

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 29, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Anne Moser

PRELUDE *Andante and Allegretto for Trumpet and Piano* Gullaume Balay
Jane Anderson, trumpet

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT *You Are Welcome Here* Mark Burrows
(words are on the screen)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 19:1, 7-9*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

***HYMN #345** *"In an Age of Twisted Values"* Church United

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have called us to live as loving neighbors, but we have thought of ourselves instead. Instead of sharing our resources, we keep them for ourselves. Instead of supporting our neighbors around the world, our hearts have stayed home. please forgive us. Although we are scattered in different places, speak different words, and descend from different races we are all your children, give us a common passion so that we may be one people, who actively serve under your guiding purpose.

KYRIE *Have Mercy Upon Me, O God*

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (unison)

One: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymnal #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

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 7:1-10

ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-41

SERMON

"Living in a Pluralist World"

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 *Prelude*

J.C. 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



Venmo

*HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #80 *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

*POSTLUDE

Andante and Allegretto for Trumpet and Piano Guillaume Balay

Today's Anthem was chosen and prepared by Kourtney Syrus, Assistant Music Director & Choral Scholar.

We thank Jane Anderson for playing the trumpet in today's service.

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Phyllis Hartwell, Calla Higgins, Linda Evans' father, Samantha Hammersmith (Kyle Hammersmith's wife), Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Beth Apple (Rosemary's sister), Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), 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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NEW FPC DIRECTORY

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our new directory has been printed and bound. It is available now at the church. **To help offset the printing costs, we're hoping for \$10 gifts for each printed version of the directory given out. Digital PDF versions will also be available at no cost.** Email Tammy Schnitker at firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com for a digital copy. Three cheers to the Membership Committee for giving us the tools necessary to grow our connections together!

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In an Age of Twisted Values

1. In an age of twisted values we have lost the truth we need. In sophisticated language we have justified our greed. By our struggle for possessions we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and heal our nation; your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.
2. We have built discrimination on our prejudice and fear. Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty if we hold resentments dear. For communities divided by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and heal our nation; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
3. When our families are broken, when our homes are full of strife, when our children are bewildered, when they lose their way in life, when we fail to give the aged all the care we know they need, hear our cry and heal our nation; help us show more love, we plead.
4. We who hear your word so often choose so rarely to obey. Turn us from our willful wandering; give us truth to light our way. In the power of your Spirit come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and heal our nation till our nation honors you.

The Church of Christ in Every Age

1. The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

Week of Sept. 29 thru Oct. 6

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship & Refreshments in FH
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
		FPC Youth Group at the church
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group (Green Lounge)
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	6:30 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous (Green Lounge)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	5:30 p.m.	We Meet meal & fellowship time (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Travis Chapin speaking on Climate Change (FH)
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
	6:00 p.m.	First Presby Bell rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal in choir room
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	First Friday at BGSU Volleyball Game (Stroh Center)
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion & Peace offering received
	11:00 a.m.	Brief Congregational Meeting
	11:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Women Fall Luncheon (FH)

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting for immediately following worship on **Sunday, October 6. This 5–7-minute meeting is meant to elect Chet Marcin as a Trustee and Lisa Lawson as an At-Large member of the Nominating Committee.** We will be quick so that the PW Luncheon can happen as planned.



First Friday for October will be Friday, the 4th at 6 pm, and we will attend a BGSU volleyball game at the Stroh Center. Tickets are \$7 each and we have purchased 15 tickets with the option to get more as needed. We will hand out the tickets and collect money the evening of the game but we need a list of people who are interested. **Please let Bri Schooley know if you would like a**

ticket. 330-592-3394 or Brianne.schooley@gmail.com. The Stroh Center is a cashless venue.



We are excited to announce the PW Fall Luncheon will be Sunday, October 6, in Fellowship Hall following the morning service.

A short business meeting and speaker will follow lunch. Our speaker will be our own Dick Martin, local BG historian and member of the BG Historic Preservation Commission. In July,

historical signage designed and researched by the Commission was placed in 16 locations around BG. Dick will share with us his knowledge and experience from this project as well as his love for the history of Bowling Green. **Please RSVP to Nancy Hess at 419-806-4788 or nhess1581@yahoo.com by October 2.** All women from our church community, whether members or frequent visitors, are welcome at PW events. An inclusive definition of women is embraced by Presbyterian Women.



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.



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Following to Lead | Leading to Serve



Climate Change - Climate change is believed to be one of the greatest challenges facing our future. How much do we know about it? How are carbon and carbon dioxide contributing to climate change? And most importantly, what can we do to help?

The **Green Team** has invited **Travis Chapin, part of the Citizens' Climate Lobby**, to share information with us. **Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 2 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** Invite friends and join us for this information presentation. Refreshments will be provided.

Helping Hands - an ecumenical project supporting the BG community with food and hygiene items every second Friday of the month. Our church supports the program with donations of hygiene, cleaning items, and pet food.



For October, we are in need of **laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, reusable cloths and sponges, paper towels, toilet paper, baby diapers (sizes 2-6), wet wipes, tissues, shampoo and cream rinse, body wash, toothbrushes and cat/dog food.** Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be picked up from the bin located in the church lobby on **Wednesday, October 9th for the next distribution date of Friday, October 11th.**

CALL TO ACTION INVITATION

Join us for a community dialogue on the future of BG housing

OCT
12
2024

AT
9:30
AM

Bowling Green Community Center,
1245 West Newton Road
Bowling Green, OH 43402

RSVP:



BG Save Our Neighborhoods Group
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