

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 27, 2023

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

PRELUDE *Musette* Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN *You Are Welcome Here* Mark Burrows

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) ~ *from Psalms 96 and 100*

One: O praise the Lord with me;

All: Let us exalt God's name together.

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

All: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

***HYMN #409** *God Is Here!* Abbot's Leigh

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

The Apostle John writes in his first letter: "God is light; in God there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Christ while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true. But if we walk in the light as Christ himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin." Friends, forgiveness is already ours the moment we have faith to confess. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) ~ *Christina Rossetti*

O Lord, thou art the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Thou beholdest thy weak creatures, weary of labor, weary of pleasures, weary of heart from hope deferred, weary of self. In thine abundant compassion and unutterable tenderness, forgive, and bring us we pray thee unto the rest of thy peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

KYRIE *Kyrie Eleison* Plainchant

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively) ~ *Romans 5:1-2*

One: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***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 1 Corinthians 11:2-6; 14:26-40

ANTHEM *This Is Me* Benj Pasek and Justin Paul
Amanda Ark, solo

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:23-29

SERMON *"On Paul and Gender"*

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 *Larghetto* Charles Wesley

*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 #306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Dennis

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 *There Is A Fountain* Arr. Mark Hayes, Early American Melody

In Our Prayers: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, all of those affected by the wildfires in Hawaii, Marco Mendoza, Alta Codding is back at Heritage, Corky Dunsmore, Dale Smith, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, 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.

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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"On Paul and Gender"

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God Is Here!

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.
5. From sorrow; toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Week of Aug. 27 thru Sept. 3

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| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Refreshments and Fellowship in FH |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Girl Scouts in Green Lounge |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Meditation Group in the Green Lounge |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group Game Night |
| MONDAY | | OFFICE IS CLOSED |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Green Team meeting |
| TUESDAY | 1:00 p.m. | Book Group in the Green Lounge |
| | 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 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | CAMPUS FEST at BGSU |
| | 12:00 p.m. | BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS. |
| | 3:30 p.m. | Trumpet lessons in the Choir room |
| THURSDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Deacons' Shop is open to the public |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir rehearsal |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Meditation Group in the Green Lounge |
| FRIDAY | | Office is closed for Labor Day holiday |
| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service/School Supplies Due |



The **Outreach Team** is looking for volunteers to help run the church's booth for the **BGSU Campus Fest** which is taking place on **Weds. Aug.30th**. The hours it runs will be **11am-4pm**. Please see Amanda Ark or contact her at 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



Tonight at 7:00pm we will have a **Youth Group game night**. Bring a friend or two and your charged cell phone, we will be playing Jackbox Games together the more the merrier!



Helping Hands is becoming well known in the BG community. The Deacons thank you for your continued support. The items being asked for are **laundry detergent, dish soap, reusable cloths, and paper towels, shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, and baby diapers (all sizes), wet wipes, cat/dog food.** The donation bin is located in the office lobby. Donations will be picked up on Wednesday, September 6th. The next distribution day is Friday, September 8th.

Divine Doodle Page

School Supplies



- 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 - 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.