

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 13, 2022

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Donna Nelson-Beene

PRELUDE *Shenandoah* Traditional Tune, Arr. Ted Goldman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

***INTROIT HYMN** *You Are Welcome Here* M. Burrows

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively) *Psalms 104*

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

All: The earth is full of your creatures.

One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

All: May the Lord rejoice in his works

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

All: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

***HYMN #401** *Here In This Place* Gather Us In

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (One)

One: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

What shall I render to you, my Creator, for all your blessings to me? You will accept only my whole self, all that I have and all that I am. But I cannot shake off the fear which tempts me to hoard my life. So, I ask only for your mercy. Fill me with such pure and heavenly love that all my narrow selfishness may be done away, lost in the expanse of your love.

***CHORAL KYRIE RESPONSE** *Kyrie Eleison* Kyrie Eleison (Orthodox)

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

One: Amen. All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Kindred Spirits - On Monday, November 14 at 4:30 Linda Smith will lead the discussion "Sabbath and Sunday." Please join us for a lively discussion. Questions? Call Julie Smith Maekask (419-247-1794, landline).



WE MEET – A Wednesday time of community and learning 😊. **We Meet will start at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.** Is 5:30 too early? Don't worry! We are meeting until 7:30 p.m. and will gladly save food until you arrive! This is a casual learning space where you can feel free to come and go as you need. Join us for food and fun and join the Green Team for We Meet this Wednesday, November 16.

After dinner, we will share information about the committee's activities, including ideas for the next phase of developing the green space on the west side of the church. Should we add more trees? Benches for more seating? Theme garden? Native plantings? Options for creating shady areas, such as shade sails? We're looking forward to your input!

The **Deacons Christmas Breakfast** is scheduled for **December 10th at the Senior Center** at 9 a.m. This year the Deacons have decided to give out 50 - \$100/Aldi gift cards per family and \$40/Walmart gift card for children.

This church has a rich tradition of helping those who are having a hard time around the Christmas season and this year is no different. With costs of everything rising higher than they have been in many years, the dollar just doesn't seem to stretch the way it used to. The Deacons are asking the congregation to consider donating to help cut the costs of the breakfast supplies, and costs for the gift cards.

If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to First Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write, "Deacons' Xmas". Other ways to give are through Venmo or PayPal on our webpage.



Fellowship Hall.

Please do not leave your donated decorations in the lobby. Funds raised through this event help fund our Choral Scholars. If you would like to volunteer during the set up or the Saturday event, please contact Susan Dunn (sudnn@gmail.com) or Nancy Hess (nhess1581@yahoo.com).

Week of Nov. 13 thru Nov. 20

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship and Refreshments in FH
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in FH
MONDAY	OFFICE IS CLOSED	
	4:30 p.m.	Kindred Spirits Circle in Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	SALT Bible Study (4 th flr. Bowen-Thompson Student Union)
TUESDAY	December Newsletter Deadline	
	10:00 a.m.	MVP Presbytery Mtg in Maumee
	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room)
	5:30 p.m.	Session Mtg. in the Gathering Place
	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.	We Meet Dinner & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Outreach Meeting
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
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Jingle Jumble Christmas Rummage Sale in FH
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship and Refreshments in FH
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge

Mid-week Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays 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 sermon is, "Safe and Secure"** based on Scripture readings **Psalm 46** and **Jeremiah 23:1-6**. There's A LOT of ways to correctly understand the Kingship of Jesus Christ. What stands out the most in the lectionary readings is not just a God who produces political peace, but one more substantively, interpersonally provides us safety and security.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #582** *Glory to God....*

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:1, 17-24

ANTHEM

With Songs of Rejoicing

J.S.Bach, Arr. Hal Hopson

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-11

SERMON

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NEW MEMBER LITURGY

New Members: As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize and in which we remember our baptism when we join a new church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

As a whole church together, let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles Creed recited in call-and-response manner:

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

New Members: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Congregation: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture *name* by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging each of them to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? **We do.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Récit de Nazard* Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier

*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 #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Beecher

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

*POSTLUDE *Maple Leaf Rag* Scott Joplin

USHERS: Dick and Judy Martin.

TODAY WE RECEIVE INTO MEMBERSHIP: Miranda and Nancy Douglas, Brianne Schooley, and Leon Wang.



Tuesday, November 15th is the **December Newsletter deadline.** All information should be typed up and emailed to the church office by the end of the workday. Newsletters will be emailed/mailed out before the end of Thursday, so the deadline will be enforced.

Just a "heads-up" that the "Mitten Tree" will be in the Narthex starting the 1st Sunday in Advent. This is, year we would like it decorated with gloves, hats, scarves, and we are adding socks. The tree will remain up until the end of the year. Then they will be given to the Deacons' Shop to distribute to those who need them. We want to see the tree covered in wonderful decorations of much-needed supplies.



Here in This Place

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of history called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of Hurricane Fiona and Ian, Joyce Kepke's granddaughter, Lauren Kepke, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Ann Titus, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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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Help needed! In preparation for Jingle Jumble, we need to move boxes and other Christmas stuff from the 3rd floor storage area down to Fellowship Hall, **TODAY**, after coffee hour. Please bring your sneakers and consider helping! Thank You!

Thanksgiving for International Students – We are working to create some welcoming events for international students at BGSU. The two events are hosting students in your own home on Thanksgiving and a Friendsgiving Potluck on the Friday after. If you are interested in hosting any number of students at your Thanksgiving please sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/bqpresthanks> so we know how many spots we can provide for. If you are interested in the *Friendsgiving* event, we need donations of traditional dishes or you can bring your dish and attend the event on Friday. ?'s call O'Leo Loki at 419/806-9952.



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