

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

January 28, 2024

10:00 a.m.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Dar Bevelhymer

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Carter

WELCOME  
PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Alleluia* K. Lee Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Psalm 111:1-4

One: Praise the Lord!

All: **I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in this congregation.**

One: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

All: **Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.**

One: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

All: **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**

\*HYMN #386 *Come, Worship God* O Quanta Qualia

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

The prophet Jeremiah assures us that our confessions of sin are not in vain when he writes these words from the Lord: "For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart." Friends, in faith and trust, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy, I offer to you all the sins I have committed from the moment I could first offend you. Consume them, one and all, in the fire of your love, and burn away their stains. I also offer to you all that is good within me, though it is small and imperfect, that the good may become more perfect, and that I may be of use to your coming kingdom.

CHORAL KYRIE RESPONSE *Holy Lamb of God*

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Amen. Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, You are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #134 *Joy to the World (vs 1)* Antioch

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven a nature sing.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 21:22-30

ANTHEM *Jesus, We Want to Meet, setting of a Nigerian Folksong* Frank Boles

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:21-26

SERMON *"But I Say To You. . ."*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Moderato* Ch. H. Rinck

\*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 #720 *Jesus Calls Us* Galilee

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter Lutkin

\*POSTLUDE *Canzonetta* Dietrich Buxtedhude



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**IN OUR PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the family of Rev. Jim Callecod (Bob Callecod's brother), Frank McLaughlin, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mary Clarke, Dean Clarke (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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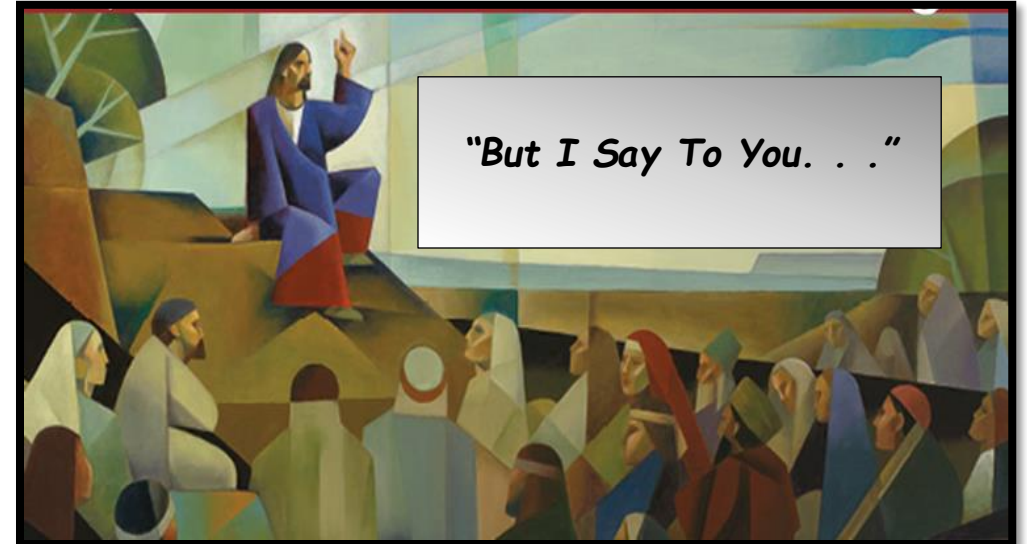
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**First Friday for February will be held on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Old Town Buffett**, 1216 N Main St #101, Bowling Green. **We will meet there at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Linda Evans no later than Wednesday, January 31.** Call, text (419-276-0763) or email [jmlaevans5@gmail.com](mailto:jmlaevans5@gmail.com) to let her know you plan on attending.

**We are delighted to announce that Stephen Deeter**, who has served as a choral scholar at our church for the past 1.5 years, has been appointed as the Assistant Music Director. This significant promotion recognizes his invaluable contributions, including leading rehearsals, conducting the choir, and assisting with music selection. In his expanded role, Stephen will also be directing the bell choir and playing piano and organ more frequently during our services. This advancement not only enriches our worship experience but also prepares Stephen for his future aspirations as a church music director, showcasing our commitment to nurturing the next generation of church leaders.

# First Presbyterian Church

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### ***Come, Worship God***

1. Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor; enter God's presence with thanks and a song! You are the rock of your people's salvation to whom our jubilant praises belong.
2. Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains; held in your hands are the depths of the earth. Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them, God above all gods, who gave us our birth.
3. We are your people, the sheep of your pasture; you are our Maker, and to you we pray. Gladly we kneel in obedience before you; great is the one whom we worship this day!
4. Now let us listen, for you speak among us; open our hearts to receive what you say. Peace be to all who remember your goodness, trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

### ***Jesus Calls Us***

1. Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."
2. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
3. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
4. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.



**Join us for an unforgettable "Evening at the Fair" at our Choral Scholars Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, March 9th, starting at 6 PM.** This enchanting evening will be graced by the culinary magic of the illustrious Chef Mike Evans, who promises to elevate fair food to new, high-brow heights. Prepare to be swept away by a captivating musical journey with songs from beloved classics like "Carousel," "State Fair," and the ever-popular "The Greatest Showman." This is a

can't-miss event that combines delectable dining with enchanting melodies, all in support of our cherished Choral Scholars. Reserve your spot now for an evening of exquisite tastes and tunes!

## **Week of Jan. 28 thru Feb. 4**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshments and Fellowship in FH</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group in the Green Lounge</b>
	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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>We Meet meal and Fellowship</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office</b>
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday at The Old Town Buffett</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service w/Communion</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Annual Mtg. of the Congregation in the sanctuary</b>

**WE Meet!** Come and join us at 5:30 pm for dinner followed by the lesson at 6:15 pm until 7 pm.

**Annual Meeting** – The Annual meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of First Presbyterian has been set for **Sunday, February 4, 2023** immediately following the worship service.



**Helping Hands** supports the BG community with food and hygiene items every second Friday of the month. Our church supports the program with donations of hygiene and cleaning items. We are in need of **tissues, toothbrushes, reusable cloths, 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, February 7<sup>th</sup> for the next distribution date of Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.**