

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Seamus Coon

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision*

Hal Hopson

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: As the Lord rejoices over us with singing,

All: **So we rejoice in the Lord by singing back.**

One: The songs of the faithful are powerful,

All: **The songs of God's people throw wide every prison door.**

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

All: **Come, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

*HYMN #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

In the beginning the Lord sung creation into existence, but in our sin we've lost the melody and fail to move in rhythm with God. We yearn to trade in our horrendous harmonies for holy ones. Come, let us confess to the Lord that the Lord might sing His forgiveness over our lives again.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord Jesus, we pray 'thy will be done' but then live lives discordant with your will. Forgive us. Too often we're content to hum a little tune to ourselves rather than join the chorus of the angels and archangels and all the faithful from every time and place. Forgive us. You have called us to be your sweet, sweet song in Bowling Green, but too often our actions are just a cacophony of noise. Forgive us. For every time we've sung out of tune with you, Lord we pray, forgive us.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Through the forgiveness of God in Christ Jesus your lives have been tuned to the life of God. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Lord, hear our gratitude in our songs of praise.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **Hymnal #339**

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-6

SERMON *"God Speaks; God Listens"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) *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 and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory Kum ba Yah Arr. John A Behnke

*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 #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Converse

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*POSTLUDE **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** C. Converse/L. Shackley

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Doretta Schmidt, Samantha Hammersmith (Kyle Hammersmith's wife), Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Beth Apple (sister of Rosemary), Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), Mahmoud & family, Linda Young (friend of Tammy Schnitker), the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.



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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.
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The event is set for December 14! A delicious pancake breakfast will be served, and individuals and families will receive Aldi gift cards for their grocery needs. Children will receive Walmart gift cards, so they may select a Christmas gift of their choice. The Deacons are asking you to consider donating to help with the cost of the gift cards and breakfast supplies.

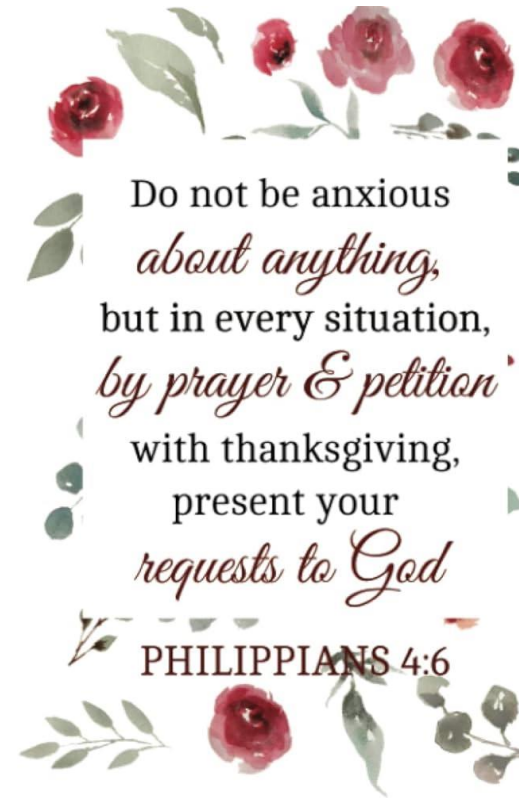
Early donations are encouraged as it helps the Deacons set the budget for the event. If you would like to donate, please write a check payable to the First Presbyterian Church and on the memo, line write "Deacons' Xmas." A donation can also be made through Venmo and PayPal.



First Friday for September will be in conjunction with Black Swamp Arts Festival. We will attempt to gather at **6 pm on September 6th** at one of the long tables at the back of the concert area near the beer stands and eat at any of the food trucks. No need to RSVP.

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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 heaven-ward, 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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

Come Experience Kirkmont! - Many of you have reached out to say you want to experience what the campers do at Kirkmont. Well now you can get just a taste of it! **We will have a Retreat at Kirkmont October 11-13th! This retreat will be a full weekend (Friday - Sunday) BUT with options to stay for only one night or just for the day on Saturday!** We will have time to commune around the camp fire together, sing songs, do camp activities AND relax and enjoy the peace of this thin space. *(Read article in the September Newsletter & see insert)*



Week of August 25 thru September 1

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments in FH
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group in the Green Lounge
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY		Tammy's on vacation all week
	6:30 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous (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.
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in FH
FRIDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion

Tammy will be on vacation this next week. Amanda Ark will be in the church office during limited hours. Please contact Amanda by text **937/844-6787** if you have any questions or concerns.

The **Green Team's annual E-cycling event will be Saturday, September 28 from 9 am to noon.** We are working with AIM E-cycling to collect electronics you no longer use, like computers, cell phones, small appliances, cables, and more. Start putting those items aside and bring them to us on September 28! *(Read article in the September Newsletter)*



The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help run the church's booth for the **BGSU Campus Fest which is taking place on Weds. Sept. 4th.** The hours it runs will be 11am-4pm. Please see Amanda Ark or contact her at akark@bgsu.edu or (937) 844-6787.

We also need donations of \$10 Gas cards and snacks to hand out at the event. Or you can make a donation for the event and Amanda will buy things on your behalf. Make note of "campus fest" on your donation. **All donations are due by Sept. 1st.**