

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Cornet Voluntary – Adagio

William Walond

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

INTROIT HYMN #388

Come All You People

Uyai Mose

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker; (repeat 3x)
Come now and worship the Lord.

***CALL TO WORSHIP(responsively)**

Liturgist: Prudence Adibah

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

People: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Leader: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

People: Praise God with the Harp and the cello!

Leader: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

People: Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Leader: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

People: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

***HYMN #749**

Come! Live in the Light

We Are Called

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord's desire to give us peace. Join me in prayer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. In Jesus' name, we pray.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

CHORAL RESPONSE #227 *Jesus Remember Me When I Come Into Your Kingdom

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (x2)

***DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)**

Leader: Christ comes with healing light

People: into our locked places and shadowy hurts,

Leader: resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.

People: As God's own forgiven people,

Leader: go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world

People: In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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

Acts 5:27-32

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

Earth Day- Gale Swanka

ANTHEM

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

SERMON

What's in a Name?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(from: The Heidelberg Catechism)

Leader: Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

People: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher

Who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance, our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father, and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

Leader: But why are you called a Christian?

People: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Moderato

P. Piel

***Doxology (Unison) HYMN # 609**
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (vs. 1 - 4) The Servant Song

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #80** *You Shall Go Out with Joy* 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** *Cornett Voluntary – Allegro* William Walond

***Please stand if you are comfortable standing.**

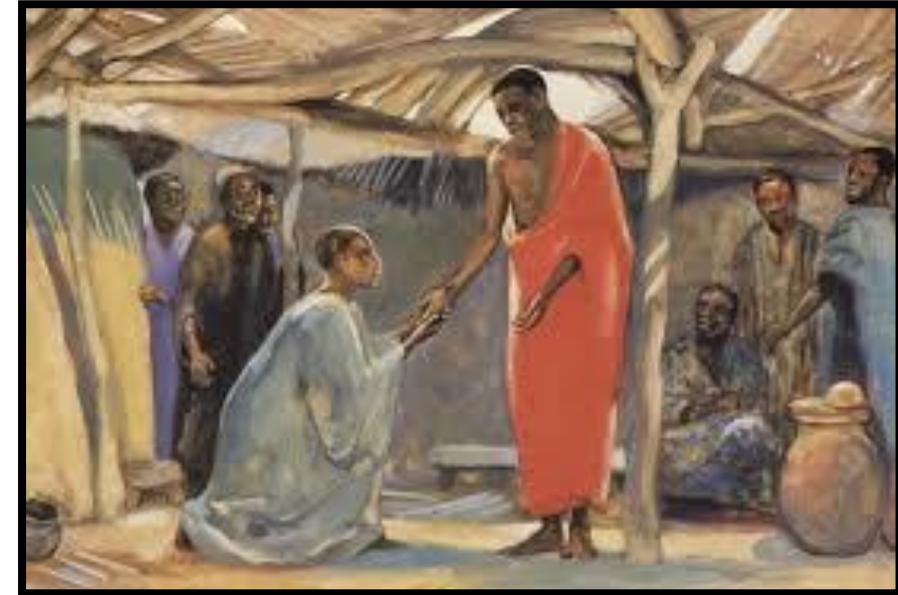
USHERS: Doretta Schmidt and Debbie Zappitelli.

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war, Bob Callecod's sister, Don Boren, Fernando Hernandez, Mike Halleck, Lee Liebetreu's family, Dale LaPointe, Mickey Cochrane, Linda Myers, Brenda Fowler, Miquel Bush, Martha Bush, Daisy Boyer, Ann Titus, the PNC, Mary Frances & Bill Moss, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss and those who go to bed hungry.

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. There are no closed doors here.

Christ Welcomes All Here!

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Come! Live in the Light!

1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God. **Refrain.**
Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.
2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. **Refrain.**
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and will walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. **Refrain.**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

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Week of April 24 thru May 1

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee & Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons Meeting in the Green Lounge
MONDAY	OFFICE IS CLOSED EVERY MONDAY	
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Tuesday Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Community Program
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	5:30 p.m.	Weekly Lenten Lectionary Study by Zoom
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	2:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee Mtg. at Drew Hanna's office
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Community Program
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (must be vaccinated)
SATURDAY	5:30 p.m.	Meet-n-Greet Dr. Jeff Schooley & his wife, Brianne in FH
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary

Nursery Care is provided during the worship service & Sunday Conversations. 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.



Join David Montgomery on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for the Bible Lectionary Series by Zoom. May 1- The Rev. Dr. Jeff Schooley preaching Communion with Pastor David as liturgist. Sermon: "Beyond Forgiveness" Scripture #1: Acts 9:1-20; Scripture #2: John 21:15-19. Sermon Blurb: The grandeur and grace of Easter Sunday is so splendid, so flush with holiness and hope, so replete in its reconciliation and restoration that it is – like the disciples with Jesus at His transfiguration – easy to want to stay there forever. And while we never truly leave the grace found in that empty tomb, the mission and ministry of our Lord dares to extend itself even further. This is, at any rate, what we witness in both of our scripture readings today. In the first, we encounter Paul's conversion from a persecutor of the church to an apostle for it. In the second, Peter is reinstated after his thrice denial of Christ during the crucifixion. That both of these stories are part of the Eastertide season is a reminder that God's grace not only frees us *from* sin and death, but also frees us *for* an out of control, adventurous life of discipleship.



New name tags are now available for everyone on the wall rack in the narthex. We encourage you to wear them every Sunday! After service, you can return them either to the narthex rack or the main stairwell rack right outside the sanctuary SW door. We hope you will wear them to coffee hour as well, so for your convenience, there will be drop off baskets for your nametags in Fellowship Hall. If you would like your nametag returned to the stairwell rack,

place a gold star sticker (provided at drop off baskets) on the back of your nametag, otherwise all nametags will be returned, to the narthex rack for next Sunday morning. Update forms will be available every Sunday if a change to your nametag is necessary, or if it is lost or damaged.

The community garden is about to make a comeback, and will be expanded by 3 new garden beds. **Corky Dunsmore is shooting to build the new beds on April 30 – Ohio weather permitting!** Then we'll be ready to plant the new garden in May. We'll also begin to make good use of the compost bin that was added last fall. It won't be long before we'll see new veggies, herbs and flowers sprouting from the beds.



For your own gardens, you may want to note these dates to make plans for your home garden:

- **Plant exchange, Saturday, April 30, at the Fairgrounds beginning at 10 am**
- **Native plant sale, Saturday, May 7 at the Fairgrounds from 9:30 am – 1pm**

Women Rejoice!



Presbyterian Women Program in the Park May 7th - PW is planning an afternoon program at Wintergarden Park on May 7th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, featuring one of the park's naturalists who will speak about the wildflowers and history of the park. Debbie Zappitelli will also be sharing her knowledge and personal experience on how to attract a diversity of birds into your backyard.

Those interested can also go on a short, guided walk in the park or you can choose to stay in the lodge and enjoy visiting with friends or observing birds through the "window on wildlife". **We will meet at 1:00 pm in the park in the Rotary Nature Center** to enjoy some fellowship and afternoon treats followed by a brief business meeting and the program. We ask that you **RSVP** to Nancy Hess either by email (nhess1581@yahoo.com) or phone (419-806-4788) by May 5. You may leave a message on her phone. All Presbyterian Women events are open to all women who worship at our church. We hope to see you there!

Tammy Schnitker, our Office Administrator, is going on vacation from May 3 through May 13. There will be volunteers to answer the phone only from 9-12:30, Tuesday -Friday. All days are covered, all bulletins have been done in advance. **Thank you to everyone for the wonderful gift you are giving me by being in the office .**

MAY 1ST – OUR NEW PASTOR CANDIDATE IS PREACHING!!

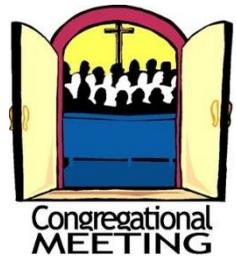
The Pulpit Nominating Committee of First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green takes great pleasure in informing you that we have chosen the **Rev. Dr. Jeffery A. Schooley** to be our next pastor. After reading Jeff's resume and viewing hours of his worship services, the PNC was deeply impressed with the quality of his sermons, weaving scriptural truths with contemporary life lessons and observations, all done with just the right balance of humor and sincerity. Our multiple interviews with him only reinforced our opinion that we had found a candidate of great quality, character, and fine intellect who would be an excellent choice to fill our pulpit. You can read for yourself in his enclosed biography his many accomplishments and personal background. Your PNC and Session have voted to enthusiastically endorse Dr. Schooley to be our next called and installed pastor.



You, the Congregation, play a very important part in the next step of this process. On **Saturday, April 30th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**, there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall to give you an opportunity to meet and greet Dr. Schooley and his wife Brianne.

MEET & GREET

Then on **Sunday, May 1st**, Dr. Schooley, along with Pastor David will be leading our service with Dr. Schooley preaching the sermon and celebrating communion with Pastor David. Immediately after the service, we will hold a Special Congregational Meeting where we will **vote**, by written ballot, on officially calling Dr. Schooley to be our next pastor as well as voting on the Terms of Call. While many of you have been joining us for Sunday worship via Facebook, it will not be possible for you to vote over the internet. **You must be present to cast your written vote.** While the Session has decided to not require masking as long as the Covid infection rate in Wood County remains low, you are certainly encouraged to follow your personal preference and wear masks if you so choose when joining us for in person worship.



SPRING SPRUCE UP - The Trustees are having two "spruce-up" events. All are invited to pitch in. **May 11th from 4:00 to 6:00** we will be cleaning up the grounds around the church. **May 21st from 10:30 to 4:00** we will be doing special cleaning inside the church. Feel free to come to the Men and Women's breakfast at 9:00 to get fortified, and help spruce up inside the church. Or come later and help for whatever time is convenient for you. or questions, contact Bob Callecod (419)

352-9453 or Linda Smith (419) 276-2354.