

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 3, 2023

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Emma Shaffer

PRELUDE *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Albert Peace, Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN *You Are Welcome Here* Mark Burrows

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

All: **Blessed is the name of the Lord.**

***HYMN #724** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Angel's Story

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

Friends, I echo the words of 1 John 3: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as he is pure." Let us confess our sins before God and one another that we might be found in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Forgive my sins, O Lord. Forgive the sins of my youth and the sins of my age, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body, my secret and whispering sins, my presumptuous and crying sins, the sins I have done to please myself, and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive the sins which I know, and the sins which I know not. Forgive them, Lord. Forgive them all in your great goodness.

KYRIE *Kyrie Eleison* Plainchant

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: As the psalmist reminds us: "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit." Friends, why are we happy?

All: **Because in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymnal Page 582

*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

Matthew 16:21-28

ANTHEM

Saints Bound for Heaven

Walker's Southern Harmony, Arr. Mack Wilberg

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

SERMON

"How to Carry a Cross"

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks and praise.

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. (X2)

Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Communion Music

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Improvisation

Ted Goldman

***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 #718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN #542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

POSTLUDE

Divertissement

Gordon Young

Thank you to Ted Goldman for sharing his gift of music with us today.

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, Corky Dunsmore, Dale Smith, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Frank McLaughlin, 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!

First Presbyterian Church [http:// firstpresbyterianbg.org](http://firstpresbyterianbg.org)

More Light Presbyterians www.mlp.org



STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Schooley, Pastor [fpcbgjeff@gmail.com]

Heather McEwen Goldman, Music Director [goldman.heather@gmail.com]

Amanda Ark, Family & Youth Ministries Specialist (FYMS) [akark@bgsu.edu]

Tammy L. Schnitker Office Administrator [firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com]

Gale Swanka, Treasurer [gswanka@bgsu.edu]

Fernando Hernandez and Monica Garcia, Sextons

Araya Musselman, Nursery Worker

330/931-9165

646/326-4058

937/844-6787

419/352-5176

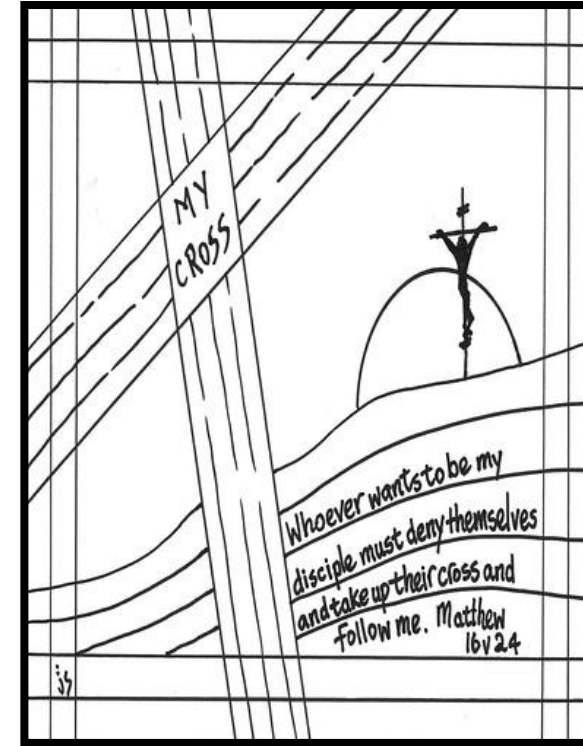
419/575-1478



Venmo

First Presbyterian Church

A More Light Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402



“How to Carry a Cross”

September 3, 2023

Phone: 419-352-5176

Email: firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com

Like us on Facebook

Webpage: www.firstpresbyterianbg.org

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1. Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
4. Take up you cross, then in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave: it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Week of Sept. 3 thru Sept. 10

- | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--|
| 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 |
| TUESDAY | 1:00 p.m. | Book Group in the Green Lounge |
| | 5:30 p.m. | La Conexion ESL classes |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Overeaters Anonymous in the Green Lounge |
| | 7:00 p.m. | W2W at the church |
| | 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. |
| | 12:30 p.m. | MVP Book Group Pastor Jeff's office |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Piano tuning |
| | 3:30 p.m. | Trumpet lessons in the Choir room |
| THURSDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Deacons' Shop is open to the public |
| | 5:30 p.m. | La Conexion ESL classes |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir rehearsal |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Meditation Group in the Green Lounge |
| FRIDAY | 4:00 p.m. | Helping Hands at First Christian Church |
| | 6:00 p.m. | First Friday at Black Swamp (by food vendor area) |
| SATURDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Volaré rehearsal retreat (Sanctuary/FH) |
| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |



First Friday in September will actually be held on the **2nd Friday, Sept. 8th**. Meet Nettie Rose by the food vendor area at the Black Swamp Festival. We will do our best to sit in one area next to each other.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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.



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.



Kindred Spirits to Study Luke and Acts - Join Kindred Spirits September 21 (Thursday) at 4:30 in the Library as we begin our study of Luke and Acts. To obtain a copy of the study book as well as learn more about the study, please visit PW's web site (<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/current-bible-study/>) or call 844-797-2872. Questions? Contact Julie Smith Maekask (419-247-1794).

The **Annual BG Community EVENSONG** will be presented this year on **Sunday, Sept. 24th from 7 pm until sunset** on the **Wooster Green**. Join the BG Churches for a relaxed evening of music, snacks, fellowship and devotions. Please bring finger-foods to share and a lawn chair or ground cover. This is sponsored by the BG Ministerial Association.

The **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** is looking to add more individuals to their committee. Meetings are once a month (approx. 1-1/2 hours), help plan for OUTREACH events, be able to email/Zoom at times, and be willing to help at various OUTREACH events. Please contact O'Leo Loke at 419/806-9952.

CORNHOLE Tournament

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Deadline to register is Saturday, September 9

Starts at 1 p.m

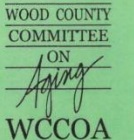
(est. tournament time 6 hours)

Wooster Green, 100 South Church St. Bowling Green

Supporting the "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Project" in partnership with the Wood County Committee on Aging, Bowling Green Kiwanis and Bowling Green State University

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

- \$25 donation for two-member team
- \$15 donation per single registration and we will pair you up
- No rain date, your fee is considered a donation
- Boards will be provided. You may bring your own resin bags
- Double Elimination Process
- Four Divisions: Businesses; Campus Life; Civic Group; Community
- Trophy's provided for 1st place in each division



Register using this QR code: To pay using Venmo:



For registration information email BG Kiwanis at bgohkiwanis@gmail.com or drop off registration and payment to WCCOA, 140 South Grove St., Bowling Green. Make check payable to BG Kiwanis