

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**August 13, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

**LITURGIST: Daisy Boyer**

**PRELUDE** *The Solid Rock* arr. Mark Hayes

**WELCOME**

**PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

One: We gather to worship our God,

**All: who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.**

One: We gather to follow Jesus,

**All: who encourages to never fear, for he is near.**

One: We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

**All: who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.**

**All: Together let us worship God.**

\***HYMN #463** *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (One)

The deepest longing of our hearts is to be forgiven and embraced by our God. As we confess the ways we fall short, only God can speak peace and make us whole. Join me, as we pray together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

In truth, God of silence and seas, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms. We find it easier to push people out of the boat, rather than make room for those who are different from us. And our lives are such a whirlwind of activity, that we do not notice your presence or hear your sheer silence singing your shalom to us.

Have mercy on us, God of patience. Grab hold of us to keep us from drowning in our oceans of temptations. Give us the words to speak of your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

One: Hear the truth of God's amazing love. Your sins are forgiven, your life is restored, and grace becomes your guide through this life.

**All: Thanks be to God! We are not left alone, but take heart in the forgiving love of our God. Amen.**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymnal Page 591

*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! halle-lu-jah! halle-lu-jah!*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 105:1-6,16-22

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Wade in the Water* arr. Mark Hayes

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 14:22-33

**SERMON** *Deep Water* Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke

**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 *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Aaron Roos

\*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 #834** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Precious Lord

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN #547** *Go My Children, with My Blessing* Vajda

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.*

*Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.*

*In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.*

*Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

**POSTLUDE** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Sharon Wilson

**In Our Prayers:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the family of Stephen Dana Long (Betty Long's grandson), Alta Coddling, Amanda Ark, Corky Dunsmore, Dale Smith, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Linda Smith's sister, Jaynie; TJ Barson (friend of Emmy Hann), Rae Brott (friend of Lee Liebetreau; Linda Myers, Ken Oman, 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.

**We thank Aaron Roos** for filling in for Heather while she is on vacation and for sharing his gift of music with the congregation.

**Today visiting our pulpit** is Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke, Executive Presbyter of Maumee Valley Presbytery. We thank him for being with us today and sharing the Word of God to all.

**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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Venmo



The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help run the church's booth for the BGSU Campus Fest which is taking place

on Weds. Aug.30<sup>th</sup>. The hours it runs will be 11am-4pm. Please see Amanda Ark or contact her

at [akark@bgsu.edu](mailto:akark@bgsu.edu) or (937) 844-6787. We also need

donations of \$10 Gas cards and snacks to hand out at the event. Or you can make a donation for the event and Amanda will buy things on your behalf. Make note of "campus fest" on your donation.

# First Presbyterian Church

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**"Deep Water"**

**August 13, 2023**

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### ***How Firm a Foundation***

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. "When Through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

### ***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

1. Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

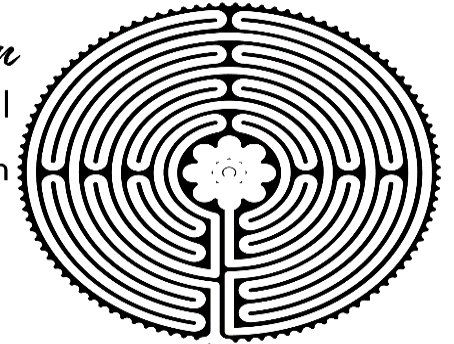
**Abe Conde will be laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery on Monday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** The Rev. Elaine Bast will do the graveside services. Abe was a gentle, kind person, who would go out of his way to help others. He was also a good friend to Linda Reynolds and the whole community. Abe was a fixture on Thursday mornings in the Deacons' Shop where he would sit and "police" the shop and was able to help translate to the volunteers for those who spoke Spanish. Anyone who knew Abe is invited to attend the graveside service.

### **Week of Aug. 13 thru Aug. 20**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Dr. Matt Meinke preaching</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Drop-off for Rummage sale until 12 noon</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Presbyterian Women meeting</b>
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Girl Scouts in Green Lounge</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Meditation Group in the FH</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Drop-off for Rummage Sale until 4 pm</b>
	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group in the Green Lounge</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Session meeting in Gathering Place</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge</b>
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>A.A. in the Fellowship Hall</b>
<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>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Intergenerational Event in FH</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Trumpet Lessons</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship meeting in Staff Conference Room</b>
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Meditation Group in the Green Lounge</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Drop off for Rummage Sale until 1 p.m.</b>
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Helping Hands @ 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church, BG</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Drop off for Rummage Sale until 1 p.m.</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Drop-off for Rummage sale until 12 noon</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' meeting</b>

### ***Special Labyrinth Presentation***

On August 13<sup>th</sup> after worship we will have a special presentation and explanation about the labyrinth with our guest pastor of that day: general Presbyter Matt Meinke. The public will be invited, bring a friend interested in learning more about the labyrinth.





## Presbyterian Women's 2023 Rummage Sale

Presbyterian Women (PW) is once again planning our annual rummage sale for August 25 and 26, 9-3 pm. We will need lots of stuff and lots of helpers to make this a successful event! Now is the time to get control of that clutter! We are accepting donations of housewares, toys, linens, sporting equipment, etc. in the fellowship Hall at the following days/times:

### Drop Off Schedule

August 13: Sunday, 11-12 pm (Helpers available!)

August 15-17: Tues.-Thurs, 9-4 pm

August 18: Friday, 9-12 pm

August 19 Saturday 9-1 pm

August 20: Sunday 11-12 pm (Helpers available!)

August 22-24: Tues.-Thurs 9-4 pm

**Please place your items in the designated drop off areas in Fellowship Hall.** Helpers will be available during the Sunday drop off times to unload your car and carry your items downstairs to Fellowship Hall. If special help is required at other times, please contact the church office, Susan Dunn (419-308-3491) or Nancy Hess (419-806-4788) to plan for assistance.

Due to disposal issues, we will not be accepting mattresses, computers, or TVs. Clothing should be donated to the Deacons Shop. Please contact Susan or Nancy if you have furniture, you are considering donating or if you are uncertain whether a specific item will be accepted.

Volunteers are needed during the sale on Friday and Saturday, as well as for the clean-up on Saturday afternoon. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact either Susan Dunn or Nancy Hess.

### Volunteer Shifts

**Friday:** 9-12 pm and 12-3 pm

**Saturday:** 9-12 pm and 12-3 pm; clean-up 3-5 pm

Funds from this event will be used by PW to support various missions, both local and international, as well as organizations such as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and WAM.



**Kindred Spirits to Study Luke and Acts – Join Kindred Spirits, September 18 at 4:30 pm in the Green Lounge** as we begin our study of Luke Acts. To obtain a copy of the study book as well as learn more about the study, please visit the PW's website (<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/current-bible-study/>) or call 844-797-2872. Questions? Please contact Julie Smith Maekask at 419/247-1794.



## NEW ACADEMIC YEAR EVENT!

**Wednesday August 16th @ 6:00pm  
All Ages Welcome!**

Join us in a time of sharing a meal, a small bible study, and bag tag making to kick-off the academic year! This event is for anyone that wants to come as a kick-off for the Fall and Winter season or the start of a new school year! We will talk about goals, direction, hope, and the love God has for us in these journeys.

## School Supplies

If it's August, that means school will be starting in just a few weeks. Please help provide supplies to students who need them. The **Mission Committee** would like to collect the following items:



- **Dry erase pens – black, please**
- **#2 pencils (made in USA please, and sharpened if possible)**
- **24 pack Crayola crayons**
- **Colored pencils**
- **Thick Markers - classic colors**

These will be given to the teachers at Crim Elementary to help students who need supplies. You can place the supplies in boxes in the lobby. These will be given to the teachers at Crim Elementary to help students who need supplies. If you prefer, you can also make out a check to First Presbyterian Church, and note 'school supplies' in the memo line, or donate via Paypal or Venmo. **Please bring in your donations by Sunday, September 3.** Thank you!



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**Electronics Recycling** -While you are looking for things to donate to the PW rummage sale, please also look for any electronics you no longer need. The **Green Team** is sponsoring an electronics recycling event on **Saturday, September 16, from 10 am – 1 pm in the Senior Center parking lot on S. Grove.** 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. AIM will remove all information from your drives. There's more information on the AIM website at [aimecycling.com](http://aimecycling.com). Look for more information in September's newsletter.