

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 5, 2023

All Saints Sunday

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Amanda Ark

PRELUDE *Prelude in E Minor Op. 28 No.4* Frederic Chopin

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN *In Paradisum* Gregorian Chant

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Hebrews 12:1*

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

All: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

One: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

All: In the name of Jesus, our one Lord and Savior, let us worship God.

*HYMN #732 *Rejoice in God's Saints* Old 104th

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**

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“Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

ANTHEM

Never Weather Beaten Sail

Thomas Campion

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1-3

SERMON

“On Death”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTION #1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

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.

NECROLOGY (see insert)

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 thanks to the Lord our God.

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

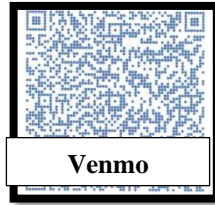
Communion Music

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Adagio* John Stanley

*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 #836 *Abide with Me* Eventide

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Send Me* Rachel Aarons

POSTLUDE *Abide With Me* Setting, Robert A. Hobby

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given in celebration and grace of Scotty Huntington's 80th birthday. We love you Mom, AG and John.

In Our Prayers: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, 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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"On Death"

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Rejoice in God's Saints

1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise. Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
2. Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray; some carry the gospel through fire and through flood: our world is their parish; their purpose is God.
3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own; they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares: what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!
4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise. In loving, in living, they prove it is true: their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Abide with Me

1. Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away; change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



Water to Wine will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. On **November 7th** we will meet at the church in the Courtyard Lounge, bring a snack to share if desired and a mind open and ready to turn simple questions into deep conversations.

Week of Nov. 5 thru Nov. 12

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:00 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship in FH
	11:30 a.m.	LGBT+ History in the Green Lounge
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
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.	Water to Wine (W2W) in the Courtyard 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.	Trustees meeting
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	9:30 a.m.	Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)
	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee in Staff Conference Room
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	6:00 p.m.	Bell rehearsal in the Bell Room
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout meeting in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
FRIDAY		Youth Retreat all weekend at Kirkmont
	4:00 p.m.	Helping Hands at First Christian Church on Haskins Rd.
	6:00 p.m.	Spain Fundraiser for BGSU Choral Students in FH
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m.	Dog Park Group meets in Green Lounge
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion

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.

(Contact Amanda if you need a ride!)





The **Deacons' Christmas Ministry is December 9th**

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)

December 9

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

Serve Breakfast – 9:30 – 11:30

Guest Check In - 9:00 – 11:30

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

Bus Tables – 10:00 – 12:00

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



In partnership with **BGOPRIDE and Outreach** we will be offering a 3-week lesson series 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 final lesson is today.



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 10th 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 November newsletter for more details on giving)



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 starting on **now 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).

Join the Perrysburg Chorale at Perrysburg First Church today at 3 pm for their first concert series of their 31st season! The series, entitled "*Of Rivers and Seas*", will not be one to miss! It will also be the debut of their new conductor, Luke Rosen, and two of our choir members, Shirley Brannan and Nettie Rose sing in the choir. Admission is free, but they kindly accept free-will donations.



Helping Hands supports the BG community with food and hygiene items every second Friday of the month. Thank you for your donations of **laundry detergent, dish soap, reusable cloths, and paper towels, shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, and baby diapers (all sizes), wet wipes, and cat and dog food.** Your donations will be picked up from the bin located in the church lobby on Wednesday, November 8th for the next distribution date of Friday, November 10th.

NECROLOGY ~ 2023

Ashley Adler, niece to Tamera Samson

Earl Boestche, cousin to Joan Callecod

Joyce Callecod, sister-in-law to Bob and Joan Callecod

Seldom Carsey, submitted by Sandi Carsey

Donna Corbin, aunt to Jeannie Warner

Bill Crone, member of First Presbyterian, BG

Lorraine (Domergue) Cross, Marcy St. John's sister

Sally June Doren, classmate and friend of Scotty Huntington

Norm Heineman, friend to the Callecod's

Thomas Lee Higgins, grandfather to Chloe and Calla Higgins

Caryl McCormick, sister of Drew Hanna & member of First Presbyterian, BG

Steve McEwen, husband of Joan, uncle of Heather Goldman, & member of First
Presbyterian, BG

Robert Nutter, father to Cathy Horger

Maddox Pearl, family friend to Mary Jane Saunders

Xiomara Rose, great-grandchild to Paul Haas

Dane Sergent, paternal cousin to Dana Nemeth

Dale Smith, member of First Presbyterian, BG

Ann Titus, member of First Presbyterian, BG

Todd Weaver, family friend to Scotty Huntington

Eddie West, family friend to Scotty Huntington

Jong Yoon, past member of the church



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: _____

Families needed to host International Students for Thanksgiving Dinner

Be a part of the FPCBG Outreach Committee's Home Away from Home Thanks giving 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!