

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**October 22, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Alyssa Desotell

**PRELUDE**

*Entrata*  
*Presby Bell Coir*

Margaret R. Tucker

**WELCOME**

**PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT HYMN**

*Come Inside*

Sally Ann Morris

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively) *Psalm 96:1-4, 7-8*

One: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

One: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

**\*HYMN #1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Nicaea

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (One)

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: But now thus says the Lord who created you, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the water, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flames shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison) *Clement of Rome*

**What shall I render to you, my Creator, for all your blessings to me? You will accept only my whole self, all that I have and all that I am. But I cannot shake off the fear which tempts me to hoard my life. So I ask only for your mercy. Fill me with such pure and heavenly love that all my narrow selfishness may be done away, lost in the expanse of your love.**

**KYRIE**

*Here Am I*

Hassler

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

One: The Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah, saying, "Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! (X2)*  
*And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased. (X2)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 99**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Praise His Holy Name*

Keith Hampton

*Sing till the power of the Lord come down.*

*Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;*

*I one was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!*

*Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!*

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?*

*No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!*

*Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!*

*Praise His Name, Praise His Holy Name! Praise Him!*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 45:1-7**

**SERMON**

*Dangerous Discipleship*

**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 *Exuberance* Margaret T. Tucker  
Presby Bell Choir

\*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 #57 *Tremble, O Tremble* Trombley

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Rejoice in the Lord* K. Lee Scott

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Giovanni Battista Martini

Special thanks to Karli Christ who chose the music for the anthem, prepared the choir, and is directing today.

**In Our Prayers:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Rev. Anne Marie Montgomery, Guy Dachik, 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.



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



*Dangerous Discipleship*

**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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***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!***

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou are holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***Tremble, O Tremble***

1. Tremble, O tremble! The God whose throne is near to us is ruler of the world. The Holy One!
2. Tremble, O tremble! The justice done by God for us will shake and mend the world. O Holy One!
3. Tremble, O tremble! When Moses, Aaron, Samuel cried out, God replied. The Holy One!
4. Tremble, O tremble! A tower made of cloud, a voice that spoke a lasting law. The Holy One!
5. Tremble, O tremble! Our God forgives, and yet our sin must be set right at last. O Holy One!



**Wednesday night gatherings are here** 😊 Come join us on Wednesday evenings 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 causal learning space where you can feel free to come and go as you need. (Contact Amanda if you are in need of a ride!)

**Week of Oct. 22 thru Oct. 29**

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
 11:30 a.m. **Presbyterian Women's Fall Luncheon/Program in FH**  
 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in Green Lounge  
 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
- MONDAY**  
**TUESDAY** **OFFICE IS CLOSED**  
 Tammy is on vacation all week  
**9 – Noon Office is open Tues – Thurs. this week**  
 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. **Membership Committee meeting**  
 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**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop is open to the public**  
**Staff meeting**  
 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**  
 11:30 a.m. **LGBT+ History in the Green Lounge**

**IN MEMORIAM**  
 In memory of Dr. Dale Smith, join us for a festival of some of his most beloved classic planetarium shows

OCT. 15 - It's About Time  
 OCT. 21 - The Seabird Show & I Paint the Sky  
 OCT. 22 - Worlds in Your Wallet  
 OCT. 28 - Journey to Earth

# LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH

In partnership with **BGOPRIDE and Outreach** we will be offering a 3-week lesson series in for LGBTQIA+ History Month. Meet in conversation led by Amanda and Different Members of BGOPRIDE's leadership each week to look at LGBT History, Intersectionality, and the lessons we can learn from it all. Lessons will be Sunday after worship in the Green Lounge. Our second lesson will be October 29<sup>th</sup> about LGBT+ history from the Lavender Scare to the Ballrooms of the 80's. **\*Note Date Changes! It will be Oct 29, and Nov 5th.**



**On All Saints Day We Remember.** On Sunday, November 5 we will observe All Saints Day in worship. The centerpiece of this annual worship service is the necrology reading wherein every church member who has left this life and entered life eternal is named and remembered. Of course, for many of us, our friends and family extend around the country and aren't necessarily members.

So, if you have had someone die since last November 1 and would like them to be named during the necrology, please email Pastor Jeff at [fpcbgjeff@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbgjeff@gmail.com). Include the first and last name of the person you want acknowledged during the service. If their name is difficult to say, please also send a pronunciation key too. **All names must be submitted to Pastor Jeff no later than Wednesday, November 1.**



**Help the Choral Scholars** raise money for their tour to Spain with the the BGSU Collegiate Chorale next Spring! They will be hosting a fundraiser on **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. They will host a concert featuring art songs, musical theater and more sung by the Scholars and accompanied by Heather Goldman. The concert will be followed by a bake sale, with all proceeds going to help fund the Scholars' trip. Cash, check and Venmo donations will be accepted the night of the event. (see the November newsletter for more details on donating)



The **Jingle Jumble Christmas** sale will be back again this year **9 am until 3 pm on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you have items you would like to donate to the sale, we will accept donations of decorations/décor starting on **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Items should be taken down to the Fellowship Hall and placed in the designated drop off area. Please do not leave your donations in the office lobby. Funds raised through this event help fund our Choral Scholars. If you would like to volunteer during the set-up or on the day of the sale, please contact Susan Dunn directly at ([sudunn@gmail.com](mailto:sudunn@gmail.com)) or Nancy Hess ([nhess1581@yahoo.com](mailto:nhess1581@yahoo.com)).



The **Deacons' Christmas Ministry is December 9<sup>th</sup>**. We have a long-standing tradition of helping those who are having a hard time around the Christmas season. The need for assistance is no different this year with the cost of everything rising. The dollar just doesn't stretch as far as it used to. The Deacons are asking the congregation to consider donating to help support this event. Participating families and individuals will receive Aldi gift cards for the adults and Walmart gift cards for the children. **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.**

**Join the Deacons for a wonderful event that will fill your heart with the grace of the holiday season.** The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help with the event held at the Wood County Senior Center on Grove St. **A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall describing the various jobs and times when your help is needed, or you can volunteer using the form below and placing it in the donation plate.**

### December 8

Set-Up at W.C. Senior Center (set-up time to be determined in November)

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### December 9

Kitchen Staff - 8:00 – 10:30 (Prepare breakfast with Denise Niese and her assistant)

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Serve Breakfast – 9:30 – 11:30

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Guest Check In - 9:00 – 11:30

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Hosts – 9:00 – 11:30 (Direct people to the breakfast, help carry trays, answer questions)

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Bus Tables – 10:00 – 12:00

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Clean-up – 11:30 – 12:30 (Final wipe down of tables, remove decorations)

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