

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 4, 2022

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

PRELUDE *Praeludium* Samuel Wesley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

***INTROIT HYMN** *The Lord Is in His Holy Temple* Lloyd Larson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively) **LITURGIST: Christina Guenther**

One: We love you, O Lord, our strength

All: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer

One: The Lord is our God, our rock in whom we take refuge.

All: The Lord is our shield, and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

One: We call upon the Lord.

All: The Lord who is worthy to be praised.

***HYMN #805** *Come Sing to God* Ellacombe

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: As First John reminds us: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Friends, assured of our forgiveness let us go boldly with our confessions before our God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Forgive my sins, O Lord. Forgive the sins of my youth and the sins of my age, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body, my secret and whispering sins, my presumptuous and crying sins, the sins I have done to please myself, and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive the sins which I know, and the sins which I know not. Forgive them, Lord. Forgive them all in your great goodness.

***KYRIE RESPONSE HYMN #784** *By the Floods of Babylon*
By the floods, the floods of Babylon, we sat down and wept, and wept for Zion.
We remember, we remember, we remember Zion. (repeat 2x)

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

One: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, You are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *We Are One in the Spirit (vs. 4)* Page #300

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 137

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Call* Vaughan Williams
Soloist, Stephen Deeter

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:1-19a

SERMON *"Transitions: Learning to Live with Loss"*

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Affirmation Of Faith

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give our thanks and praise.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Prière

Pierre de Breville

*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 #819

Be Still, My Soul

Finlandia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

May the Peace of God

K. Lee Scott

*POSTLUDE

Be Still, My Soul

Jean Sibelius/Chris Rice

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, Barbara (sister of Linda Smith), Jennifer (Mary Clarke's niece), the family of Becky Hanson, Janet Wright Thomas, Cyndi Kuntz, Bonnie Stearns, Jan McLaughlin, Brenda Fowler, 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: Rosemary Apple

WE THANK Stephen Deeter for singing the solo today and sharing the gift of music.

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

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Come Sing to God

1. Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name. God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane. Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain, yet joy comes with the morning sun, a peace that is not vain.
2. In my success I felt secure; how good you've been to me. I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me. But when you turned aside your face, my life was filled with fears. I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bitter tears.
3. What good is gained by my disgrace, what profit in defeat? My grave cannot confess your name, nor praise for you repeat. Now hear, O Lord, my plaintive cry; be merciful to me. Accept my longing heart's request and from death set me free.
4. You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy. In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy. And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise. You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord; when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

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



Week of Sept. 4 thru September 11

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship w/Communion**
11:00 a.m. **Refreshments & Fellowship in the FH**
12:00 p.m. Bridal Shower in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the FH
- MONDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED**
- TUESDAY** **Tammy is off today**
5:30 p.m. La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
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. **Bible Study via Zoom**
7:00 p.m. **Green Team Meeting**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop is open to the public**
5:30 p.m. La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
Worship Committee Mtg. in the Staff Conf. Room
7:00 p.m. **Choir Rehearsal**
8:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the FH
- FRIDAY** **Tammy is on vacation today**
- SATURDAY** 10:00 a.m. Horizon Youth Theatre rehearsal (Drama Room)
- 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 fpcbjeff@gmail.com.

This next week's sermon titled, "Transitions: Anxiety Attacks" based on **1 Samuel 8:1-20** and **Matthew 26:36-44**. Our two passages present us keen differences in experiencing anxiety insofar as they reveal two different sources of our anxiety. When it comes to transitions, anxiety is one of the peak ways in which our fears present themselves. Yet whatever the source, our anxiety attacks do not get to lay claim on our lives for those already belong to our God.



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.

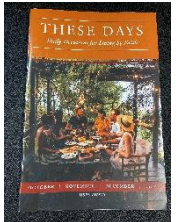
Due to limited storage space at church, we are asking people to hold their donations until two weeks before the event. **We will start accepting donations Sunday, September 11** and provide help unloading cars after

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).



Today is the last day to get your school supplies placed in the collection bins in the office lobby. Thank you to everyone who donated items or gave so we were able to purchase the items. The teachers and students will certainly appreciate them.

The new **These Days** daily devotional booklet for Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2022 are available in the church office. There is no charge for the booklet but a donation of \$3.00/book is suggested. They may be picked up during regular office hours.



Youth Group! Attention youth in grades 7-12 and their parents. Youth Group will be starting back up in the very near future! Look out for future dates and times. Our first meeting will be a get to know you night with Amanda and Pastor Jeff!



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

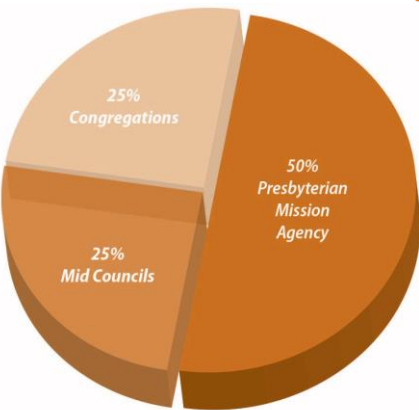
"I was thinking about how participating in Peace & Global Witness is so needed in our world now. As a pastor and a Christian, what I really appreciate about the Special Offerings that have the national, international, and local component is that they really do make it possible for us, as a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Then we get the nudge to look at what's going on in our local community and how we can be actively engaged and contributing there. It's a wonderful



balance and a new kind of challenge for us every time."

The Rev. Charlotte Lohrenz

Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN



First Presbyterian of BG will be receiving the Peacemaking Offering on Sunday October 2 on World Communion Sunday. Watch for more details in the upcoming bulletins.



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.

According to AIM's website, they "process hundreds of tons of e-waste every month. Some devices, such as desktop & laptop computers, flat-screen monitors, cell phones, and games, can be refurbished and re-used. The remaining e-waste is separated for further processing in specialized facilities that can extract various components and precious metals. The rest is shredded into new materials and devices."