

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Emily Buelsing

PRELUDE *Offertory on Jesus Loves Me* Gordon Young

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 105:1-5, 17*

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

All: **He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

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*HYMN #714 *God of the Fertile Fields* Italian Hymn

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

As the Scots Confession reminds us, "The children of God fight against sin; they sob and mourn when they find themselves tempted to do evil; and, if they fall, rise again with earnest and unfeigned repentance. They do these things, not by their own power, but by the power of the Lord Jesus, apart from whom they can do nothing." Our Lord stands ready to forgive; come, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy Lord, you give us your dreams, but still we prefer our idle musings. You give us your protection, but still we scratch and claw at every perceived threat. You have given us roots that will let us blossom and grow, but still we yearn to wander. You offer us hope, but still we choose to dance with despair. Forgive us these sins, remove our debts, and let your grace overwhelm our lives once again.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Spirit, Open My Heart*

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive) *Psalm 105:42-43*

One: The Lord has remembered his holy promise. He has brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

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

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*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 **Genesis 39**

ANTHEM *Sing of the Lord's Goodness* Ernest Sands & John Carter

SCRIPTURE READING **Genesis 41:17-45**

SERMON *"Growing Where Planted"*

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 Improvisation

Ted Goldman

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Dream Weaver* Gary Wright

*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 #547	<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	Ar Hydy Nos
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Know That God Loves You</i>	Carson Cooman
POSTLUDE	<i>Come, Christians Join to Sing</i>	arr. Mark Hayes

We thank Ted Goldman for playing piano today 😊.

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Kathy Schooley (Pastor Jeff's mother), Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, former Pastor David Cook Young; Scott Muellich & David & Mindy Shaner (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.

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Christ Welcomes All Here!

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God of the Fertile Fields

1. God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.
2. We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.
3. As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.
4. God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."



I-75 Youth Group - The **I-75 youth group** will be meeting **Feb. 22 at Christ Church** in Toledo. This youth group meeting will start at 10am and we will be building beds for kids that need them. The youth will do all the building with a group called "Build a Bed ". Besides the meeting the I-75 Youth Group will also welcome donations of twin sheet sets or twin quilts (new or handmade) but not necessary to the project. If interested in coming please let Amanda know by Feb. 17th.

Week of Feb 2 thru Feb 9

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
	11:15 a.m.	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY	12:00 p.m.	BGMA (BG Ministerial Group) (Staff Conf. Rm.)
	1:00 p.m.	Book Group (Green Lounge)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	3:00 p.m.	BGSONG (FH)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
		Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	First Friday at the BG Country Club
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m.	WC Mobile Health Clinic (Church parking lot)
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Annual Meeting – The Annual meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of First Presbyterian is right after the worship service this morning.

First Friday will be at the BG Country Club (923 Fairview Ave) on Friday, Feb. 7th at 6 pm. **RSVP Nettie Rose** at 419/262-7889 or nettierose@aol.com no later than Tuesday Feb. 4th.



Helping Hands is an ecumenical project supporting the BG community with food and hygiene items on the second Friday of the month. Our church supports the program with donations of hygiene and cleaning products. For February, we are in need of **laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, sponges, shampoo and cream rinse, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby diapers (sizes 2-6), wet wipes**. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be picked up from the bin located in the church lobby on Sunday, February 9th for the next distribution date of Friday, February 14th

Ushers are needed for February and March. Anyone can usher! You can sign up in Fellowship Hall, or email sudunn@gmail.com. It's a great way to meet and chat with people!



Divine Doodle Page

Get ready to twist, shout, and shake a leg at our **Choral Scholars Sock-Hop Fundraising Dinner!** Join us on **Saturday, February 22nd, at 6 PM** for an evening of 1950s rock and roll and musical-theater-inspired tunes, performed with flair by our talented choral scholars. Indulge in high-end diner fare crafted by the incomparable Chef Mike Evans—think classic comfort food, elevated. All proceeds go to support our choral scholars, the heart of our music program, who enrich our choir with their leadership and incredible musical gifts. Don your best retro outfit (or just your love of great music) and join us for a night of fun and community! **RSVP for this event by Wednesday, February 19th to Amanda Ark by phone or email (akark@bgsu.edu / 937.844.6787).**



Looking for 1950's/rock and roll memorabilia!

We are planning the Fellowship Hall decorations for our upcoming **Choral Scholars dinner**, and could use some additional items to enhance our theme of a "rock and roll" 1950's diner. Poster's, signage (for example a Coca Cola sign) or other 1950's memorabilia would really help set the mood. If you think you have some items to loan us that would fit our theme, **text or email Susan Dunn (sudunn@gmail.com or 419-4083491)**. We look forward to another fun evening!