

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 18, 2021

8th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

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 *Sanctuary*

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Marcy St. John

Leader: Come, friends, come to where God lives! Open your hearts and let God in!

People: **How can we be such a dwelling? Where is such a place?**

Leader: God does not need walls and ceilings and beautiful architecture. God's wants to dwell in our hearts. God wants a place from whence to love.

People: **Let it be in us. May we be a place of God's presence.**

Leader: Come celebrate God's living in and through us.

ALL: **Praise be to God!**

***HYMN #20** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Royal Oak

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Bring your doubts. Bring your brokenness. Bring yourself - for God wants to live in you. We confess and God forgives. It's that easy and it's that hard. Join me in honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, sustained by your mercy we are bold to confess our sin. We expel strangers and deny hospitality. We judge others all too freely. Our hasty words cause conflict and pain. We are disturbers of your peace. As you sent Christ to reconcile us, your people, forgive the failings of our unredeemed humanity and show us once again the image of your Son, who loved his enemies and taught us to do the same.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Have you not heard? Do you not know that you are forgiven?

People: **We have heard it many, many times, but it seems too easy, too simple.**

Leader: It is easy for us, yet it cost Jesus Christ everything- and He did it for love.

People: **Thanks be to God who loves us that much. May we live lives worthy of our forgiveness.**

ALL: **Hallelujah! Amen and 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

Ephesians 2:11-22

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION *Don't Go to Church*

ANTHEM *All Creatures of our God and King* Bryan Sharpe

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING **2 Samuel 7:1-10**

SERMON **Where God Lives**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *[from: The Confession 1967]*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of human beings in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on human's inhumanity to humankind and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of His coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

*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 #321** *The Church's One Foundation* Aurelia

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *You Shall Go Out with Joy* The Trees of the Field

POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS: Bob Vincent, Daisy Boyer, McKenna Grey Moss, Judy Noll, Bill Titus, Mary Wharram, Steve North, Mary Frances Moss, Jason Sybert, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19, Haiti, and for our nation.

Today's ushers: Doretta Schmidt, Donna Nelson-Beene, Shirley Brannan

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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!

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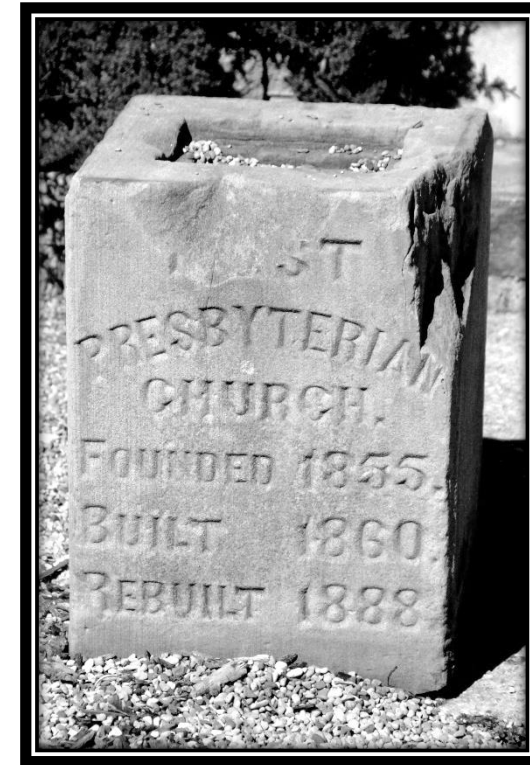
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Presbyterian Women (PW) is once again planning our annual rummage sale for **August 27 and 28, 9-3 pm**. We will need lots of stuff and lots of helpers to make this a successful event! Now is the time to gather all the stuff you wanted to get rid of while stuck in your home during the "Covid months"! **(for more info. see the July Crier article)**



We are accepting donations of housewares, toys, linens, sporting equipment, etc. in the Fellowship Hall at the following days/times:

- ◆ August 15: Sunday, 11-12 pm **(Helpers available!)**
- ◆ August 17-19: Tues.-Thurs, 9-4 pm
- ◆ August 20: Friday, 9-12 pm
- ◆ August 21 Saturday 9-1 pm
- ◆ August 22: Sunday 11-12 pm **(Helpers available!)**
- ◆ August 24-26: Tues.-Thurs 9-4 pm

Due to disposal issues, we will not be accepting mattresses, computers, or TVs. Clothing should be donated to the Deacons Shop. Save your Christmas items for Jingle Jumble! **Please contact** Susan Dunn (419-308-3491) or Nancy Hess (419-806-4788) **if you are uncertain whether a specific item will be accepted.**



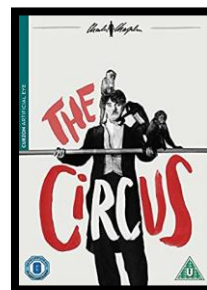
The Horizon Youth Theater is offering discounted tickets to our church members for their performance of Godspell at our church. The ticket price is \$6.00, and members of the cast will be offering them for sale after the **Sunday church service on July 25th**. This will be the only time these discounted tickets will be available for purchase. The performances are on July 30th and 31st in the evening, and on August 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Week July 18 thru July 25

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
TUESDAY		AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	4:30 p.m.	"Weeding Removal" at the church
	5:00 p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting of clothes for the Deacons' Shop
	5:30 p.m.	Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	MVP-CPM meeting in Pastor David's office
		Trustees Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY		RSVP's are due to church office for Youth Group fundraiser (see below)
	6:00 p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal
FRIDAY		Newsletters out to congregation members
	6:00 p.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal
SATURDAY	5:30 p.m.	Homemade Pizza and A Silent Movie Fundraiser
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service led by the campers

Attention: All aspiring Vegetation Control Technicians -

The monsoon rains have been great for flowers and crops in the field and.....weeds! On the positive side, weeds are easier to pull when the soil is moist. So, **you are invited to a weed removal party from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. next Tuesday, July 20.** We'll meet in the Courtyard and spread out from there to work on the north and east sides of the church. Please bring gloves and a digging tool if you have them. Thanks. Looking forward to a fun get-together!



The Youth Group is presenting "**Homemade Pizzas and A Silent Movie Fundraiser**", **Saturday night July 24th**. Mike and Linda Evans will orchestrate the pizza making aspect so that you and your family can enjoy a slice or two starting at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Then at 6:30 pm we will move to the sanctuary to enjoy "*The Circus*", starring Charlie Chaplin with our own Lynne Long providing the piano accompaniment. **RSVP by Thursday, July 22** so we are sure to have enough pizza for you. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

ALL PROCEEDS will go to the Youth Fund to finance Camp Rejoice and the 2022 Youth Triennium. Thank you for all your support!

The migrant camp visit is coming up on Sunday, August

8th. Please join us to share fellowship with the people at the camp, and bring them supplies that they can use while they are here as well as when they move to the next stop. We are working closely with La Conexion to organize the event. Beatriz Maya tells us that they are working to vaccinate as many people as possible at the camp – so masks will not be required for attendees.



We are looking for several different kinds of donations to bring to the camp, including:

- **Work clothes** – jeans, long sleeved shirts, work shoes, all for men and women in various sizes. These can be directed to the Deacon’s Shop.
- **Children’s clothes and shoes** from baby to teen, including diapers. These can also be directed to the Deacon’s Shop.
- **Hygiene items** – full size tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, and deodorant. We want to give each family unit a similar bag, so please use this as a guide to any donations. We will have a box in the office and at Sunday service for these donations.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and in the church lobby if you are able to join us. We'll meet at the church about 4:15 p.m. to get instructions, load supplies, and caravan to the camps. We will be bringing pizza and other food with us to share. If you have a truck and are willing to help us carry supplies and donated items to the camp, please note that. Thank you for supporting this mission!

You Shall Go Out with Joy

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.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. **Refrain.**
2. The purple headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky: **Refrain.**
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. **Refrain.**
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. **Refrain.**

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forever more: till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.