

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

March 9, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Kat Nic

PRELUDE *Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott BWV 745*

J.S. Bach

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

INTROIT *The Glory of These Forty Days*

GTG #165

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 #48 *Rain Down (sing 3X)*

Rain Down

**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 purified.

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal Page 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**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 6:5-22

ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Carson Cooman

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 9:18-29

SERMON *"Washed Away"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles Creed.*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 *Andante* 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

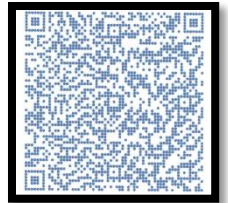
\*HYMN #53 *O God, Who, Gives Us Life*

Noel

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Mary McDonald



Venmo

**PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, 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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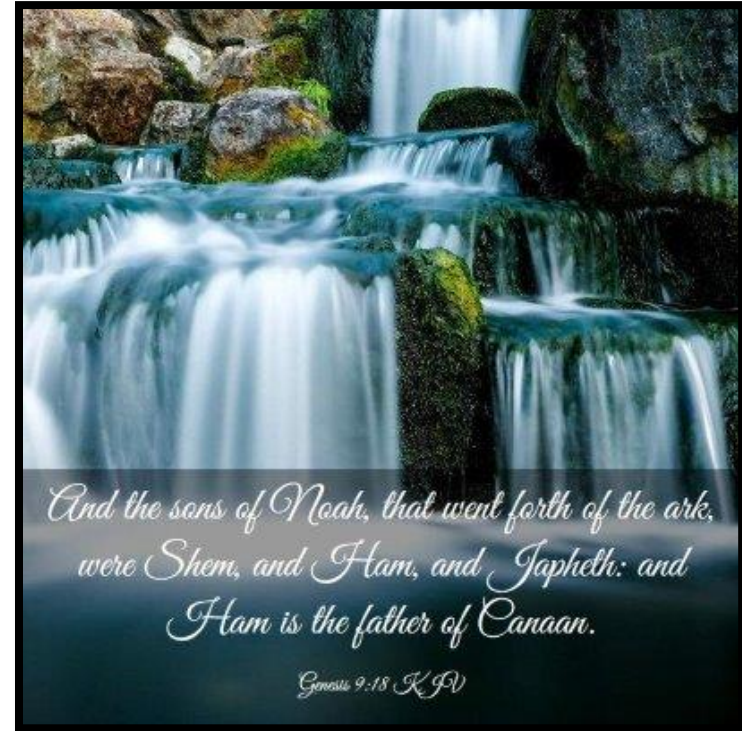
**WeMeet this week: Join us for a spaghetti dinner and conversation about our community gardens for this week's WeMeet!** Dinner is at 5:30 and the conversation starts at 6:15! Come for both parts or just one and don't forget to let Amanda know if you have any dietary restrictions that she needs to accommodate. We hope to see you there!



**Two members** (Nettie Rose & Shirley Brannan) of our church choir singing in the Perrysburg Chorale and have upcoming concerts you may be interested in attending. **On March 8th at 7 pm** they will be **at First Presbyterian Church in Maumee** and on **March 9th at 3 pm** they will perform at **All Saints Church in Rossford**. Both concerts are free and open to the public.

# First Presbyterian Church

**A More Light Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
 126 S. Church St., Bowling Green, OH 43402



*And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.*

*Genesis 9:18 KJV*

**"Washed Away"**

**March 9, 2025**

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## Rain Down

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people. Rain down your love on your people. Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life. (x3)

## O God, Who, Gives Us Life

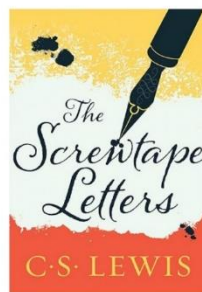
- O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb, who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb: deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you. Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.
- O God, who calls your people out to venture and be dare, to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there: when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies, refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.
- O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame, your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name. Yet we by faith are drawn to your and will your people prove, as on our hearts you write a new and covenant of love.

## WE MEET *A Wednesday time of community and learning*

We Meet will be starting up in March! This semester we are going to try a book study on the book "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. We will be doing the study March 19, 26, and April 2, 9. If you are interested in the study please see Amanda. We can get a copy to borrow from the Library for you! You are of course welcome to buy your own copy if wanted.

Dinner is at 5:30 and lessons begin at 6:15. Remember, We Meet is a time to gather and commune as you are we meet from 5:30 - 7:00pm but feel free to come and go when you can. You are welcome here!

"C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the unique vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the worldly-wise devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written."



## Week of March 9 thru March 16

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Refreshments & Fellowship in FH
	11:30 a.m.	Mission Committee mtg. (Lib)
	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)
	5:30 p.m.	Session mtg. (Gathering Place)
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (FH)
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	4:30 p.m.	Trustees mtg. (Gathering Place)
	5:30 p.m.	WeMeet Dinner & Fellowship (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	4:00 P.M.	Helping Hands at First Christian Church, BG
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Chili Cook-off fundraiser (FH)
	11:30 a.m.	Deacons mtg. (Lib)



**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 March, 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, March 9th for the next distribution date of Friday, March 14th.



**The Chili Cook-off** for raising funds for our youth to go to Camp and Triennium this year will be **March 16th**. If you would like to test out your best chili, sign-up with Amanda to bring a chili. (There will be prizes!) OR bring an empty stomach ready for chili on the 16th! Corn bread and crackers will be provided.



The **Hospitality and Membership Committee** is still looking for people to help with set up/clean up and provide food for coffee hour after our church services. This is an easy way to get involved and committee members will help you get started. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall.



### *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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Feed Your Neighbor Community Meal

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 9, 2025**  
**11:45AM-1:00PM**

### The Menu

A Homemade Meal including:  
Chili & Beef Vegetable Soup  
Hot Dogs & Chicken Sandwiches  
Multiple Salad and Dessert Options

**\*\*Monetary and nonperishable, unexpired food items, and toiletries are accepted.**

All proceeds will benefit the  
BG Christian Food Pantry

