

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

November 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Stephen Deeter

**PRELUDE**

***Beethoven Sonata Op.31 No.3 Mvt.4***

Hao WU, guest pianist

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**INTROIT**

***The Lord is In His Holy Temple***

Lloyd Larson

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

**Proverbs 11:24-25; 19:17; 21:23; 22:9**

One: One person gives freely, yet gains even more;

**All: Another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.**

One: A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

**All: Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.**

One: Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

**All: The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.**

**\*HYMN #712**

***"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"***

Forest Green

**CALL TO CONFESSION** (liturgist)

Our Lord says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Friends, we've all fallen short of this ideal. Let us confess our sins and entrust our lives to the hands of our gracious God. Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

**All: God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits.**

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

**All: You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving ourselves.**

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

**All: You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts.**

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

**All: You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future.**

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

**All: You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth.**

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE**

***Lord Have Mercy***

**DECLARATION OF PARDON** (liturgist)

One: Amen. While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins friends, believe in the Good News of the Gospel.

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

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Hymnal #583**

*"Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!"*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**2 Corinthians 9:1-15**

**ANTHEM**

***I Will Bow***

Frederick Chatfield

Stephen Deeter, guest conductor

**SERMON**

***"The Heart of Giving"***

**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 *Blue Boogie* Dennis Alexander

\*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 #462 *"I Love to Tell the Story"* Hankey

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Send Me, Jesus* Trad. South African Tune

\*POSTLUDE *Rhapsody Op.79 No.1* J. Brahms

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

Today we thank **Hao Wu** for playing piano and **Stephen Deeter** for conducting the choir.

**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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***"The Heart of Giving"***

**November 10, 2024**

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***As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought***

1. As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field to God, to giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield, so we today our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land: of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God who gave who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

***"I Love to Tell the Story"***

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.
2. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Students' Thanksgiving Event will be hosted at the First Presbyterian Church Bowling Green Fellowship Hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 1 pm to 4 pm (the day after Thanksgiving). This event was created to promote inclusion and also address a concern with International Student's on Campus. The event this year will take the form of a Thanksgiving themed dinner and special activities in the evening.

Any member willing to help can sign up for the following:

- **Transportation services-To and from BGSU at 12:30 pm and at 4:30 pm.**
- **Cooking – Help prepare the meal at the venue.**
- **Potluck Contribution-bring or donate a dish.**
- **Clean -up**
- **Attend and dine with the students.**

Any further information please contact **O'Leo at 419 806 9952.**

**Week of Nov 10 thru Nov 17**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshments &amp; Fellowship in FH</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Book Group (Green Lounge)</b>
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
		<b>Session meeting</b> (Gathering Place)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>W2W (Water to Wine) Women's Group</b> (Court Yard Lounge)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.</b>
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees meeting</b> (Gathering Place)
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>We Meet meal &amp; fellowship time (FH)</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Criminalizing Poverty Discussion (FH)</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Outreach meeting</b> (Green Lounge)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship meeting in Pastor Jeff's office</b>
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL classes
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bell rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service/Stewardship Sunday</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' meeting</b> (Library)



**John King, PhD candidate at BGSU, will be discussing the topic "Criminalizing Poverty".** This presentation will discuss current efforts across the United States to remove and

erase poor and homeless people from public and private spaces. Recent state and federal legislation have made being poor a criminal act. Legislation in Tennessee makes sleeping in public a felony, punishable to up to 6 years in prison. The Supreme Court recently ruled that putting people in prison only for being poor does not constitute cruel or unusual punishment. We will discuss the different ways erasing the poor is being carried out in the United States, how governments have made this legal, and what efforts can be made to combat this.





**The Deacons' Christmas Breakfast Ministry is December 14<sup>th</sup>.** We have a long-standing tradition of helping those who are having a hard time around the holiday season. The need for assistance is no different this year with the cost of everything rising. The Deacons are asking the congregation to consider donating to help support this event. Participating families and individuals will receive a \$100 Aldi gift card. Children will receive a \$30 Walmart gift card. **To make a donation, please write a check payable to the First Presbyterian**

**Church and note "Deacons' Xmas" on the memo line. Donations can also be made through Venmo and PayPal.**

**Join the Deacons for a wonderful event that will fill your heart with the grace of the holiday season.** The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help with the event held at the Wood County Senior Center on Grove St. **You can volunteer using the form below and placing it in the donation plate or sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.**

**December 13**

Set-Up at W.C. Senior Center (set-up time to be determined)

**December 14**

Kitchen Staff - 8:00 – 10:30 (Prepare breakfast with Paul Dauch, WCCOA Facility Manager)

Serve Breakfast – 9:30 – 11:00

Guest Check In - 9:00 – 11:30

Hosts – 9:00 – 11:30 (Direct people to the breakfast, help carry trays, answer questions)

Bus Tables – 10:00 – 11:00

Clean-up – 11:00 – 12:00 (Final wipe down of tables, remove decorations)



The **Jingle Jumble Christmas sale** will be back again this year **9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, November 23<sup>th</sup>.** If you have items you would like to donate to the sale, we will **accept donations of Christmas decorations/decor starting on Tuesday, November**

**12 through Thursday November 21.** Items should be left in the designated drop off area in Fellowship Hall. Please do not leave your donated decorations in the lobby.

Funds raised through this event help fund our Choral Scholars. If you would like to volunteer during the set up or the Saturday event, please contact Susan Dunn ([sudnn@gmail.com](mailto:sudnn@gmail.com)) or Nancy Hess ([nhess1581@yahoo.com](mailto:nhess1581@yahoo.com)). Volunteer sign up sheets will be posted in Fellowship Hall.

**2024 BG Community  
THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE**



Sunday,  
**November 24**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**First United Methodist Church**  
1526 E. Wooster St, Bowling Green

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
Rev. Dr. Judy Utsler Preaching  
Combined Churches Choir

*Sponsored by the Bowling Green Ministerial Association*



Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer red poinsettias for sale from Bench's Greenhouse to decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The total cost is \$13.00 per plant. **Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word "poinsettia" on the memo line.** Money may be placed in the church offering plate or mailed to the church office. **The deadline to request and turn in money is Wednesday, December 11, or until poinsettias are sold out.** Individuals who purchase flowers may pick them up after the service on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**Please fill out your poinsettia order with the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

In honor or memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_