

First Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

PRELUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Traditional Spanish Melody

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

INTROIT *You Are Welcome Here* M. Burrows

*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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Liturgists: Tammy Schnitker

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Let us worship the Creator of this world and all worlds yet unseen.

Leader: Let us give thanks and seek God's help as we live in this world.

People: For God alone is worthy and faithful. Let us live in step with God's Spirit.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit and move us to worship.

People: Come Holy Spirit, come.

***HYMN #275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Ein' Feste Burg

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Join me in prayer...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we confess the things that we have done that stand between you and us, and that stand between us and others. We confess the things we have not done, that might have strengthened our connections with each other, and brought us closer to you. We have not chosen the things that make for peace, and the ways that make for justice in your world. We have turned from your way, and chosen our own paths. We have been too sure of our own answers, and too impatient to listen to the questions, and answers, of others. For these, and the sins we confess silently in your presence, forgive us, we pray.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

Leader: Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:

People: though our sins are like scarlet,

Leader: they shall be like snow;

People: though they are red like crimson,

Leader: they shall become like wool.

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

*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 SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

ANTHEM

Sweet By-and-By

J. Webster/J. Raney

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50

SERMON

Called to Be Disciples

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

[from: The Confession of 1967]

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring human beings to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Now All the Woods are Sleeping* Chorale 50

J.S. Bach

*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 *Battle Hymn of The Republic* Julia Ward Howe
- *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- *BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace On Earth*
- *POSTLUDE *Prelude in F Major, BWV 556* J.S. Bach

USHERS: Debbie Zappitelli, Alyce Platz and Susan Platz.

IN OUR PRAYERS, Nancy Hess, Kathy Sweeney & Diane Ruggiero on the loss of their mother, Stewart & Pam Orr, 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, Afghanistan, Haiti, and those picking up and trying to recover from hurricanes

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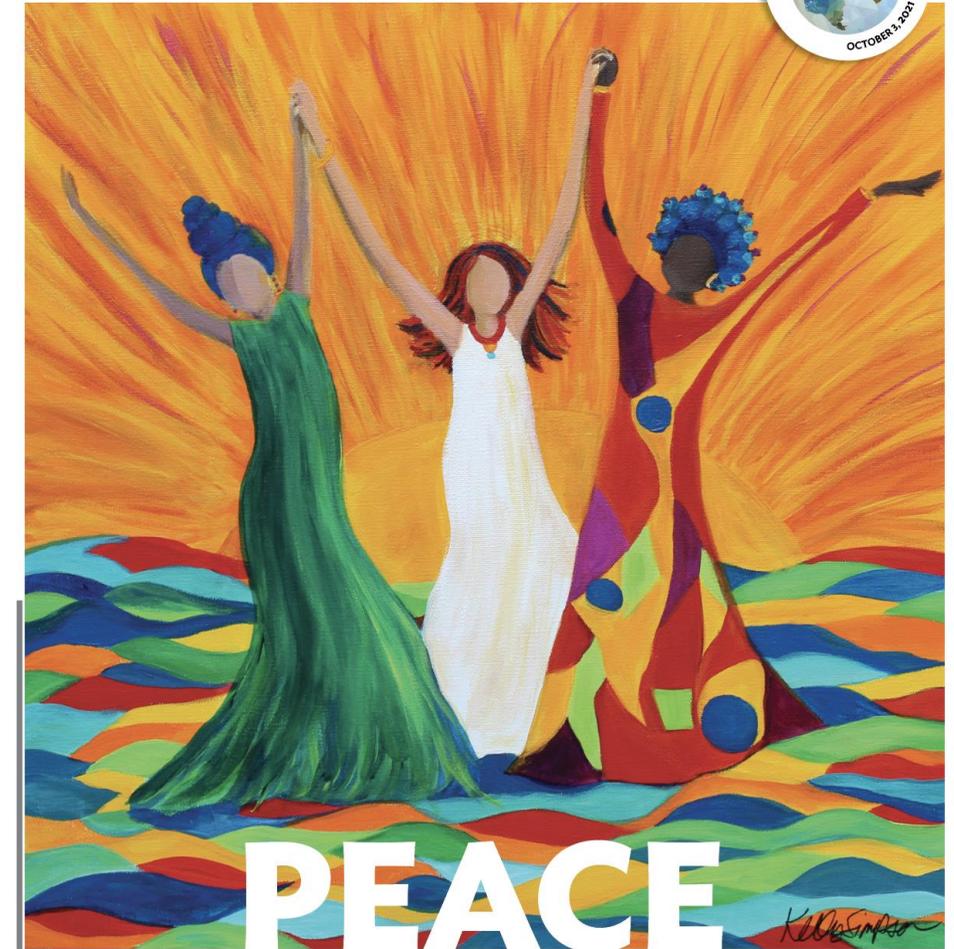


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— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

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 MATTHEW 25

 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.
4. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Battle Hymn of the Republic

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; his truth is marching on.

Chorus: **Glory! Glory Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Glory Hallelujah!**
Glory! Glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; he is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat. O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. **Chorus:**
4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; as he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free, while God is marching on. **Chorus:**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as Creator, siblings all are we, Let me walk with my sibling in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; With every step I take let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

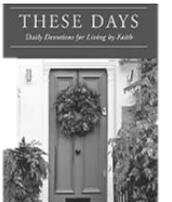
Week September 26thru October 3

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
1:30 p.m. **Baby Shower in the Fellowship Hall**
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group in Youth Lounge**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**
- TUESDAY** 6:00 p.m. **Finance Meeting in the Green Lounge**
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**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop open to the public – Covid protocols**
- SATURDAY** 5:00 p.m. **Confirmation Dinner in the Fellowship Hall**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service w/Confirmation & Communion and the receiving of Peace & Global Witness Offering**
11:00 a.m. **Mission Meeting in the Green Lounge**



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. 😊



COVID-19 HOME TEST - O'Leo Lokai, one of our college students, graciously donated six Covid-19 Home Test packets for our congregation. They are available in the Christian Education Office. Please contact Michelle McDonald at michelle.mcdonald@my.lpts.edu if you would like to take one of these tests home with you or contact the church office at (419)352-5176. Pastor David knows where they are located in my office. The office is open Tuesday through Friday. Michelle's office hour is every Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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.**



Eucharistic Theology and Practice for Ruling Elders -

Rev. Bob Butcher is offering Communion Training for any Ruling Elders who would like to be authorized for the Sacrament in their home church. October 16 at the Bluffton Presbyterian Church, beginning at 9:00 am and

concluding somewhere around 4:00 pm. \$10 Registration, includes Lunch (orders will be taken upon arrival). Call the presbytery office to register - 419-423-9073. Hint: Elders & Deacons this is an important outreach tool.

Join Michelle and David on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the Bible Lectionary Series on the scripture that the sermon will be based on for Sunday, October 3, 2021. (Also, remember to bring your Peace Offering to the worship service next week!)



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MISSION NOTES

The **Peace and Global Witness offering will be taken on Sunday, October 3.** This offering is directed towards activities that encourage peacemaking and reconciliation, and supports social justice.

First Presbyterian Church is able to direct 25% of the funds collected to a local organization working toward these goals. We have chosen Bluff Street Village as the recipient. Bluff Street Village is located on Monroe St. in Toledo. Their goal is to help low income persons work toward home ownership. They are turning an area that used to be vacant lots into a village of 20 tiny houses. Low income people will be able to apply for one of the 400 sq. ft. tiny homes. They will pay rent and provide community service, and at the end of seven years will be able to own the home.

Dr. Larry Clark is the Project Director, and will be our guest preacher on Sunday, October 10. Additionally, there is an open house for the first two homes at Bluff Street Village on Saturday, October 2.

Friends, we are in the home stretch. We need your help. **Our open house is scheduled for October 2. Below you will see the times we need help.** Please let Sarah Twitchell know when you can assist by emailing her at sarah.twitchell@hotmail.com. Thank you for your help!

Sunday 9/26

1-4 assembling furniture

Monday 9/27

9-12 assembling furniture

1-4 assembling furniture

Tuesday 9/28

10-3 placing furniture, creating punch list

To donate to the Peace & Global Witness offering with a check make the check payable to First Presbyterian and on the memo line please write Peace Offering.



Date:
October 2, 2021
Time:
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location:
Monroe Street
Neighborhood Center
Bluff Street VILLAGE
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More Information:
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OPEN HOUSE

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