

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

September 19, 2021

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE** *Doxology* Traditional

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING the PEACE**

**INTROIT** *You Are Welcome Here* M. Burrows

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)** Liturgists: Daisy Boyer

Leader: Let us set aside this time and worship God.

People: **We come as children needing love, acceptance and being taught how to live.**

Leader: Know that you are welcome here.

People: **We come in honesty, humility, and honor.**

Leader: Let us worship our God whose will is justice and peace.

People: **We come for it, it is God who calls us to act with justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.**

**\*HYMN #24** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Holy Manna

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Friends, dear friends, we have come to this sanctuary to build a community of trust. So, let's come clean. Let's come honestly together admitting our sin and our need for forgiveness. Join me in prayer:

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

**Ever-giving God, we praise You for the lavish gifts You shower upon us all. You created the earth with seasons of rain and warmth to provide food for all. As harvest time draws near, we feel the abundance of Your care. Thank You for Your generosity. We confess we easily forget the needs of Your other children. Our lust for prestige, our gluttony, our acquisitiveness blind us to Your call to follow the way of Jesus Christ, which is the way of the cross. Forgive us. Open our hands to share with Your people around us. Give us a spirit of humility that we may be true disciples. We pray these things in the name of the One who gave Himself for the world.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

Leader: Amen and Amen. I've got Good News to share.

People: **We need Good News. Tell us now.**

Leader: You and I are forgiven! Yes, forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ALL: **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**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

La Conexion, Beatriz Maya; AA Representative

**ANTHEM**

**GOSPEL READING**

Mark 9:30-37

**SERMON**

*Welcoming the Vulnerable*

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

*[from: A Brief Statement of Faith]*

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 peoples 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!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

The Session met with Ellyn Wright Stout & Janet Wright Thomas to receive them back into active membership. They 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 Ellyn and Janet, and to help them know and follow Christ?

**(We will)**

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

**(We will)**

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

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

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

Offertory

*Prelude on a Welsh Tune*

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 ##188**

***Jesus Loves Me!***

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**\*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**

***Voluntary in D Minor, Op. 5 No. 8***

John Stanley

**USHERS:** Drew Hanna, Doretta Schmidt, Debbie Zappitelli.

**IN OUR PRAYERS,** Mary Bielen's infant neighbor, Michelle McDonald, Mike Shaner, the PNC, Judy Noll, Mary Wharram, Mary Frances Moss, Jason Sybert, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and its various strains, Haiti, and those picking up and trying to recover from hurricanes.

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# First Presbyterian Church

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

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

**Whoever  
welcomes  
one of these  
children  
welcomes  
me**

Mark 9.30-37



***Welcoming the Vulnerable***

**September 19, 2021**

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## You Are Welcome Here

You are welcome here. You are safe to sing and laugh or shed a tear.

We love you just the way you are so have no fear.

You are welcome here. You are welcome here.

This is a place of peace and grace where all God's children have a home.

God's reign will come, God's will be done  
when all are loved and no one stands alone.

## God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

1. God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place, flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space, we, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you. Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.
2. Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings row on row. Yet their windows, blank unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below, where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow, lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.
4. As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

## Jesus Loves Me!

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "let them come to me." Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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## Week September 19 thru September 26

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
11:15 a.m. **Mission Fair in Fellowship Hall**  
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group in Youth Lounge**  
6:00 p.m. **Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal in Green Lounge**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**  
6:00 p.m. **Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal in Green Lounge**
- TUESDAY** **OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
3:00 P.M. **MVP Presbytery Meeting via Zoom**  
8:00 p.m. **A.A. in the Fellowship Hall**
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00 p.m. **Deacons' Sort Clothes in the Deacons' Shop**  
12:00 p.m. **BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.**  
5:30 p.m. **Lectionary Bible Study via Zoom**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
2:00 p.m. **Fellowship Hall in use for Private Event**



**Mission Fair – Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship today.** 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 and others. Find your place in Christ's Call to Serve!



Please consider volunteering to provide **food for Fellowship Hour or ushering**. Sign-up sheets can be found in Fellowship Hall. Fellowship Hour food can be dropped off in the kitchen by 9:30 Sunday morning.

Did you know that we have quarterly devotional booklets that can be used for your daily devotional needs. **These Days** booklets are available in the church office or by asking your Shepherd (Deacon member). We do ask for a donation to help offset the cost associated with our subscription. Feel free to stop in the office and pick one up. 😊



**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 at [matt@maumeevp.org](mailto:matt@maumeevp.org).**



**Date:**  
October 2, 2021  
**Time:**  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Location:**  
Monroe Street  
Neighborhood Center  
Bluff Street VILLAGE  
3613 Monroe Street  
Toledo, Ohio 43606

**More Information:**  
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**Website:**  
[bluffstreetvillage.org](http://bluffstreetvillage.org)

SAVE THE DATE

**OPEN HOUSE**

Bluff Street  
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## Meet Our New Members



Janet Wright Thomas was born into a very religious Scottish Irish family. She was baptized and attended church every Sunday at Scotch Ridge United Presbyterian Church. They began to attend church at First Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green when she was in the fourth grade and she was very active. She attended Muskingum College, where her parents had attended as well. Soon after college she was married in this church where their first child was baptized.

After fifty years away, during which time she taught French, Spanish, Pre-kindergarten and reared their three children, she returned to Bowling Green. She firmly believes in the direction of this church. At this time, she is a substitute teacher and paraprofessional in the Learning Center at Bowling Green's middle school and believes everyone is included in Christ's calling. Her phone number is (614) 584-4407 and her email is [JLThomas1049@gmail.com](mailto:JLThomas1049@gmail.com). She lives at 580 Ordway Ave. here in BG.



Ellyn Wright Stout is a retired English teacher. She taught in the BG Schools for 22 years (8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grades). She is youngest of three daughters of Jim and Mary Louis Wright. She was baptized at Scotch Ridge Presbyterian Church where she attended until she was 7 years old. She attended Communicant's Class here with Dr. Imbrie, and when she was 12 and became a full member of the church.

Her husband, Ron, and she were married here in June, 1975. Their two children, Andrew and Laura, were baptized in this church. She and Ron have attended sporadically over the years until she retired in June of 2019. She was drawn back here when Marcy St. John invited her back one day while they happened to be walking together at the community center. She has "attended" on Facebook Live pretty regularly over the last year and a half. She loves this church's openness and acceptance of all people and hope She can be of some service here. Her phone number is (419) 352-5753 and her email is [ellyn.stout71@gmail.com](mailto:ellyn.stout71@gmail.com). She lives at 603 Pearl Street here in BG.