

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Kat Nic

PRELUDE *In the Garden* Craig Curry

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE**

INTROIT *Come Inside* Sally Ann Morris
(words are on the screen)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

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 #183** *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* Austin

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, you have never stopped moving in the world and calling your church to follow your lead. Forgive us, O God, when we think of ourselves as reformed only in the past tense. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to follow the winds of your spirit leading us to change. Forgive us, O God, when we are stuck in our ways, hesitant to listen to your message coming to us through the voice of a neighbor, a stranger, or a new generation. Forgive us, O God, and grant us assurance that you have never stopped reforming your church. For you are the one who makes all things new and forms life even from ashes.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Come Bring Your Burdens to God* Hymn #851

DECLARATION OF PARDON (liturgist)

One: Amen. Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

***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

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

ANTHEM *All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye the Lord!* René Clausen

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 11:25-30

SERMON *"Shaming Shame"*

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

*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 #177** *I Will Come to You* You Are Mine

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"You Shall Go Out With Joy"* Trees of the Field

***POSTLUDE** *Prelude in G minor* J.S. Bach



Venmo

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Pat Cochrane, Linda Evans' father, Hallie Hammersmith (Kyle & Sam Hammersmith daughter), Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, David Saunders (Pastor Gary's brother), David & Minday Shaner, Scott Muellich (relatives of Scotty Huntington), 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.)



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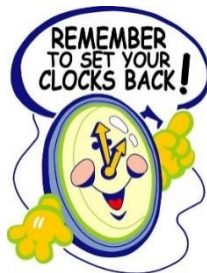
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Remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday evening before going to bed. Daylight Savings ends on Nov. 3rd.

First Presbyterian Church

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126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402



"Shaming Shame"

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Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

1. “Come to me, O weary traveler; come to me with your distress; come to me, you heavy burdened; come to me and find your rest.”
2. “Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, by burden’s light; Do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright.”
3. “Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility.”
4. “Rest in me, O weary traveler; rest in me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care.”

I Will Come to You

1. “I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.”
 2. “I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.” **Refrain.**
- Refrain:** ***Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.***
3. “I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.” **Refrain.**
 4. “I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live!” **Refrain.**

The event is set for December 14! A delicious pancake breakfast will be served. Families and individuals will receive a \$100 Aldi gift card for their grocery needs. Children will receive a \$30 Walmart gift card, 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. 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.



Week of Oct. 27 thru Nov. 3

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| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 11:30 a.m. | LGBTQ+ History presentation (Green Lounge) |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Girl Scouts (Green Lounge) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge) |
| MONDAY | | OFFICE IS CLOSED |
| | 12:00 p.m. | BULLETIN DEADLINE |
| TUESDAY | 1:00 p.m. | Book Group (Green Lounge) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | La Conexion ESL classes |
| | 8:00 p.m. | A.A. (FH) |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Sorting Clothes in the Deacons’ Shop |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff’s office (office closed today until 12:30 p.m.) |
| | 5:30 p.m. | We Meet meal & fellowship time (FH) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Not Music, but Music to Your Ears (FH) |
| THURSDAY | | Tammy on vacation |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Deacons’ Shop is open to the public |
| | 5:30 p.m. | La Conexion ESL classes |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Amanda is handing out candy (Green Space) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Meditation Group (FH) |
| FRIDAY | | Tammy on vacation |
| | 6:00 p.m. | First Friday at Luckey Junction in Luckey, OH |
| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service w/communion |



October 30 - BG SONG: Not Music, but Music to Your Ears: On Saturday, October 12, Bowling Green Save Our Neighborhoods Group (BG SONG, for short) hosted more

than 5 dozen engaged citizens for a conversation about housing insecurity, transportation challenges, and sustainability responsibilities. Amongst those numbers were 4 members of FPC-BG. This week, we'll receive a recap of the conversation, some personal reflections from some of the participants, and next steps in this long-term goal of improving BG for every resident. If people sleeping in their cars in Meijer's parking lot has ever concerned you; if you think revitalizing older homes in the community is just as important as building new homes; if you want more transportation options for seniors and those who cannot afford the buy and maintain a car, then this conversation is for you. Or, of course, if you've never thought of any of these things seriously, come hear a seriously good conversation on this topic. It may just be music to your ears.

LGBTQ+ History

The Outreach and Christian Nurture committees invite you to attend special educational presentations after worship each Sunday in October starting October 13th to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month through the history of their acceptance in our congregation and the work being done in our community.

All sessions are after worship (11:30ish) in the Green Lounge!

Sunday October 13th

BGFPC's Movement to become a MORE Light congregation with Marcy St. John

Sunday October 20th

MORE Light's history and actions with a MORE Light leader via ZOOM

Sunday October 27th

BGO PRIDE's history and work in the community as well as what BGO would love to see from BGFPC presented by the BGO Pride Board of Directors

Learn the history and then get involved!



BG Trick or Treat is October 31st! If you want to hand out candy but don't have a house to do so in join us in our green space to give treats to Trick or Treaters on that day! See Amanda for more details.

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to register for the Re-Kindle retreat at Kirkmont Center from: Nov. 8th - Nov. 10th 2024 Join us for a time of renewal and learning! See Amanda for more details or to sign up.



Our next First Friday is on Nov. 1st and will be held at **Luckey Junction, 242 Main St in Luckey at 6 pm.** Anybody is invited join us but reservations are due Wednesday, the 30th. Contact Nettie at 419-262-7889 or nettierose@aol.com.



On All Saints Day We Remember. On Sunday, November 3rd, we will observe All Saints Day in worship. The centerpiece of this annual worship service is the necrology reading wherein every church member who has left this life and entered life eternal is named and remembered. Of course, for many of us, our friends and family extend around the country and aren't necessarily members.

So, if you have had someone die since last November 1 and would like them to be named during the necrology, please email Pastor Jeff at fpcbjeff@gmail.com. Include the first and last name of the person you want acknowledged during the service. If their name is difficult to say, please also send a pronunciation key too. **All names must be submitted to Pastor Jeff no later than Tuesday, October 29.**

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.** Linda Evans will be handing out church directories after worship on Sunday. Email Tammy Schnitker at firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com for a digital copy



Jingle Jumble Christmas Sale - The Jingle Jumble sale of gently used Christmas decorations and decor will return again this year on **Saturday, November 23 in Fellowship Hall.** Items donated for sale can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall starting November 10. All proceeds from the sale support the Choral Scholars program

BG Save Our Neighborhoods Group (BG SONG) is cooperating with the BGSU business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi to connect their members to homeowners who need help with raking leaves. Volunteers will come equipped with rakes and tarps to rake leaves and get them to the curbside on Sunday, November 3, 12 pm to 2 pm and Monday, November 4, 5 pm to 7 pm.

Any First Presbyterian church member who would like help with their leaves should call **BG SONG president Rose Drain at 419-450-2233** or send an email to bowlinggreensong@gmail.com with LEAVES on the subject line by Monday October 28.

