

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

January 5, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Rhonda Melchi

**PRELUDE**

*Jours en France*

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

One: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**All: The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

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**All: The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

One: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**All: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,**

One: making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

**All: O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!**

\*HYMN #744

*"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"*

Festal Song

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (liturgist)

The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsive)

One: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

**All: We stand gratefully in your light. Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #113 (refrain) *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*"Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!"*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

Amanda Ark, FYMS

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Beethoven Op.31 No.3 Mvt.2*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

**SERMON**

*"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Prayers**

**Sanctus Hymn #552**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Land of Rest

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Communion**

**OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Jazz Finale*

\*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #853

*"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

Siyahamba

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**

*En Avril, à Paris*



Venmo

**PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Phyllis Hartwell, Samantha Coddling, Pat Cochrane, Miranda Douglas, Joan Callecod, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, David & Minday Shaner, Scott Muellich (relatives of Scotty Huntington), Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

**We thank Hao Wu** for being our guest pianist today and sharing his gift of music.

**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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**ATTENTION ALL 2024 CHAIRPEOPLE** your yearly **Annual Reports for 2024** are due to the church office on or before **Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**. All reports must be typed and copy ready and emailed to [firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com). No extensions will be given

except for Finance.

**For the month of January there will be no:**

1. First Friday
2. We Meet meals & Fellowship
3. Youth Group

Please watch FaceBook, emails, and all bulletins for updated information.

# First Presbyterian Church

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



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**Week of Jan. 5 thru Jan. 12**

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	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshments &amp; Fellowship in FH</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' meeting (GL)</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BGMA (BG Ministerial Group) (Staff Conf. Rm.)</b>
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group (Green Lounge)</b>
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees mtg. (Gathering Place)</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
		<b>Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office</b>
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