

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 12, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

PRELUDE *Deux Arabesques, I* Claude Debussy

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

INTROIT *You Are Welcome Here* M. Burrows

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: O God, inspire our tongues and we will praise You!

People: **Move our hearts to sing Your love!**

Leader: Open our minds to hear Your word.

People: **Quicken our desire to embrace Your mission.**

Leader: As we come into Your presence, pour out Your blessings upon us.

People: **And move us more deeply into relationship with You that we will grow to tell the whole world of Your graces.**

***HYMN #610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Azmon

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: O how our tongues have gotten us into trouble. We have spoken when we should have remained silent and we have remained silent when we should have spoken up. Join me as together we ask God for the forgiveness we desperately need.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, we admit that the words we speak often betray a distressing lack of loyalty. We find words upon our lips that seem to give the lie to our confession of you as Savior and Lord. We say things that do damage, injure, and maim. On other occasions when we could speak your words of healing, encouragement, and love, we hold our tongues. Please forgive the evil things we have said and our failure of speaking good things. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may be moved deep within to praise you and to allow that praise to also condition the ways in which we speak and relate to our fellow human beings. Hear these our prayers of confession.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: There, we said it. Do we mean it?

People: **Yes, we are sorry. Please forgive us!**

Leader: Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **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

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 3:1-12

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:27-38

SERMON *What Have We Signed Up For?*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** [from: A Brief Statement of Faith]

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humanity so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity to each other and the awful consequences of our 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 human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Prière* Pierre de Breville

***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 #722** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* Canonbury

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread
through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints
below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many-a heart
4. O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er-flow
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Week September 12 thru September 19

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:15 a.m. **Deacons Meeting in the Green Lounge**
6:00 p.m. **CE Fall Kick-off Party on the Green Space**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**
- 7:00 p.m. **Kindred Spirits in the Green Lounge**
- TUESDAY** 7:00 p.m. **Session Meeting in the Green Lounge and on Zoom**
8:00 p.m. **A.A. in the Fellowship Hall**
- WEDNESDAY** 12:00 p.m. **BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.**
5:30 p.m. **Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom**
7:00 p.m. **“BGSU All Are Welcome Gathering” on the Green Space**
7:00 p.m. **Green Team meeting in the Fellowship Hall**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons’ Shop open to public (masks must be worn)**
6:00 p.m. **Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal in Green Lounge**
7:00 p.m. **Outreach Meeting in the Fellowship Hall**
- SATURDAY** 9:00 a.m. **2021 Gathering of PW in the Synod of the Covent (online)**
9:00 a.m. **League of Women Voters Meeting in Fellowship Hall**
10:00 a.m. **Green Team Electronics Recycling Event on the Gr. Space**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:00 a.m. **Mission Fair in the Fellowship Hall**
6:00 p.m. **Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal in Green Lounge**



YOU'RE INVITED!

**CE
FALL
KICKOFF
PARTY**

Help us celebrate the start of the 2021-2022 school year by joining us for an evening of food, games, prizes, and fun! K-12 students, family, and friends welcome! RSVP to the Office by 9/8

Sunday, September 12th, 6:00-8:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church, BG

The Kindred Spirits Circle begins on **Monday, September 13th** at 7 p.m. in the Green Lounge. This year's topic is the women found in the lineage of Jesus. To order the study book, please visit www.presbyterianwomen.org or call 1-800-533-4371. Would you like to join us or have a question? Call Julie Smith Maekask (419/247-1794).



Join Pastor David 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 cover Mark 9:30-37 - Welcoming the Vulnerable**

“We Meet” Welcome Gathering – All Welcome! Community Pizza Party! Free! Wednesday 15th September 2021 from 6 pm to 7pm. On the Green, next to The First Presbyterian Church -126 S. Church Street - next to Wooster Street. **Please RSVP by Sept. 12th (today).**



- **Sun, Sept. 19, 11:15, Get Involved in your community at the Mission & Outreach Fair.**
- **Sun, Oct. 24, 8pm: Film Screening of Stonewall in October (October is LGBTQ+ Hist Month) & more ... (check out the church's Facebook page, QR code above).**

Mission Fair – Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship next week. Sept. 19th. We've invited our mission partners and representatives from our various ministries to provide a display for us to celebrate the many ways we are involved in the community. You will have an opportunity to talk with those working with Presbyterian Women, the Outreach Committee, the Mission Committee and Green Team as well as Deacons' Shop, La Conexion, Alcoholics Anonymous, Wood County Academy and Work Leads to Independence. Find your place in Christ's Call to Serve!



The date of the Green Team's electronics recycling event has been changed to Saturday, September 18th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. We have planned with AIM e-cycling to have them deliver and later pick up collection boxes for your electronic items. What can you e-cycle? Almost anything except the old-style TV's (the big tube TVs) and CRT tubes.

Here's some things you can e-cycle: computers, laptops, monitors, flat screen tvs, printers, cables speakers, cell phones, electronic games, VCR and DVD players. You can bring these items to the church parking lot on **Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** Questions can be directed to Gale Swanka at gswanka@bgsu.edu. Thank you!

2021 Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant

September 18, 2021, 9:30-11:30 am, via Zoom (seats limited!)

Theme: What My Grandmothers Taught Me



Bible Study overview by Rev. Cheri Harper, PW staff (Mission Associate)

Keynote by Rev. Kathy Reeves, Moderator-elect for Churchwide PW 2021-2024

Overview of two Thank Offering grant recipients:

Koinonia Project in Belize (building a daycare center and Sunday school)

The Castle in Centerville, OH (Mental Health drop-in center)

Business Meeting will include Financial Report, Election of Leaders & News from the Synod of the Covenant (by Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick, Interim Synod Executive)

How to Register: Email the following information to Susan Ochs, s2123@aol.com, by September 13, 2021:

Your Name, Phone Number, Email address & Your Presbytery's Name. You will receive a registration confirmation.

Then on September 16, you will receive a zoom invitation giving you the link and login information needed for Zoom and gathering documents including agenda for the gathering.

Cost to attend: \$0. A suggested offering will be received that will be split among the two Thank Offering Grant recipients that you will hear about during the gathering. More info will be sent with Zoom invitation. In the meanwhile, find a picture of your grandmother (or a woman of faith standing in for your grandmother) or a candle to light to have with you at the gathering.



2021 Spiritual Formation Retreats - Fall Retreat, Blessing of Time: Making Connections Between Seasons of Life and Nature, Sun. Oct 10 @ 6pm (eat before

you arrive) to **Tue. Oct 12 @ 1 pm.** **Leader:** Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Montgomery; **Meals:** Mon. breakfast—Tue lunch; During this retreat we will explore the relationship between the external and internal seasons in our lives.

You'll be invited to reflect on and celebrate the turning patterns of the earth and the human spirit. Each season ushers in change and growth; each step we take through the journey of life is an invitation to grow. Through worship and prayer, silence and sharing, music, art and poetry we'll have time to reflect on the blessings of time. **Cost: \$25 (+ \$25 per night /per person lodging w/ shared bathroom, or \$30 per night/per person for private bath)*** *Scholarships available. **Contact Matt Meinke.**