

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 12, 2023

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Christina Guenther

PRELUDE *Prelude* César Franck

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN *In Paradisum* Gregorian Chant
(see PowerPoint for words)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Blessed are you who are poor,

All: For yours is the kingdom of God.

One: Blessed are you who are hungry now,

All: For you will be filled.

One: Blessed are you who weep now,

All: For you will laugh.

One: Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

All: Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven

***HYMN #326** *For All the Saints* Sine Nomine

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from God both mercy and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Though you, dear Lord, have conquered death and are, already, the first fruits of life eternal, still we seek to hoard our lives as if we could garner even an extra second beyond your will. Forgive us. As you grant us your grace, so we pray for your mercy as well – the mercy of peace in the face of death, the mercy of comfort in the face of dying, the mercy of tears in the face of grief. May your grace and mercy mark all our days until we are united with you and with all the saints of every time and place.

KYRIE *Here Am I* Hassler

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,

All: We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

One: In Christ the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

All: In whom we also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** **Hymnal Page 583**

*“Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR OUTREACH **O’Leo Loki**

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalms 78:1-7**

ANTHEM *The 23rd Psalm* Bobby McFerrin

(dedicated to his mother)

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
she makes me lie down in green meadows,
beside the still waters, She will lead.*

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,

She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me,

She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,

She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me, all the days of my life,

and I will live in Her house, forever, forever and ever.

*Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 25:1-13**

SERMON **“On Dying”**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1*

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over

me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory Verse Domenico Zipoli

*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.*



Venmo

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #819 *Be Still, My Soul* Finlandia

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Send Me* Rachel Aarons

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Anon. Italian

In Our Prayers: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Barbara Georgi (Sandi Carsey's mother), Robert Stout, Rev. Anne Marie Montgomery, 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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For All the Saints

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, before ever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine: yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph son, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord; when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Week of Nov. 12 thru Nov. 19

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
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
		Amanda is on vacation until Nov. 30th
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m.	MVP Presbytery meeting in Findlay
	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	5:30 p.m.	Session meeting in the Gathering Place
	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.	Outreach meeting
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	9:30 a.m.	Staff mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)
	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
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Jingle Jumble Christmas Rummage Sale
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Deacons' meeting in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	BG Ministerial Association Community Thanksgiving Service @ Trinity United Methodist

Families needed to host International Students for Thanksgiving Dinner

Be a part of the FPCBG Outreach Committee's Home Away from Home Thanksgiving Dinner to offer a BG Thanksgiving experience to International students who will be on campus for the holiday.

***We have over 15 students looking for a place to go!**

Please contact O'Leo at olokai@bgsu.edu, or any one from the committee to host students or help out.

Thank you!



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 casual learning space where you can feel free to come and go as you need.



The **Jingle Jumble Christmas** sale will be back again this year **9 am until 3 pm on Saturday, November 18th**. If you have items you would like to donate to the sale, we will accept donations of decorations/décor **through Thursday November 16th**. 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) or Nancy Hess (nhess1581@yahoo.com).

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Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer red poinsettias for sale from Bench's Greenhouse to decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is \$13.00 per plant. Checks should be made payable to **Presbyterian Women with the word "poinsettia" on the memo line**. Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the church office. **The deadline to request and turn in money is Wednesday, December 13**. Due to short supply, orders will be taken until the 18 plants are sold. Those who purchase poinsettia plants may pick up their flowers after the church service on December 24th, or after the service on December 25.

Please fill out your poinsettia order with the following information:

Name _____

Phone # _____

In Memory or Honor of: _____

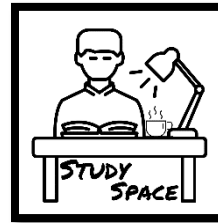
Number of poinsettias plants ordered: _____



Trans Day of Remembrance - Join BGO Pride and the community in a time of remembering those trans lives lost. **Monday, November 20th** here at **First Presbyterian starting at 6pm with a community potluck dinner** in the fellowship hall. If you can bring a dish to share great, if not, please come anyway. There will then be a **service & candlelight vigil at**

7:15pm in the park next door with the reading of names. In case of rain/cold the location will be moved to inside the church building.

Help needed on Nov. 26 - In order to be ready for the "hanging of the greens", we need help moving the boxes of decorations and greens down from the 3rd floor storage area to the Sanctuary on November 26 after church. It will go quickly with lots of help!



FPCBG is hosting a **Late Night Study Café** starting **November 30 – December 6 from 5pm to 12am** here in the Green Lounge and Library.

This space is a free, off campus, study space to prep for finals that is open when the cafes close. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. *Please note the church will lock the doors at 11pm if there is no-one studying at that time. Email FYMS Amanda Ark at akark@bgsu.edu with questions. Donations of snacks would also be welcomed.

Hanging of the Greens - Thanksgiving is approaching fast and Advent is just around the corner! It's time to plan for the "hanging of the greens". **Join us in decorating the church sanctuary on November 29th following the We Meet dinner (a home cooked meal, yum!). The meal will be served at 5:30 and we plan to begin decorating by 6:00.** We have wreaths and garlands to hang, as well as three trees to decorate. There are plenty of jobs for all skill levels and abilities, so come join the fun, whether you join us for dinner or not!



Join the community on Sunday evening, November 19th at 7pm at **Trinity United Methodist Church**, 200 N. Summit St., BG sponsored by the BG Ministerial Association. Pastor Jeff will be delivering the homily. An offering will be taken during the service with all proceeds going to the BG Christian Food Pantry.