

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

May 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

**LITURGIST: Libby Dachik**

**PRELUDE**

*Holy Holy Holy  
Oh, Happy Morning*  
FPC Bell Choir

Cathy Moglebust

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**INTROIT**

*You Are Welcome Here*

Mark Burrows

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

*based on Psalm 27; John 4:23*

One: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

One: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

**All: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.**

**\*HYMN #450**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (liturgist)

*Hebrews 4:12-13*

Hebrews narrates our situation well:

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Friends, let us tell the story of our sin that we might better hear the story of God's grace and love. Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon timid disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we are afraid of this power, and try to hold back the work of the Spirit among us. Forgive us for trying to manage your miracles. Enflame our hearts with a passion for the mission of Christ in the world.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsive)

*1 Peter 2:9-10*

One: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

**All: Once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.**

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

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

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Hymnal Page 582**

*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**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**2 Kings 23:1-3**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**2 Corinthians 3:1-11**

**SERMON**

*"On Narrative"*

**ANTHEM**

*I Will Be a Child of Peace*

Elaine Hagenberg

**MOMENT for WITNESS & RECOGNITION**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We left them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**Prayers**

**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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Communion**

**OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

Offertory

*Our Dwelling Place*

FPC 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 #209

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*With Singing and Praying*

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Mitchell Eithun



Venmo

Love Unknown

William Boyce

Henry Heron

**PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the residents at JDC & JRC, Chris Williams, Lyn Long, Ron Stout, Wendy Shields & her mother, Doris, Ashton's father, Amanda Pirooz (friend of Ellyn Stout), Dave Hyslop & Sharon, Miranda Douglas, Anna Beeker's parents, Evelyn (a good friend of Anne Moser), Stacey Beun (Conner Geyman's boss), Mahmoud & family, 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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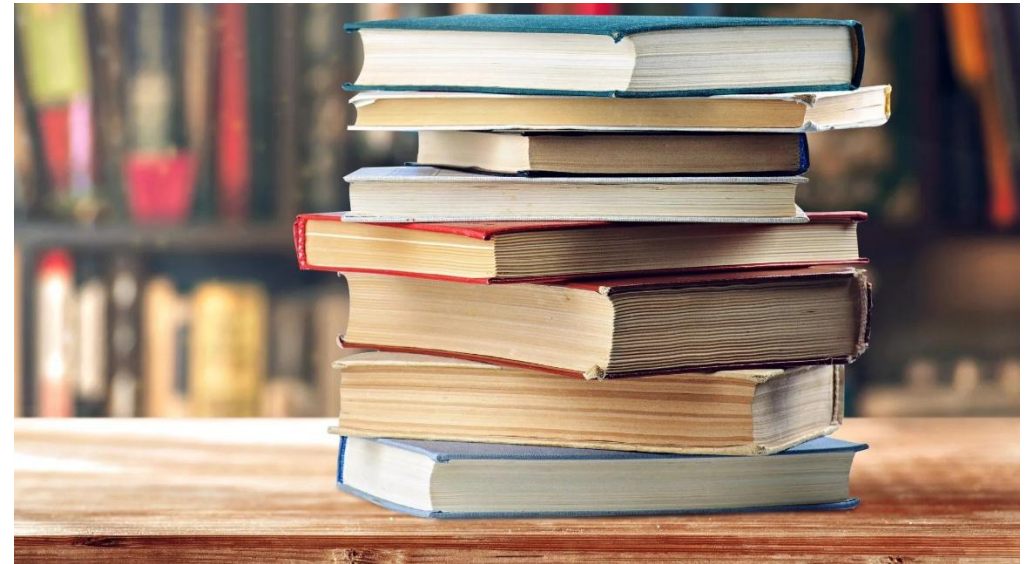
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### ***Be Thou My Vision***

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### ***My Song Is Love Unknown***

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be, O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
2. He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know. But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
3. Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to our King. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
4. Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay. Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
5. Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

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## **Week of May 3 thru May 10**

- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
11:15 a.m. **Fellowship & refreshments (FH)**  
1:30 p.m. Guitar Lessons (GL)  
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (GL)  
7:00 p.m. Meditation/Recovery Group (GL)
- MONDAY** **Church office is Closed on Monday**
- TUESDAY** 1:00 p.m. **Book Group (GL)**  
5:30 p.m. La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)  
8:00 p.m. A.A. (GL)
- WEDNESDAY** 9:00 a.m. **Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop**  
5:30 p.m. **WeMeet**
- THURSDAY** 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop open to public**  
5:30 p.m. La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
- FRIDAY** 4:30 p.m. **Helping Hands at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church**
- SUNDAY** 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**



**Graduation Sunday will be Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>** where we will honor our Graduates. If you have a graduate in your life you would like us to honor in the graduation insert, please send their name, what degree and where from, and future plans to Amanda ([akark@bgsu.edu](mailto:akark@bgsu.edu)) by May 15<sup>th</sup> .



## **DESSERT AUCTION** *May 31<sup>st</sup> After Worship*

Join us on May 31st for a fun and meaningful Dessert Auction to support an exciting upgrade to our church nursery!

We're raising funds to give this important space a much-needed refresh so our children can enjoy a safe, clean, and welcoming place to play and grow. You can get involved by bringing your favorite homemade dessert to donate or simply by bringing your sweet tooth and bidding on the delicious treats available. Every bite and every bid helps make a difference—come be part of creating a joyful space for our kids!



Let Amanda know if you plan on bringing something to bid on.



# Paws and Pearls

“Barkeasy” Gala for the BG Dog Park on Ridge



Saturday, May 9 | 7 - 10 PM - The Lincoln House Inn  
325 N. Main Street, BG, OH 43402

\$60 Per Person - Includes specialty cocktails  
and hors d'oeuvres

- o Limited capacity adult event
- o Wear your favorite cocktail attire
- o Silent auction
- o Wine pull

For More Information: [info@bgdogparks.org](mailto:info@bgdogparks.org)



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## Pentecost Sunday



Sunday May 24th is Pentecost! Wear as much red as you can and be prepared for a church Birthday Party! Come celebrate the birth of the church together!



### MOMENT for WITNESS & RECOGNITION of KEN “SKIP” OMAN

*Memories live forever in our hearts . . . .*

*“I will always miss Skip’s smile and the big bear hug he gave me every week in church when we passed the peace. It was fun to chat or wave to him when on the golf course too.”* Scotty Huntington

*“As far as we can remember, he was never Ken or Kennard or Jr., he was Skip, my mother’s younger brother. If you ever spoke to him for more than 30 seconds and had not laughed out loud, something was wrong. He was light-hearted sharp-witted and said things to you that your parents were way too ‘adult’ to expose you to. Most of the memories are from our childhood. Fried chicken family dinners at Grama Oman’s were a regular occurrence and if he got the chance, Skip would introduce one or more of your fingers to the butter as he ‘accidentally’ passed it to you with a little too much enthusiasm. Ahh, and then there was the ‘dutch rub’, bare knuckles on my scalp, not overly gentle. And threats about ‘pounding sand’; Uncle Skip had his own version; Every antic was followed by his whole-hearted, unapologetic laugh. I know you’d recognize that! My sisters and I have the memories; we’re gonna miss you Uncle Skip.”* David, Becky & Susan (Skip’s sister’s children)

*“Skip and my Dad, Bill Titus would often drive out to my home in Tontogany to play pool together in our basement. I believe they were both in their 90s at the time and I often overheard their playful banter. After a few hours they would reappear to our kitchen counter to drink a beer, discuss their game, and of course, solve the latest global issue of the day. Oh how I miss those sweet gentleman! Skip always had a beautiful countenance about him. I look forward to seeing him and my Dad again.”* Sue Titus Fellers, (Bill Titus’ daughter)

*“Oh how I miss my “bald-headed” friend as I kindly referred to him as we talked and he always referred to me as his “red-headed little girlfriend”. It was like our private little joke back and forth. I met Skip when he took over counting the offering from Sunday in the office on Mondays from Leigh Kendrick. We always bantered back and forth and I learned a lot about him, his friends at the church and his love for golf and pool and a very cute story about how when he and Anne Titus were in grade school he sat behind her and would flick her braided hair! He was a jokester and genuine gentle and caring man. I will miss him but have great memories.”* Tammy Schnitker