

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 7, 2023

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Anne Moser

PRELUDE *Descend, Celestial Dove* Michael Shea

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN *You Are Welcome Here*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 20*

One: Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;

All: **He will answer us from his holy heaven.**

One: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,

All: **But our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.**

One: They shall collapse and fall,

All: **But we shall rise and stand upright.**

One: Give victory to the King, O Lord;

All: **Answer us when we call.**

*HYMN #394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Westminster Abbey

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *by John Calvin*

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. Help us to remember the ministry 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.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively) *based upon Psalm 130*

One: Amen. 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 God is great power to redeem.

All: **It is the Lord 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 **Acts 7:55-60**

ANTHEM *Dona Nobis Pacem* arr. Harry R. Wilson

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Peter 2:2-10**

SERMON *"Us vs. Them"*

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 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 the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Communion Music *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* South African

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Yoruba Lament* Traditional, Arr. Fela Sowande

***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 #767**

Together We Serve

San Anselmo

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN # 80 *Trees of the Field* (*clap) The Trees of The Field**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap* their hands**; the trees of the field will clap*
their hands**; the trees of the field will clap their hands** while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE

Presto, from Sonata in C minor

Giovanni Battista Pescetti

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the family of Robert Nutter, Linda Smith's sister, Carol; 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.)

There are no closed doors here.
Christ Welcomes All Here!

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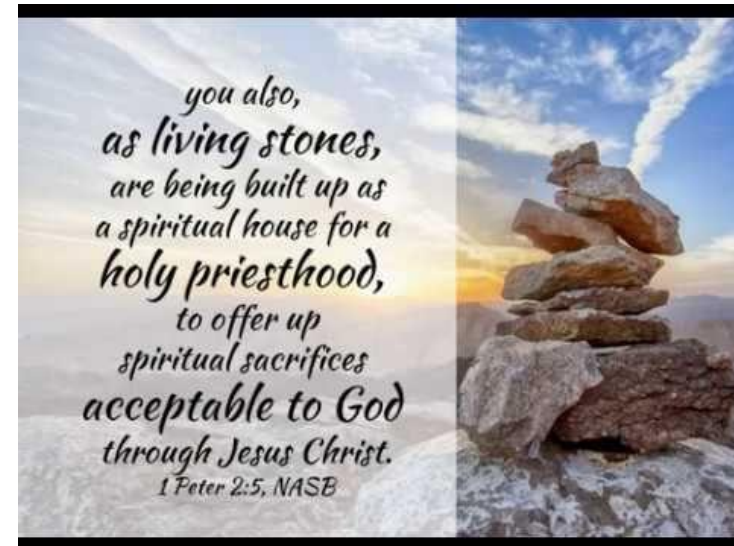


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Week of May 7 thru May 14

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
	7:00 p.m.	Ten 40 Acapella Concert in the Sanctuary
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	Session meeting in the Gathering Place
	6:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge
	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.	We Meet dinner & fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees meeting in the Gathering Place
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)
	4:00 p.m.	Trumpet Lessons
	5:00 p.m.	Worship meeting in Pastor Jeff's office
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
FRIDAY	4:30 p.m.	Helping Hands @ 1st Christian Church
SATURDAY		Youth Group meeting
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service/Graduating Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Mission meeting in the Green Lounge

Church Directory - Information updating for the new church directory has been going well. If you are a member and have not yet updated your information, you can find your preprinted form and update directions on the table in Fellowship Hall. Blank forms are also available for completion by friends of our church who would like to be included in our directory. A final photo session will be scheduled for a Sunday in August. Please let Susan Dunn know if you still need a photo (419-308-3491, sudunn@gmail.com).



Helping Hands Project in conjunction with First Christian Church next distribution date is May 12th. Our monthly donations to First Christian Church are greatly appreciated and truly needed. The next distribution day is Friday, May 12th. Please continue to bring in your donations. Needed items are **shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, and baby diapers (all sizes), wet wipes, cat/dog food, laundry detergent, dish soap, dish cloths, and paper towels.** The donation bin is located in the office lobby. Donations will be picked up on Wednesday, May 10th.



Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Spring is finally here and it is time for PW's spring gathering! We have planned a morning program at Simpson Gardens on Saturday, May 27, 10 am -12:00 pm. The program features Phil Hollenbaugh our local expert on Hostas and the designer of the award winning Hosta garden at Simpson Gardens. Phil will share his knowledge of Hostas and how his development of the garden led to the American Hosta Society awarding it the designation of an American Hosta Display Garden. Coffee and sweets will be provided before the program. There will be a brief business meeting following the program. **Please RSVP to Nancy Hess at nhess1581@yahoo.com or call 419-806-4788.**

Ushers are still needed for most Sundays in May and June. If you would like to volunteer for a Sunday, either sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or email Susan Dunn (sudunn@gmail.com)



– You may have noticed signs in front and back of our church which read “History Lives Here”. Since May is Historical Preservation Month, our church was selected by the city’s Historical Preservation Commission to be part of a self-guided walking tour of Bowling Green’s historic buildings. Each sign has a QR code which tells something about all the structures on the

tour along with a map. History really does live here at First Presbyterian. Our current church is 102 years old and we have been the only church on Church St. for 168 years. So sometime in May, we invite you to scan the QR code, take a leisurely walk, and learn a little more about Bowling Green’s history.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion’s help forever, and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.
3. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and here after in your glory evermore with you to reign.
4. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

Together We Serve

1. Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God’s love to the last and the least.
2. We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.
3. We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
4. Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

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