

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

October 17, 2021      21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      10:00 AM

**PRELUDE**      *All Creatures of Our God and King*      F. Assisi/G. Kirchengesang

**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)**

Leader: Come to worship God with songs and prayers, with rich experiences.

People: **We bring all we have, all we are, all we ever hope to be.**

Leader: It is God who has called you here to worship God's name.

People: **As creatures created by an imaginative and merciful God, we come.**

Leader: From every walk of life, God calls you here.

People: **As our ancestors before us, we bow in worship to God.**

**\*HYMN #643**      *Now Thank We All Our God*      Nun Danket Alle Gott

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Come before our Gracious and Merciful God. Come honestly and humbly.  
Join me in prayer.

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

Almighty and Merciful God, in Jesus Christ, you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you call us to do. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. We are lazy servants, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us, O God, and, though we do not deserve your care, forgive us, and free us from sin, through Jesus Christ we pray.

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

Leader: Amen. The Good News is that God will never give up on us.

People: **That is Good News Indeed!**

Leader: But the rest of the Good News is this, proclaim it with me:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are made new! 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**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**

**Job 38: 1-7,16-17**

**MOMENT OF EDUCATION**

**ANTHEM**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

R. Walters

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 10:32-45**

**SERMON**

*The Glory*

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

*[from: The Confession of Belhar]*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity of people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

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

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

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Adagio K. 356*

Mozart

**\*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 #697**

*Take My Life (vs. 1-4)*

Hendon

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Let There Be Peace On Earth*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

H.H. Hopson

**Ushers:** Doretta Schmidt, Nettie Rose, Susan Dunn.

**IN OUR PRAYERS,** Stewart & Pam Orr, Michelle McDonald, Mikel Grenier, Mike Shaner, the PNC, , 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.

### 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.”**

### 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!**

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## ***Now Thank We All Our God***

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

## ***Take My Life (vs. 1-4)***

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose every power as thou shalt choose.

## ***Let There Be Peace on Earth***

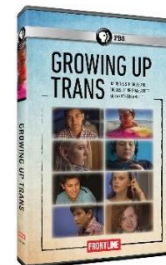
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as Creator, siblings all are we, Let me walk with my sibling in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now; With every step I take let this be my solemn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

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## **Week of October 17 thru October 24**

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
11:15 a.m. **Deacons' Meeting in the Gathering Place**  
11:15 a.m. **The Study of Luke – Adult Bible Study in Green Lounge**  
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group in New Youth Room**
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY**
- TUESDAY** **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DAY**  
6:00 p.m. **La. Conexion in Youth Lounge**  
7:00 p.m. **Session 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**  
7:00 p.m. **Green Team Meeting in the Fellowship Hall**  
7:30 p.m. **Book Study on *Holy Envy* in the Green Lounge & Zoom**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop open to the public – Covid protocols**  
6:00 p.m. **La. Conexion in Youth Lounge**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
11:15 a.m. **The Study of Luke – Adult Bible Study in Green Lounge**  
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group meeting**  
8:00 p.m. **LGBTQIA+ Movie *Outside***

**LGBTQIA+ History Month – Oct 17: *Shifting the Lens!*** “I had known for several years that my sister (and best friend) is lesbian; I easily recognized that this was just another of many forms of love. In the early 90s, I decided to accompany her and her partner up to the annual Michigan Music Womyn’s Festival—a one-week immersion in women’s culture, music, and nature (camping). That experience was eye-opening: for the first time, I was a minority in a majority culture of lesbians from diverse backgrounds. In workshops, I kept silent while I listened to the challenges of being lesbian in communities that still clung to narrower definitions of relationships and marriage. I was humbled to discover the gap between intellectual and experiential ways of knowing.”  
~Beatrice Guenther




**In celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month: All are welcome** to view the PBS Frontline documentary “Growing Up Trans” (2020). The film documents the struggles of transgender kids and their families in an era of increasing medical options. **We will show the film outdoors on the Green on Sunday October 24 from 8-9:30pm.** We will have a few chairs and tents available in case of rain. Bring along your warm blankets and comfortable lawn chairs! The event is free open to the BG community.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

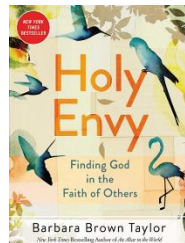
**Nursery Care** is begin provided starting today during the worship service through the adult **Sunday School hour**. Araya Musselman, a sophomore at BGSU, will be taking care of the children and providing a small Sunday School lesson. There will be activities that are provided as well as time to play in the nursery. Snacks will be provided for the children.

**The Gospel of Luke** by Adam Hamilton – Join Michelle McDonald, Interim DCE in the **Green Lounge at 11:15 a.m.** to begin diving into the Gospel of Luke! The class meets every Sunday until November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to know more, please contact Michelle at (513) 919-6821.



 **Join Michelle McDonald & David Montgomery 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 Mark 10:35-52.** If you'd like to join in this discussion, please contact church office or David.

Starting **this Wednesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** and running through Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Michelle McDonald, Interim DCE, will be hosting a book study, ***Holy Envy (chapters 1&2 this week)***, in the **Green Lounge from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.** Dive into the author's rediscovery of her faith as she learns more about faith and growing closer to God. Nursery care will be provided for those who would use it.



**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. 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 7<sup>th</sup> luncheon. The proposed change concerns membership. The new section is posted on the bulletin board in the FH.**



Join us for a **Safe Zone Workshop 2.0**  
**Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m. – 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](mailto:cguenth@bgsu.edu) if you have any questions or would like to register for the two-hour workshop.*

