenther, Beatrice Guenther, Dar Bevelhymer.

**STAFF MEMBERS**

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**"A More Light Church"**

We Believe in a God of Abundance

**We believe God is bigger than we could ever imagine. We**

**are all created in the image of a God of abundance, of limitless possibilities and expansion.** We strive to live out God's call of welcome to all of God's beloved children (and we mean ALL). No matter where you find yourself on your walk of faith, you are welcome here! Single, married, divorced, widowed, of all racial and ethnic identities, of all sexual orientations and gender identities, (LGBTQIA+) conservative, liberal, progressive, or apolitical: you are welcome here!

One parishioner shared, "Life leads us in interesting directions; God led me to FPC in BG. The church family is my refuge, my base, my strength. The Bible-based theology challenges me to help build God's inclusive world. This church family inspires me with its sense of mission in the community and world."

Christ welcomes all! All are welcome here!

# First Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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**Bible Study** - Join us each **Wednesday evening at 5:30** for **Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom** and then join us each **Sunday on Facebook Live at 10 am** for worship.



The **FPC Nominating Committee** is looking for members to begin our search for a new pastor. So now, we are asking you the members of the congregation to either nominate yourself or someone else (please ask that person before nominating

them) to be on the **new PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)**. We'd like to have this done by end of July so please do not wait to nominate either yourself or someone else. The group must be members from the congregation and the congregation will approve the Nominating members. Our liaison from the presbytery's Leadership Commission is Rev. Jessie Commeret, from Findlay Presbyterian Church.

Once the PNC members have been approved by the congregation the real work begins. Luckily the process is shorter than it used to be, and we might be able to wrap up our search by the end of the year. We will meet with our liaison from Presbytery likely once a week for the first couple of months. Some tech skills will be useful with a willingness to learn Google Docs, but do not let that scare you off if you don't know how to use it (we can teach you 😊).

Get your nominations to Lisa Lawson at [soprano43402@yahoo.com](mailto:soprano43402@yahoo.com) so we can begin to create our committee to present to the congregation. Our next mtg. is Wed., June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

The Nominating Committee Members:

Lisa Lawson    Dave Horger    Terri McNamara  
Lee Liebetreau    Bob Callecod    Marcy St. John

## Week June 20 thru June 27

- SUNDAY**    10:00 a.m.    **Worship Service**  
                   11:30 a.m.    **Staff Meeting in Pastor David's office**  
                   1:30 9.m.    **Holy Cow Executive Discussion in Fellowship Hall**
- WEDNESDAY**    9:00 a.m.    **Sorting clothes in the Deacons' Shop**  
                   4:30 p.m.    **Nominating Committee Meeting via Zoom**  
                   5:30 p.m.    **Lectionary Bible Study on Zoom**
- FRIDAY**    2:00 p.m.    **Leaving for the Confirmation Class Retreat at Kirkmont**
- SATURDAY**    12-3 p.m.    **BGPride Ohio event in Fellowship Hall**  
                   5:30 p.m.    **Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner in Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall**
- SUNDAY**    10:00 a.m.    **Worship Service – Amy Remaklus preaching**  
                   3:00 p.m.    **Wedding in the Sanctuary**



**WELCOME ROSEMARY APPLE** 😊 The Session was honored and blessed to receive Rosemary into active membership Tuesday, June 15th. We welcomed her home! She grew up in BG, was married in this church and had her three children baptised here. After living in Virginia and Texas she returns to BG to be close to her two sons and is seeking a teaching position. Rosemary comes by Transfer of Letter from Trinity Presbyterian Church, McKinney, TX where she served on the Mission Committee, Bazaar Committee, Womens' Ministry and led liturgical dance. In her spare time we can find her playing bridge, reading and all sorts of crafts. Her email address is [rosepastels1013@yahoo.com](mailto:rosepastels1013@yahoo.com) and her phone number is 703-223-2517.

### Holy Cow Executive Summary Discussion

Join David and members of the Session to small group discussion in Fellowship Hall.

- **TODAY at 1 pm – Fellowship Hall**

Please study the assessment that has been sent out. Note your questions and let's talk through our understanding of who we are and who God is calling us to be!





# PRIDE POTLUCK

June 26th, 12-3 pm



First Presbyterian Church of  
Bowling Green  
216 S. Church Street, Bowling Green, Ohio  
43402

- The event is FREE!
- Bring a dish to share and enjoy!

Celebrating those within the  
LGBTQIA+ community

Starring musical  
guest Elai Rose!



**BGO** Pride  
Bowling Green, Ohio



## God Is Here!

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Best be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
3. We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

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