

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Chris Williams

PRELUDE

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Psalm 32

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

One: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

All: You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

One: Many are the torments of the wicked,

All: But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

One: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

All: And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*HYMN #837

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Showalter

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

The prophet Isaiah once said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Friends, even if each of us here were perfect, there'd still be sin and the need for grace. Whether it is "guilty" or "guilty by association," our God is prepared to hear our prayers of confession and then assure us of our belovedness and forgiveness. Let us boldly approach this throne of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Fear, a Kyrie

Stephen Deeter, J.A. Schooley

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive)

One: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

All: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymnal Page 583

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:17-18

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:10-14

SERMON

"...Violence"

ANTHEM

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsively)

Confession of Belhar, 10.7-9

One: We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged

All: Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

One: We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

All: Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Peace, Salaam, Shalom

Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow

Doxology Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Prayer of St. Francis

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Will Walk with God

POSTLUDE

Dona Nobis Pacem



Venmo

First Presbyterian Church

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



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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.
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"...Violence"

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What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the ever-lasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the ever-lasting arms. **Refrain**

**Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the ever-lasting arms; O how
bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the ever-lasting arms. **Refrain**
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the ever-lasting arms? I have
blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the ever-lasting arms. **Refrain.**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, the residents at JDC & JRC, the family of Ken Bielen, the family of Scott Guthrie, Evan Dunn (grandson of Chris & Susan Dunn), Pete (Lee Liebetreu's brother), Glenn Varney, Lyn Long, Dave Horger, Miranda Douglas, Ron Stout (Ellyn Stout's husband), Dave Hyslop & Sharon, Jen Coddington's mom & aunt, Anna Beeker's parents, Ashton's parents, Amanda Pirooz (friend of Ellyn Stout), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss

Week of March 22 thru March 29

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship & refreshments (FH)
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY		Church office is Closed on Monday
TUESDAY		APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DAY
	1:00 p.m.	Book Group (Green Lounge)
	2:00 p.m.	Green Team (Staff Conference Room)
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Nurture & Congregational Care mtgs.
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. (GL)
WEDNESDAY		Deadline for Easter Lily Orders Day
	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	5:30 p.m.	WeMeet dinner & discussion (FH)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop open to public
		Staff mtg. Pastor Jeff's office
	5:30 p.m.	La Conexion ESL Classes (various rooms CE Wing)
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
FRIDAY	4:30 p.m.	Helping Hands at 1st Christian Church
SATURDAY	9:30 p.m.	Deacons' Shop open to public
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service & Palm Sunday

Deacons' Shop – the Deacons' Shop will be open this coming Saturday, March 25th from 9:30 am – 11 am.

The **newsletter deadline** for April is this **Tuesday, March 24th at 4pm**. Please send your article to Tammy at firstpresbyterianbg@gmail.com.

The **deadline for ordering Easter lilies** is this **Wednesday, March 25th**. Please contact Debbie Zappitelli at zdannti@bgsu.edu or (419) 352-5463.



Easter Lilies

Presbyterian Women are pleased to offer 13 white Easter Lily plants for sale to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter and to commemorate and honor the memory of loved ones.

The price is \$16.00 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 Wednesday, March 25, or until the lilies are sold out.** Families who purchase flowers may pick them up after the Easter Service on April 5.

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

Name _____
Phone number _____
In Memory or Honor of _____
Number of plants ordered _____



BGSU is holding an Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday, March 28, 9 am – 1 pm in the Ice Arenda parking lot. You can bring items such as computers, flatscreen monitors and TVs, printers, small appliances, cell phones, batteries, cables and more. More information is available to bgsu.edu/ewaste.



MULTIFAITH BREAKFAST

Event Details

The Bowling Green Human Relations Commission invites you to the return of this beloved tradition with a morning of reflection and fellowship.

The theme for this year's breakfast is "Peace: Respecting Our Differences." Insights on cultivating peace through conversation will be shared, with time for guided discussions at each table. Students from across the region have submitted artwork inspired by the theme. The winning pieces will be on display.

Location

Veterans Memorial Building in City Park

The Olive Branch

Since ancient Greece, it's signaled the wish to resolve conflict and create peace between people of differing views. The "extend an olive branch" is to show respect and express the desire to live in harmony.

SCAN TO RSVP



or call
419-353-9305

Handbell Extravaganza

An afternoon of inspiring Handbell Music

Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bowling Green, Ohio



Featuring Handbells Choirs:

- *BGSU Collegiate Ringers
- * First Presbyterian Church
- *St. Aloysius Catholic Church
- *St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- *Trinity Methodist Church



Hosted by the Bowling Green Ministerial Association
Free Admission * All Are Welcome!