

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

January 15, 2023

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Lisa Lawson

**PRELUDE**

*Arietta*

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

**WELCOME**

**PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT HYMN**

*Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

*Psalm 47:5-8*

One: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**All: The LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

**All: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

One: For God is the King of all the earth;

**All: Sing to him a psalm of praise.**

One: God reigns over the nations;

**All: God is seated on his holy throne.**

**\*HYMN #769**

*For Everyone Born*

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**CALL TO CONFESSION** (One)

Attend to these words from the author of Hebrews: "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." Let us confess our sins together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Eternal God, forgive us for being hesitant to love the church we have received. Forgive us for going each to our own way, and forgive us for demanding that the church go with us. Renew our lives by the tradition of those who have served before us. When in danger, give us their comfort, and when in difficulty, their perseverance; that we too may be faithful until we rejoice with all the saints in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**CHORAL KYRIE**

*Give Us Light*

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**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

*adapted from Psalm 130*

One: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**All: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

One: O Church, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

**All: It is he who will redeem the Church from all its iniquities.**

One: Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*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**

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

**ANTHEM**

The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

Timothy Noon

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**SERMON**

*Dissolving Divisions*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

Air

John Blow

\*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #172

*Blest Are They*

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Alleluia*

K. Lee Scott

\*POSTLUDE

*Baroque Trumpet*

Gordon Young

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Judy Martin, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), 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.)

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**Christ Welcomes All Here!**

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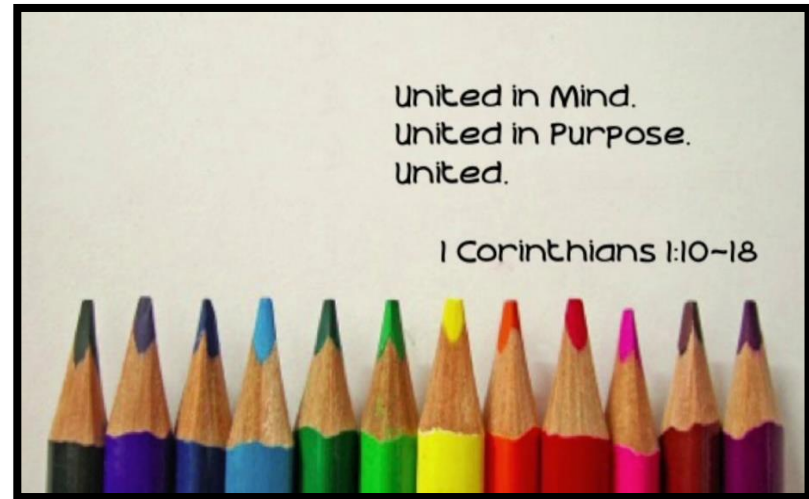
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## *Dissolving Divisions*

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**Week of January 22 thru January 29**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship and Refreshments in FH</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group in the Green Lounge</b>
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Green Lounge
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:30 a.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre Workshops
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BGSU Volare Women's Concert</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>



**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](mailto:fpcbgjeff@gmail.com). **This next week sermon is "Holiness' Deepest Depths", and is based on scripture readings from Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12.** *Ell-known or mundane. The there's this week! This week, when the prophet Micah's powerful declaration of what the Lord has required of us is pared with the holy hope and wisdom of Jesus' opening to the Sermon on the Mount. We are embarrassed with riches this week! So, like your pastor entering an all-you-can-eat buffet on a mission, let's saddle up to the Word and take in as much as we can.*

**Christmas decorations** - As you pack away your Christmas decorations, you may find there are some you no longer need. You can donate those unwanted decorations to next year's Jingle Jumble sale. Just box them up and bring them up to the 3rd floor of the church for storage. Thanks!



**First Friday in February will be February 3rd, at 6:00 pm** at Buffalo Wild Wings on East Wooster in BG. We will have a room to ourselves. Please rsvp by February 1st to Nettie Rose, 419-262-7889 or [nettierose@aol.com](mailto:nettierose@aol.com).



**Choral Scholars Dinner - The Choral Scholars' Dinner** will return this year on the evening of **Saturday, February 11th**. Come and be transported to Italy for a traditional Italian meal while enjoying the sounds of Italy as presented by our choral scholar singers. The dinner is a fundraising event to support our choral scholar program.

**The students at Crim Elementary School could use some help.** Teachers often buy snacks for the children out of their own pockets, and those supplies are running low at this time of the year. The snacks particularly help students stay focused - and many families can't afford to send snacks with their students every day. If you would like to help, they could use individual pre-packaged snacks such as: fruit snacks, crackers, granola bars, goldfish crackers, mini pringles. Thank you!



**Hear BGSU Volaré!** Bowling Green State University choir Volaré will present the concert, **“As Long as We Live: We are Love” on Jan. 28th at 7PM at First Presbyterian Church.** After a 22-year hiatus, Volaré has been invited to perform this program at the prestigious Ohio Music Educators Association conference in early February. This performance at First Presbyterian Church is the final stop on their NW/NE Ohio pre-conference tour. All are invited to this free concert as BGSU's only soprano/alto ensemble shares this celebratory message of love, perseverance, and togetherness. Our very own choral scholars Karli and Alyssa will be performing and Heather will be playing for the ensemble.

**The Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church** will be held on **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> after the worship service.** Annual reports will be emailed to those whose emails we have on file and be mailed to those w/o email addresses. If you don't receive on please contact the church office and it will be emailed to you.

***For Everyone Born***

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, **[Refrain]**  
**Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**
2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, **[Refrain]**
3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, **[Refrain]**
4. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, **[Refrain]**
5. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, **[Refrain]**

***Blest Are They***

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they full of sorrow; they shall be consoled. **[Refrain]**  
**Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. **[Refrain]**
3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. **[Refrain]**
4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. **[Refrain]**
5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me, Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **[Refrain]**