

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 10, 2021 20th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM
PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* Stuart K. Hine

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) Liturgist: Aaron Roos

Leader: Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes. Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.
People: **Oh, that we knew where to find God! We want to hear and understand God's Word.**
Leader: The word of God is living and active. It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.
People: **We cannot hide from God who knows us. God understands our thoughts and intentions.**
Leader: Leave everything to follow Jesus in this hour. This is the time to embrace new ways.
People: **Here we set the patterns for everyday life. Here we are strengthened for every day's challenges.**

***HYMN #385** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Old Hundredth

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: The Bible assures us that because of what Christ has already done for us, we can come before the throne of grace, hands empty of all worries and doubts, trusting that through Christ we will be filled with hope and mercy. Should we not be honest with ourselves and with God? In confession we have the opportunity to examine and seek forgiveness. Join with me in prayer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Amid the toil and troubles of life, we admit, O God, that we focus too much on ourselves and the things we can accumulate. We fail to see the pain of others, and if we do see their agony, we discount it. We blame others for the mistakes we ourselves make, and expect special consideration when we are disobedient. If we are faithful to your commands, we turn away dismayed when more is expected of us. Save us, God, from this way of death.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: God has heard our prayer and offers us the Good News of forgiveness!
People: **Praise God who loves us enough to reach out to us over and over again!**
Leader: Friends, believe and live the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
People: **Thanks be to God. Hallelujah! Amen.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymnal Page 591

*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 OF EDUCATION Michelle McDonald

ANTHEM *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Richard Walters

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:35a, 38b-13:3

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Larry Clark

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)** [from: *The Confession of 1967; portion of 9.44*]
God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, he overcomes the barriers between siblings and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it.

JOYS AND CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Vesper Voluntaries, III* Edward Elgar

***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 #733** *We All Are One In Mission* Es Flog Ein Cleins Waldvögelein

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace On Earth*
***POSTLUDE** *Fugue in F Major, BWV 556* J.S. Bach

Ushers: Doretta Schmidt, Joyce Kepke, and Scotty Huntington.

IN OUR PRAYERS, 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 surgery and loss

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Larry Clark as our guest pastor. Larry is the Pastor of Monroe Street United Methodist Church and currently the Project Manager for Bluff Street Village. He has been a United Methodist minister since 1979, pastoring churches in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Toledo. He also served as Executive Director of Toledo Area Ministries and has taught courses at the Methodist Theological School, the University of Toledo, and BGSU.

Larry graduated from BGSU in 1977 with a degree in social work and headed to the Methodist Theological School where he earned a Master of Divinity focusing his studies on the Bible, in particular the Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. He also received a Masters in Christian Education with a specialization in drama. Along the way, Larry went back to BGSU where he studied sociology and received a PhD.

Larry is married to Denise. Between them they have four children: Marcus, Monica, Mariah, and Sierra. He enjoys studying in Palestine, Greece, Turkey and Italy; work mission trips to Haiti and Mexico; traveling, camping, home remodeling, playing guitar, movies, concerts.

STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. David M. Montgomery, Interim Pastor [revdmm@gmail.com]	419/345-2193
Heather McEwen Goldman, Organist [goldman.heather@gmail.com]	646/326-4058
Aaron Roos, Choir Director [aaronroos20@gmail.com]	216/970-6518
Tammy L. Schnitker Office Administrator [firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com]	419/352-5176
Gale Swanka, Treasurer [gswanka@bgsu.edu]	
Mikel Grenier, Receptionist [fpcmikel@gmail.com]	419/352-5176
Michelle McDonald, Interim Christian Ed Director [Michelle.mcdonald@my.lpts.edu]	513/919-6821
Brie Bradshaw, Youth Coordinator Volunteer [brieb@bgsu.edu]	951/207-2758
Fernando Hernandez and Monica Garcia, Sextons	

You Are Welcome Here - Mark Burrows: Words and Music - © Choristers Guild : Reprinted with permission under ONELICENSE # A-718132. All rights reserved
All People That on Earth Do Dwell: TEXT: William Kethe, 1560; MUSIC: Attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1551; Reprinted with permission under ONELICENSE # A-718132. All rights reserved.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!: Text: Rev. trad. Liturgical text; stanzas Mary Haugen, 1990; Music: Caribbean melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1990; stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1990; Text and Music © 1990 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.) Music Arr. © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc. Reprinted with permission under ONELICENSE # A-718132. All rights reserved.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow: Text: Thomas Ken 1695, 1709, alt.; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; Reprinted with permission under ONELICENSE # A-718132. All rights reserved.

We All Are One in Mission: TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.; MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904; Text © 1986 Hope Publishing Company; Reprinted with permission under ONELICENSE # A-718132. All rights reserved.

Let There Be Peace on Earth: Contributors: Sy Miller, Jill Jackson; Tune: © 1955, 1983, Jan-Lee Music (ASCAP). All rights reserved. Used with permission. : Reprinted with permission under ONELICENSE # A-718132. All rights reserved

Find First Presbyterian Church of BG at these locations:



Website



Facebook



YouTube



Paypal Donate



Venmo Donate

First Presbyterian Church

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

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



October 10, 2021

Phone: 419-352-5176

Email: firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook

Webpage: www.firstpresbyterianbg.org

All People that on Earth Do Dwell (vs. 1 & 3)

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.
3. O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

We All Are One in Mission

1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
3. Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

*The First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green is a Christian community focused on glorifying God by being: **#welcoming in worship; #inclusive by intention; #joyful in doing justice** and **#steadfast in loving God and neighbor**. Our worship and our downtown facility are creatively traditional – our commitment to mission and service is innovative and relentless. We strive, in all facets of our common life and mission, to be a church, **“Where Christ Welcomes All.”***

Week of October 10 thru October 17

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service w/ Rev. Dr. Larry Clark guest**
11:15 a.m. **Question & Answer Session in the FH**
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group in Youth Lounge**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**
7:00 p.m. **Kindred Spirits in the Green Lounge**
- TUESDAY** 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. **Trustees meeting in the FH**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop open to the public – Covid protocols**
5:00 p.m. **Worship meeting via Zoom**
7:00 p.m. **Outreach meeting in the FH**
- SATURDAY** 9:00 p.m. **Men's Group/Breakfast in FH**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:15 a.m. **Deacons meeting in the Green Lounge**
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group meeting**

LGBTQIA+ History Month – Shifting the Lens! *“My earliest recollection of exposure to the LGBTQ community was my Christian middle school teacher. He was a God-fearing individual but kept his personal life private to prevent discrimination at our school. Ultimately, he was let go many years later due to the discovery of his personal life outside of work. I remember him as someone who challenged social norms that most men were too scared to be a part of due to fear of ridicule. Witnessing someone be their authentic self while loving God was something I held onto for many years.”*
~ Dani Robertson

This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!

A “More Light” Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



***. There are no closed doors here.
Christ Welcomes All Here!***

First Presbyterian Church <http://www.bgpresb.org/>
More Light Presbyterians www.mlp.org www.mlp.org

Kindred Spirits – On **Monday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the Green Lounge**, we will meet to study the first lady in Jesus’s ancestry, Tamar. Join us for a lively discussion.



Join **Michelle McDonald & David Montgomer** 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 THERE will be on Job 38:1-7, 34-41.** If you’d like to join in this discussion, please contact church office or David.

The **Men’s Breakfast Group** will meet on **Saturday, Oct. 16th** in the Fellowship Hall at 9-10:30 a.m. Dave Horger has agreed to present his yet unpatented, yet fabulous Real-Life Baseball Board Game! You don’t want to miss this, trust me!!

The **PW Fall luncheon** has been scheduled for **Sunday, November 7 at 11:15 a.m. following church.** We are hopeful that we will finally be able to sit down with friends and share a meal together. All women and those who identify as female who attend our church are invited to attend. Safety will be our prime concern however, so we will take special precautions, such as seating fewer people at each table. We are prepared, however, to cancel the luncheon if warranted by a rise in Covid numbers. Please mark your calendars and watch your emails for more information to come! **Presbyterian Women will vote on a by-law change at the November 7th luncheon. The proposed change concerns membership. The new section is posted on the bulletin board in the FH.**



COVID-19 HOME TEST - We have 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.**



Works

Saturday, November 6 at 1 p.m.

Safe Zone Trainers: Shayauna Newsome & Shevonne

FPC-Bowling Green is a More Light Presbyterian Church: We are a community of believers who worship and serve God in a changing world. Our congregation fosters relationships with Bowling Green University faculty, students and staff. We welcome and affirm persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, family status, economic status, and physical, mental, or emotional ability into full participation in our faith community.

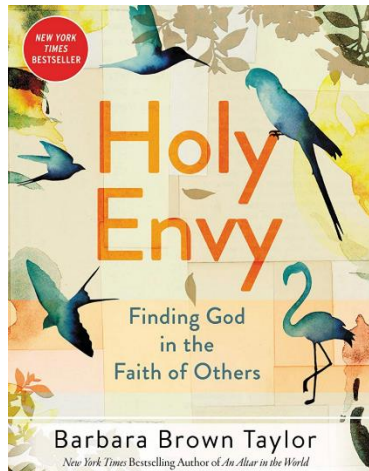
The Safe Zone Project at BGSU strives:

- ◆ To promote awareness of LGBTQ+ people and issues;
- ◆ To improve the climate for LGBTQ+ people in our community through increased active allyship

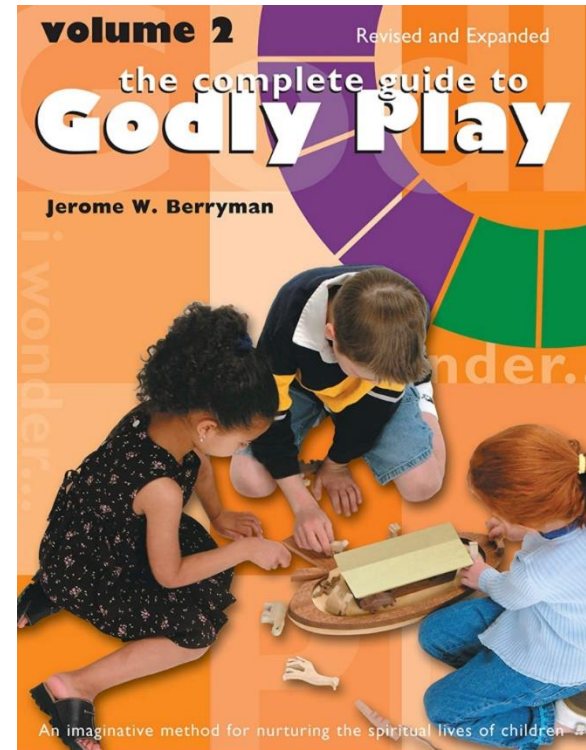
Please contact Christina Guenther cguenth@bgsu.edu if you have any questions or would like to register for the two-hour workshop.



PLEASE JOIN ME FOR A BOOK STUDY ON HOLY ENVY BY BARBARA BROWN-TAYLOR ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR SIX WEEKS AS WE DELVE INTO THE REDISCOVERY OF HER FAITH AS SHE LOOKED AT OTHER FAITH TRADITIONS AND LEARNED MORE ABOUT THEIR FAITH AS WELL AS GROWING CLOSER TO HER OWN CHRISTIAN FAITH WALK. WE WILL BEGIN THE BOOK STUDY ON OCTOBER 20TH AND END ON NOVEMBER 24TH. THE TIME FOR THE STUDY IS 7:30-8:30 ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WITH NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP FROM 11:30-12:15 PM BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 17TH AND RUNNING THROUGH NOVEMBER 21ST. WE WILL BE STUDYING THE GOSPEL OF LUKE! PLEASE JOIN ME AS WE DELVE INTO THIS GOSPEL AND LEARN MORE ABOUT LUKE.



Nursery Care will be provided beginning October 17th, 2021 and will provide snacks for the children in there.

We have Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, who will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson using the Godly Play curriculum. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery.

You can contact Michelle McDonald, Interim Director of Christian Education, at (513)919-6821 for more information.

Nursery Care will consistently be provided every Sunday from October 17th-December 26th. It will also be provided for Wednesday Evening Book Study on HOLY ENVY. The time of the Study is 7:30-8:30 pm.

