

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Anna Beeker

PRELUDE *Nearer, Still Nearer* Faye Lopez

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT *The Glory of These Forty Days*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *adapted from "God of Our Life" (#686)*

One: God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.

All: **In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.**

One: God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.

All: **Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.**

One: God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.

All: **When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.**

*HYMN #424 *Out of the Depths* Aus Tiefer Not

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

Throughout the ages, God has repeatedly rescued and restored God's people, tailoring their salvation to their circumstances. In Jesus Christ, God has moved decisively, forgiving all sins past, present, and future. With this confidence in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us approach God again in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Save us, O Lord! Purify us from all the wickedness both within and beyond. Liberate us from all that entangles and enslaves. Make us citizens of your Kingdom, who can embrace your providence even in our despair. And restore in us all that is broken. Wicked, enslaved, politically corrupt, languishing apart from you, and razed to the ground, we have nowhere to turn but to you. So, we turn again, returning to your love and grateful for your grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Fear, a Kyrie* Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive)

One: Amen. In the name of Jesus Christ, you have been embraced even in exile.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **Hymnal Page 583**

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

BGSU Class

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 24:1-9

ANTHEM

Turn, Turn, Turn

Roger Emerson

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:4-14

SERMON

"On the Road Again"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *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 of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was 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; and life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Moderato* Ch. H. Rinck

*Doxology (Unison) Hymn #608

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Cwm Rhondda

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *May the Peace of the Lord Go with You* Charles Yannerella

POSTLUDE

There Is A Fountain

Arr. Mark Hayes



Venmo

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Bri Schooley, Julie Schnitker Nickels, Megan (Jenny Ludwig's great-niece), Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, 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.

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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"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" text: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772; music: John Hughes, 1907; One License#718132-A

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*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you
should go; I will counsel you with my
loving eye on you.*
Psalm 32:8

"On the Road Again"

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Out of the Depths

1. Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me calling. Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling. Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs; without it I am nothing.
2. All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with favor. All our good works are done in vain without our Lord and Savior. We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from the grip of death; our lives are in your keeping.
3. In you alone, O God, we hope, and not in our own merit. We rest our fears in your good word; uphold our fainting spirit. Your promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my strong support; I wait for it with patience.
4. My soul is waiting for you, Lord, as one who longs for morning; no watcher waits with greater hope than I for your returning. I hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the Word. Praise God for grace and mercy!

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

Week of March 30 thru April 6

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee & Fellowship (FH)
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
TUESDAY	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
	3:30 p.m.	Dress Rehearsal
	5:30 p.m.	WeMeet dinner and book group discussion
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	9:30 a.m.	Staff mtg. in pastor'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 Smokey Bones in Maumee
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service



WeMeet this week we will continue our study of the Screwtape letters! We will begin with chapters/letters 17-24 and read 8 letters each week. You can come just for dinner or just for the study or both! Dinner will be served at 5:30pm book discussion will begin at 6:15pm.

First Friday for April will be April 4th at 6:00 pm at Smokey Bones, 512 W Dussel Dr in Maumee. Please RSVP to Nettie Rose by Wednesday, April 2nd. 419-262-7889, nettierose@aol.com



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 April, we are in need of **laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish soap, shampoo and cream rinse, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby diapers (sizes 2-6), wet wipes, paper towels, toilet paper.** Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be picked up from the bin located in the church lobby on Sunday, April 6th for the next distribution date of Friday, April 11th.

Palm Sunday Pot-Luck!

Join us after service on Sunday April 13th for a Church Family Pot-Luck and to welcome the new members!

Meat, rolls, and dessert as well as table service will be provided you only need to bring a salad or side dish to share!

Come and let us break bread in joy together!

ALL are welcome!



Easter Lilies

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 13 white Easter Lilies for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones. The price is \$14.00 per plant. **Checks should be**

made payable to Presbyterian Women with the word "lily" 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 Thursday, April 3, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 20.

Please fill out your Easter Lily order with the following information:

Name _____

Phone number _____

In Memory or Honor of _____

Number of plants ordered _____

CHORAL SCHOLAR APRIL RECITALS 2025

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APRIL 2025

**KARLI CHRIST
VOCAL RECITAL**

2PM

BRYAN RECITAL HALL, BGSU

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APRIL 2025

**KOURTNEY HILL
GRADUATE CHOIR RECITAL**

6PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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APRIL 2025

**SAMUEL SCHEELE
MICRO-OPERA CONCERT**

8PM

BRYAN RECITAL HALL, BGSU

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APRIL 2025

**ZACHARY ORTEGA
COMPOSITION RECITAL**

8PM

BRYAN RECITAL HALL, BGSU