

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 17, 2023

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

PRELUDE *Andantino* Samuel Wesley

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN *You Are Welcome Here* Mark Burrows

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

All: All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

One: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

All: The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

One: My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

All: Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever. Let us sing praises to God!

***HYMN #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

One: Our God is one of compassion, faithfulness, and understanding. Believing and trusting in that, let us come before our creator and confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Heavenly Parent, we confess that our sinfulness gives us fear and keeps us from pursuing Your will. We live with ideas of safety and failure that do not make room for your call; the call to live lives that show who we are to the world, and to fully love those around us. Forgive our willingness to live in comfort and safety and guide us to a better understanding of what it means to let go and embrace that which you trust us to do.

KYRIE *Kyrie Eleison* Plainchant

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Be at peace. God knows us and knows our hearts because God sent part of God's own self down to earth to better understand who we are as humans and to help us to understand that God loves us despite and because of our human-ness. In Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to the God that Loves us enough to understand us. 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

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

ANTHEM *How Can I Keep from Singing* Arr. John Abdenour

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON *"The Gospel According to Miss Frizzle"* Amanda Ark, FYMS

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 *Adagio from Trumpet Voluntary*

*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 #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Cwm Rhondda

CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN *Go To the World*

POSTLUDE *Ride on the Magic School Bus*

Peter Lurye, Arr. Jonny Music & David Tsai

John James



Venmo

In Our Prayers: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Dale Smith, Marco Mendoza, Alta Coddling, 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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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. "Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not: thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. **Refrain.**

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain.**
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain.**

God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.



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.

Week of Sept. 17 thru Sept. 24

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
11:00 a.m. **Refreshments and Fellowship in FH**
11:30 a.m. **Deacons' meeting**
1:00 p.m. Kiwanis Cornhole Tournament on Wooster Green
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**
TUESDAY **OFFICE IS CLOSED**
October Newsletter Deadline to office email
1:00 p.m. **Book Group in the Green Lounge**
3:00 p.m. **MVP Presbytery in Tecumseh, MI**
5:30 p.m. La Conexion ESL classes
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.**
3:30 p.m. Trumpet lessons in the Choir room
5:30 p.m. **WE MEET midweek dinner & fellowship**
7:00 p.m. **Outlook meeting**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop is open to the public**
4:30 p.m. **Kindred Spirits Circle in the Library**
5:00 p.m. **Worship meeting in Pastor Jeff's office**
5:30 p.m. La Conexion ESL classes
6:00 p.m. **Bell rehearsal in the Bell Room**
7:00 p.m. **Choir rehearsal**
8:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
7:00 p.m. **EVENSONG** on the Wooster Green



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).



Bells begin THIS WEEK! Please join us on Thursdays at 6PM to make some music and have a great time! At our first meeting we will be cleaning bells, setting up the bell room, and doing some warm-ups. See you this Thursday!

Hip, Hip, Hooray! Wednesday night gatherings are back! Come join us on Wednesday evenings starting **September 20th** for a time of community, breaking



bread, and learning something new! Each meeting will begin with a time of food and chatting and then transition into a lesson or activity. We Meet will start at **5:30pm** on Wednesdays. Is 5:30 too early? Don't worry! We are meeting until 7:00 and will gladly save food for until you arrive! This is a casual learning space where you can feel free to come and go as you need. Our first meeting's theme will be led by Jeff talking about humor in the Bible. Come join us! (Contact Amanda if you are in need of a ride!)

Divine Doodle Page

The **Deacons Christmas Ministry is December 9th** at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. Again, this year, the Deacons will give Aldi gift cards to the families/individuals and Walmart gift cards to the children. This church has a rich tradition of helping those who are having a hard time around the Christmas season and this year is no



different. The dollar doesn't stretch as far as it use too with the cost of everything rising higher. The Deacons are asking the congregation to consider donating to help support this event. **If you would like to make a donation, please write a check payable to the First Presbyterian**

Church and note "Deacons' Xmas" on the memo line. Donations can also be made through Venmo and PayPal.



It's clean-up time! Now that Autumn is upon us, the Green Team is planning an outdoor clean-up day on **Saturday, September 30 beginning about 10 am to about noon or 1 pm.** We could use your help! We're planning on working in the courtyard, community garden, north side garden, and labyrinth. Depending on how much help there is, we would like to prune, clean up weeds, plant new dogwoods, plant bulbs, clean up the community garden, work on the compost pile, and . . well, you get the idea. It's an ambitious list, but many

hands will make it easier.

Bring your garden gloves and tools! If you have questions, or to let us know you can help, please talk to Bob Callecod, Susan Dunn, Corky Dunsmore, Maggie Layne or Gale Swanka. Thank you!