SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
July 24, 2022
10:00 AM

PRELUDE Prelude on My Lord, What a Morning Charles Callahan based on a Spiritual

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*PASSING the PEACE

*INTROIT HYMN #408 There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit
1. There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord: There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Refrain
Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP LITURGIST: Brie Bradshaw
Leader: Come, come to worship!
People: But there are so many other things we could be doing!
Leader: Come, come join your community of faith with all your joys, longings, petitions and experiences.
People: But we don’t have the words. We don’t have the rhythm. We don’t know what to do!
Leader: Come, come along and sing, and pray, and be silent and listen…listen…listen
People: Yes, we have come to worship God!

*HYMN “Solo Dios”
Solo Dios hace hombre feliz (clap, clap, clap) (repeat)
La vida es breve
Pronto se acaba
Solo Dios hace hombre feliz (clap, clap, clap)

*CALL TO CONFESSION
Leader: Come as you are to a place of grace. Come honestly sharing the things we keep to ourselves thinking no one is like us. Come into a place of safety, a sanctuary where we can courageously be who we really are. Join me in confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord God, hear our prayer. Sometimes we don’t even know what to say. There are times we feel so removed from you that we can’t fathom your grace. There are times we feel out of sync with your will that we don’t know where to start. Hear us now silently offer our personal prayers to you.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN #551 Lord, Have Mercy
Land of Rest

*DECLARATION OF PARDON
Leader: I’ve got Good News! Good News to share!
People: Tell us. We need Good News!
Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are given new life!
People: Hallelujah! Glory to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Hymnal Page 582
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

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION CAMP EXPERIENCES
Sam Codding, Audrey Geyman, Calla Higgins, Chloe Higgins, Jackson LaPointe, and Daniel Weisert

SPECIAL MUSIC
A Simple Song
Leonard Bernstein

GOSPEL READING

SERMON
“How Do We Pray?”
(The Apostles’ Creed)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord’s Prayer (“debts”) OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS
Offertory Improvisation
*Doxology (Unison) HYMN # 609

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless & Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace, and give you peace, the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you, be gracious, the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE

Higher Ground

Charles Gabriel, arr. Mark Hayes

Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, Janet Wright Thomas, Cyndi Kuntz, Bonnie Stearns, Jan McLaughlin, Mickey Cochrane, Brenda Fowler, Ann Titus, Jeff and Bri Schooley, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

Today we thank Aaron Roos for singing the special music today.

COVID Mask Wearing - Currently, Wood County is at medium risk for COVID. Masks are required during worship service.

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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Appreciation Celebration for Pastor David
July 29 • 4-6 pm • Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a reception for Pastor David. We will celebrate our friend and thank him for all he has done for us as our interim pastor. Gifts and a card basket will be presented to Pastor David during the reception. Light hors d’oeuvres, sweet treats, and beverages will be served.

If you have questions, contact Terri McNamara, tmcnamara62@icloud.com

A gift card shower for the Schooleys!! Shh, a surprise!! The Pastor Transition Team, with approval of the Session, invites members of the Congregation to surprise Pastor Brie Schooley with a modest value gift card to one of the member’s favorite BG place, a restaurant, store, Community Center day or other. A note why it is your favorite could be included with the gift card.

If you would like to participate, please place the gift card in Gale Swanka’s box by August 5, and they’ll be ’showered’ on August 7, Pastor Jeff’s first service at 1st Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green. Thank you! Lisa Lawson, Gale Swanka, Jen Coddin, Carolyn and Maggie Layne, and Joan Callecoc, Transition Team.

Summer Sundays: Would you like to sing on Sundays with the choir? Come early on Sundays to rehearse hymns with us. We meet at 9:30AM in the choir room! And stay tuned for official Thursday choir rehearsals beginning in September.

Week of July 24 thru July 31

SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. Worship with the Campers from Camp Rejoice giving the Moment for Education
11:00 a.m. Refreshments & Fellowship in the FH

MONDAY
OFFICE IS CLOSED

TUESDAY
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Mtg.
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.
2:00 p.m. Baseball: the Good the Bad the Ugly @ WC Senior Ctr.

THURSDAY
9:30 a.m. Deacons’ Shop is open to the public
2:30 p.m. Personnel Mtg. at Drew Hanna’s office

FRIDAY
4:00 p.m. Appreciation Celebration for Pastor David

SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. Worship/Pastor David’s last Sunday

The migrant camp visit is today! Thank you for all your donations of cookies, clothes, hygiene items, vehicles, and your time and support. We will load up tables and chairs right after today’s service, and we will also cut up watermelons downstairs.

If you can join us, please be at the church at 4:15 pm. We’ll meet for a few minutes to review what’s happening today, then load up remaining items and travel to the camp.

We hope you can join us for pizza, fellowship, songs, and to get to know some of the workers who make it possible for us to have fresh food. It’s really a fun event!

We’ll be back a bit after 8 pm, unload the trucks and cars, and celebrate a job well done! Thank you.

Marilyn and Paul Nusser Card Shower – Paul & Marilyn Nusser are celebrating their 70th Anniversary this year on July 27th. The Nusser “kids” (Cindy, Doug and Lynn) are trying to coordinate a surprise “card party” for them. Their mailing address is: 1040 Carol Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402.
School Supplies!

Schools open soon! Please help provide supplies to students who need them. The Mission Committee would like to collect the following items:

- Dry erase pens – black, please
- Headphones (not earbuds)
- Plastic folders
- Colored pencils
- Thick Markers - classic colors

These will be given to the teachers at Crim Elementary to help students who need supplies. You can place the supplies in boxes in the lobby. If you prefer, you can also make out a check to First Presbyterian Church, and note ‘school supplies’ in the memo line, or donate via PayPal or Venmo. Please bring in your donations by Sunday, September 4. Thank you!

FIRST FRIDAY DINNER – August 5

Join your Presbyterian friends for our August First Friday dinner at Carrabba’s Italian Grill in Maumee. Our group sitting is at 5:30pm. RSVP to Shirley Brannan [skb609@bex.net or 419.878.8077] by Monday, August 1.

Directions, menus, and other features are described at the restaurant’s https://locations.carrabbas.com/ohio/maumee/3405-briarsfield-blvd

Rummage Sale - Save the Date!

The 2022 Rummage Sale will be held September 23-24, later than usual, but we hope it will be as successful as past sales.

Due to limited storage space at church, we are asking people to hold their donations until two weeks before the event. We will start accepting donations Sunday, September 11 and provide help unloading cars after church. Items can be left in designated areas in Fellowship Hall during the hours the building is open through Wednesday September 21. Unloading assistance will also be offered on Sunday September 18 following church. More information on volunteer scheduling will be available in September. For questions, contact Susan Dunn (419-308-3491) or Nancy Hess (419-806-4788).

Please join us in celebrating Pride in BG on August 6 from noon to 6pm on the Wooster Green and FPC Parking Lot and green space. This is the second annual pride event in Bowling Green and it is sponsored by BGOPride. The event is family friendly and will include music, performances, vendors and community NGOs, games, arts and crafts for kids, to name but a few things. Two members of our church family will be renewing their vows, too!

FPC is delighted to be supporting the event, but we need a few more volunteers to serve as contact people in the church. If you have an hour or two on Saturday August 6 to sit downstairs in the lobby area and help direct traffic or answer questions, we’d be most grateful. Please contact Christina Guenther asap (cguenth@bgsu.edu). We could use at least 3 or 4 more volunteers. Also, if you would like to help BGOPride on Saturday, here is the link for that. Please contact Miranda Douglas, President of BGOPride, for more information. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48A4A728A0F4C43-rainbow