

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 25, 2022

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

PRELUDE *Largo in G* George Handel, edited Diane Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

***INTROIT HYMN** *God Welcomes All* South African Song/J. Bell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively) *based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

LITURGIST: Shirley Brannan

One: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

All: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

One: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

All: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

***HYMN #421** *Have Mercy, God, upon My Life* Irish

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (One)

God is light; in God there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Christ while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true. But if we walk in the light as Christ himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Friends, let us confess our sins to God together.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

***CHORAL KYRIE RESPONSE** *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*
South African Song/Welile Sigobi

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

One: Amen. The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

All: Praise be to you, O Christ. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #853** *Siyahamba*

We are [cleansed] in the light of God; we are [cleansed] in the light of God.

We are [cleansed] in the light of God; We are [cleansed] in the light of, the light of God.

(repeat 2x's substituting the words: [healed], and then [we're renewed], in place of the word [cleansed])

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

ANTHEM *Out Of The Depths* Martin Luther, J.S.Bach

SCRIPTURE READING **Numbers 21:4-9**

SERMON *"Recognizing Wrongs"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *~The Confession of 1967 (9.53, 9.55)*

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. [...] In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Sostenuto* J. Blied

***Doxology (Unison) HYMN # 609**

Praise God, from whom all blessings 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 #774** *There Is Now a New Creation* Stuttgart

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Send Me, Jesus/Thuma Mina* South African Song

***POSTLUDE** *I'm Gonna Sing/Ain't-a That Good News* Traditional Spiritual/Larry Shackley

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of Hurricane Fiona, Linda Reynolds, Bonnie Stearns, Jan McLaughlin, Ken Oman, Ann Titus, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

USHERS: Ellyn Stout and Debbie Zappitelli.

First Presbyterian Church

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

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!

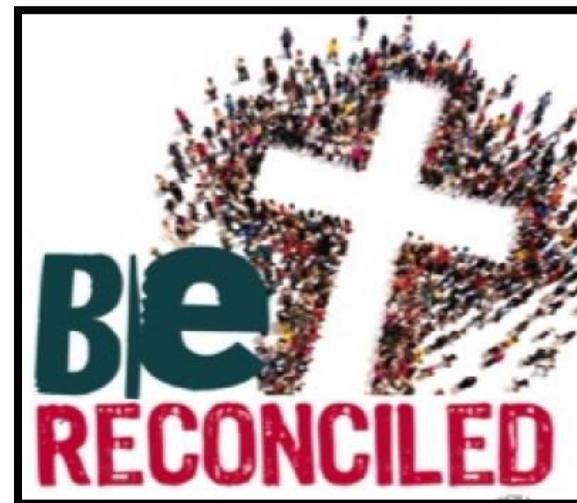


First Presbyterian Church <http://www.bgpresb.org/>
More Light Presbyterians www.mlp.org www.mlp.org

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

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“Recognizing Wrongs”

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Come Dine with Church Friends!

First Friday will be **October 7th, 6:00 pm.** at **Bar Louie,**

4105 Levis Commons Blvd. in Perrysburg.

RSVP to Linda Evans by October 4th,

Call/Text: 419-276-0763 or email to jmlaevans5@gmail.com



DEACONS
Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

From the Deacons: Our monthly donations to First Christian Church are greatly appreciated and needed. On Sept. 9th, they distributed 115 meals and ran out of many personal items that people use. The next meals and hygiene distribution will be **on Friday, October 14th.** Please continue to bring in your donations but especially needed are **paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, ladies’ small incontinence products, toothpaste, and baby diapers (all sizes).**

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Have Mercy, God, upon My Life

1. Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin.
2. My guilt is heavy on my mind; I know what I have done: against your justice I have sinned, against you, God, alone.
3. Now teach me wisdom in my soul; I long to see your face. Let bones, one broken, sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.
4. Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new. Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.
5. Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!

There Is Now a New Creation

1. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.
2. Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone; now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.
3. Wrap the prodigal in welcome; run to greet the wayward child. All is finished and forgiven; let us now be reconciled.
4. Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.
5. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!

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Week of Sept. 25 thru October 2

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship in the FH
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
		Outreach Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Nurturing Meeting
		Membership Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Green Lounge
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg in Pastor's office – office is closed at this time
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
FRIDAY		Tammy is on vacation today
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship



Mid-week Bible Lectionary Study by Zoom every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at fpcbgjeff@gmail.com.

This next week's sermon is titled, "Forgiving Wrongdoers" based on Scripture from John 12:20-26. *Forgiveness means death. It means letting the grudge, the pain, the validity of once's claim over another's life falling into the earth to die. This forgiveness needs to be exerted by both the offended party and by the offending party, who must forgive themselves for this offense.*



The **Peace and Global Witness offering** will be taken on **Sunday, October 2**. This is one of the denomination's four special offerings,

and is directed towards activities that encourage peacemaking and reconciliation, and supports social justice.

First Presbyterian Church is able to direct 25% of the funds collected to a local organization working toward these goals. **We have chosen CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates – as the recipient of the local share of the offering.** CASA volunteers serve as court advocates for abused or neglected children who are frequently in foster homes. The volunteers advocate for a safe home, and assist with resources for educational and mental health resources. Lee Liebetreu is one of those volunteers. She says the funds might be used to get necessities for the children, such as diapers. Or the volunteers might get be able to buy Christmas presents for the children. Volunteers normally pay for their own travel, but these funds may help by getting them gas cards when they have to travel a distance to visit their assigned children.



Mark your calendars for an **Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, October 8, from 10 am – 1 pm**. We are working with AIM e-cycling to have them deliver and later pick up collection boxes for your electronic items.

What can you e-cycle? Almost anything except the old-style TV's (the big tube TVs) and CRT tubes. Here's some things you can e-cycle: computers, laptops, monitors, flat screen TVs, printers, cables, speakers, cell phones, electronic games, VCR and DVD players. There's more information on the AIM website at aimecycling.com.

The **Presbyterian Women Fall Luncheon** will be returning this **October 23** for the first time since fall of 2019! We are excited to be together again and look forward to a large gathering. The **luncheon will be in Fellowship Hall following church at 11:30 am and will feature a program in which Brienne Schooley will share her life through pictures.** This will be a great opportunity for us to become better acquainted with Bri, as well as to reconnect with our church friends. If you plan on attending this event, please RSVP to Nancy Hess at 419-806-4788 or nhess1581@yahoo.com.



Focus Groups – Don't forget to join a FYMS focus group! Share your ideas, wants, and needs to help shape CE in the future! **Dates and times below!** Email Amanda for more information. Refreshments provided.

- Oct. 3rd @ 5:30 p.m.**
- Oct. 6th @ 5:00 p.m.**
- Oct 11th @ 7:00 p.m.**

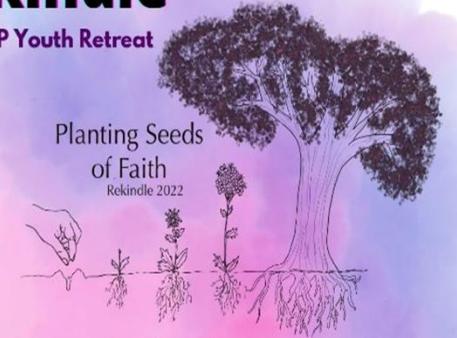
YOUTH GROUP

Attention all Middle and High School Youth and those who love them: Youth Group will be starting back up with our first meeting of the Fall being **October 2nd After worship!** Come meet your new FYMS and Pastor. Lunch will be provided. We will meet every other week in October. With a study on **October 16th** and a **Halloween Party on October 30th!** (invite your friends!)



Rekindle

An MVP Youth Retreat



Come enjoy a fun, faith-filled, and inspiring weekend for all youth grades 7-12!

Friday Nov. 11th - Sunday Nov. 13th 2022
7:30pm Fri - 11:30am Sun @ Kirkmont Center

Cost is \$15 for Early Bird Registration by Sept. 30th
\$25 for registration on or after October 1st

Register TODAY on the MVP website: www.maumeevp.org

Registration Ends October 30th

Sponsored by the MVP Discipleship Team: e-mail Rev. David Bartley for more information dbrev1@juno.com

WE MEET

A Wednesday time of community and learning

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Wednesday night gatherings are back! Come join us on Wednesday evenings starting October 19th for a time of community, breaking bread, and learning something new! Each meeting will begin with a time of food and chatting and then transition into a lesson or activity. We Meet will start at 5:30pm on Wednesdays. Is 5:30 too early? Don't worry! We are meeting until 7:30 and will gladly save food for until you arrive! This is a casual learning space where you can feel free to come and go as you need. Our first meeting's theme will be Family Game Night join us for food and fun and learn a new game and why table top gaming can be useful for all!