

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 20, 2022

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Emmy Hann

PRELUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Traditional Spanish Melody

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING the PEACE**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Leader: Our Heavenly Father has rescued us from the power of darkness

People: **He has transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,**

Leader: In Christ we have redemption

People: **In the Lord we have the forgiveness of sins.**

Leader: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

People: **Through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things**

Leader: Thanks be to God!

People: **Let us praise the Lord, our God.**

***HYMN #336** *We Gather Together to Ask The Lord's Blessing* Kremser

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

One: When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to God's. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by his justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively) *based on Revelation 5*

Leader: Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. With his blood he has purchased people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. He has made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth. Thanks be to God!

People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

***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

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 46

ANTHEM

Look At The World

John Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

SERMON

Safe and Secure

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

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 He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Communion Music

Meditation

David Blackwell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Ride On, King Jesus

American Spiritual, Arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

First Presby Bell Choir

***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 #270** ***O Lord, You Are My God and King Jerusalem

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE** ***You Shall Go Out With Joy

POSTLUDE** ***Fanfare to Christ The King Charles Callahan

USHERS: Terri McNamara and Ellyn Stout.

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

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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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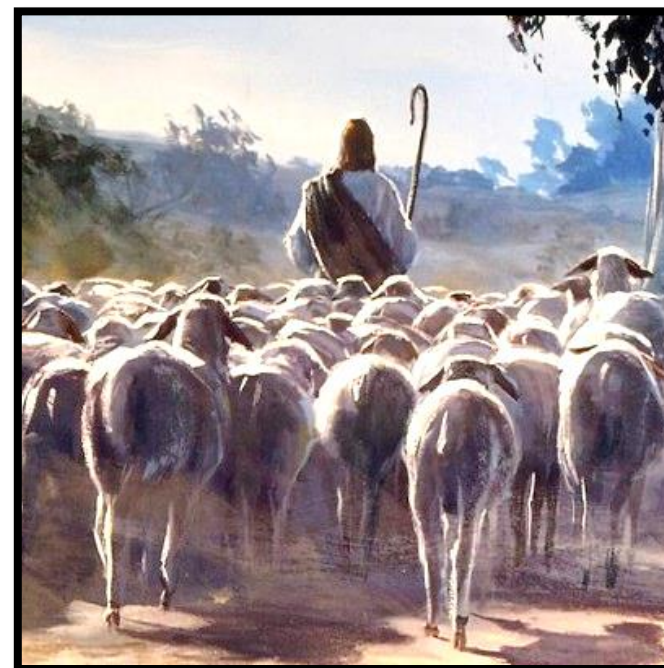
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We Gather Together

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine.
3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

O Lord, You Are My God and King

1. O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name; I will extol you every day, and evermore your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought; all generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.
2. How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of compassion, merciful, your anger always slow to rise; your steadfast love you show to all, for you are good in all your ways; your creatures know your constant care. To all your works your love extends; all souls your tender mercies share.
3. Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your mighty acts will show, till all the peoples of the earth your kingdom, power, glory know. Eternal is your kingdom, Lord, forever strong, forever sure; while generations rise and die, your high dominion will endure.



Advent ~ A Study in Lights – The Advent seas is quickly approaching! The first Sunday of Advent will be **November 27th**. Not only will that begin our in-service lighting of the candles but it will also begin a time of nightly devotionals live-streamed each night so we can prepare together. Devotional packets will be available online and in print at the church.

Week of Nov. 20 thru Nov. 27

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| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion 11:15 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments in FH Deacons' Meeting 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in Green Lounge 7:00 p.m. Trans Day of Remembrance Service on Wooster Green 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the FH |
| MONDAY | OFFICE IS CLOSED 5:30 p.m. Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 p.m. SALT Bible Study (4 th flr. Bowen-Thompson Student Union) |
| TUESDAY | 12:00 p.m. BULLETIN DEADLINE 1:00 p.m. Book Group in the Green Lounge 5:30 p.m. La Conexion Classes (Nursery, Youth Lounge, Drama Room) 7:00 p.m. Christian Nurturing Mtg. and Membership Mtg. 8:00 p.m. A.A. in the Green Lounge |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop 11:15 a.m. Staff Mtg in Pastor's office – office is closed at this time No We Meet tonight |
| THURSDAY | Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed |
| FRIDAY | Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed |
| SUNDAY | 2:00 p.m. Friendsgiving in the Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Worship 1st Sunday of Advent 11:15 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments in FH |



Zoom 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 fpcbgjeff@gmail.com. **This next week sermon is, *Learning Peace*** based on scripture readings **Isaiah 2:1-5** and **Matthew 24:36-44**. *Peace is not merely the result of positive passion unleashed, but will be – itself – a skill set to be pursued and cultivated. This week we are waiting for peace as we prepare to enact it.*

WE MEET – A Wednesday time of community and learning 😊.

We Meet for Wednesday, Nov. 23rd will not be happening as everyone is preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume our dinner and fellowship on Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 5:30 p.m. with the Mission Team preparing the dinner and leading the discussion.





The sanctuary will be decorated for the Advent and Christmas season Monday evening November 21st. Join us at 7 pm if you would like to help with the decorating and enjoy some cookies with friends when the job is completed. There are a variety of decorating jobs, such as decorating the trees and hanging wreaths, and most jobs do not involve lifting. All help is appreciated! Come and be a part of preparing the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

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.



Just a "heads-up" that the "Mitten Tree" will be in the Narthex starting Nov. 27th, the 1st Sunday in Advent. This 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.

The next 1st Friday is scheduled for **5:30 pm on Friday, December 2** at: **Basil Restaurant**, 3145 Holister Ln. in Levis Commons Perrysburg. Basil is an enjoyable venue and their varied menu can be viewed at: basilpizzaandwinebar.com. Please have your reservation to Joan Callecod (jtdude62@yahoo.com or 419/352-9453) by Sunday, November 27.



Advent Preparation – Interested in learning more about our Advent devotional? Excited about the devotional and want to make items to aid in the devotionals? Meet Amanda in the fellowship hall after worship on November 27th for Advent preparation during the coffee hour time. (Extra snacks will be provided!)



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 use too.

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".**



Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 18 red poinsettias for sale from Bench's Greenhouse to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is \$13.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word "poinsettia" on the memo line.**

Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the church office. Due to a poinsettia shortage, **the deadline to request and turn in money is Wednesday, December 14 or until the poinsettias are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the service on December 24th or after church December 25th.

Please fill out your poinsettia order with the following information:

Name _____
 Phone # _____
 In Memory or Honor of _____
 Number of poinsettia plants ordered _____