

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Christopher Williams

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude, Nun Bitten Wir* Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT *In My Life*

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 #834** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Precious Lord

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.

KYRIE *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

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

John 14:1-3

ANTHEM

God That Madest Earth and Heaven

Robert W. Lehman

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 4:1-8

SERMON

"In the End"

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: 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.

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Communion Music

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound*

Arr. Robert A. Hobby

*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 #326

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

You Shall Go Out with Joy

*POSTLUDE

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable



Venmo

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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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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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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, be forever 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 song, 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!

Regular Office Hours are back



Mon: closed
Tues: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (lunch 12:30-1:30)
Weds: 9 a.m. – 3:30 pm (lunch 12:30-1:30)
Thurs: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (lunch 12:30-1:30)
Fri: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Week of Sept. 1 thru Sept. 8

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service w/Communion**
 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
TUESDAY 1:00 p.m. **Book Group in the Green Lounge**
 5:30 p.m. La Conexion ESL classes
 6:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous (Green Lounge)
 7:00 p.m. **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**
 11:00 a.m. **CAMPUS FEST at BGSU**
 12:00 p.m. **BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.**

THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. **Deacons' Shop is open to the public**
Staff mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office
 5:30 p.m. La Conexion ESL classes
 7:00 p.m. **Choir rehearsal in choir room**
 7:00 p.m. Meditation Group in FH

FRIDAY 11:00 a.m. **D. Sergent Memorial Service w/meal**
 6:00 p.m. **First Friday @ Black Swamp Festival**

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**



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.

Kindred Spirits Resumes. Kindreds Spirits Circle starts in September. We plan to try the latest PW Bible study, *“Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation”* This is different from past studies in that it focuses on scripture's view of land, water, air, food and climate change justice rather than a specific book of the Bible. To order the study book call 1-800-533-4371 or go online at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/current-bible-study/> . Cost is \$10 for the book. **Questions? Call or text Julie Smith Maekask at 419-247-1794.**





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**.

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)*



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.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

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)*

You can e-cycle most electronics, including:

- **Computers and laptops (AIM will destroy the information)**
- **Computer parts, including mice, keyboards and hard drives**
- **Printers**
- **Cables**
- **Speakers**
- **Flat screen televisions**
- **Cameras**
- **Cell phones**
- **Office equipment**
- **Electronic games**
- **VCR or DVD players**
- **Audio visual/video production equipment**
- **Lamps**
- **Small appliances**

What cannot be recycled?

- **Large tube TV's or computer monitors**
- **Large appliances**
- **Light bulbs**



Tip of the Month

Take advantage of the e-cycle event! The rummage sale was part one of helping you do some house cleaning, and e-cycling is part two. Put any of the items listed aside, and bring them to us on Sept. 28. Thank you!