

**For Young  
Worshippers:**

Imagine trying to live by what God says in the Bible (Word Alone), by what blessings God sends us (Grace alone), and by what we have been taught and believe (Faith alone).

One of the slogans of the Reformation was just this: “Sola scriptura, Sola fide, Sola gratia.”

(Scripture alone, Faith alone, Grace alone.)



*Service for the Lord's Day*

**October 23, 2022**

***Gathering Around the Word***

**Striking of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*How Great is Our God*

Tomlin/Reeves/Cash

*The splendor of the King clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice*

*How great is our God!  
Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Opening Sentences**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**Praise is due you, O God.**

Blessed are the ones who dwell in your house, who are always worshiping you.

**With strength, you rescue us.**

O God of our salvation, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

**Blessed are all who trust in you, and whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way.**

For the Lord is a sun and a shield; God bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

O God of our salvation;

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

**Psalm 65 and Psalm 84**

**Hymn 664***Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

*All Verses**Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.**Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light, Eden saw play!**Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!***Call to Confession****Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)**

**Gracious God, we live by your mercy and are sustained by your strength. Guide us, in this hour, so that our worship may affirm your greatness. Protect us from thoughts and actions that harm others. Give us wisdom to see our faults, and teach us how to correct them. Cleanse and restore us, in the name of Christ, our Lord**

*A period of silence is observed for personal confession***Hymn 572**

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us.**Lord, have mercy upon us.***Declaration of Good News****Response Hymn 463***How Firm A Foundation*

FOUNDATION

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,**God will not, God will not desert to its foes;**That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,**"I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."***Passing of the Peace***As we greet the Lord, we greet one another in His name.**All Sit***Minute for Stewardship: The Church's Overall Financial Condition**

Buzz English

Chair, The Finance Ministry

***Hearing the Word*****Prayer for Illumination****Reading from Psalms (Responsive)**

Psalm 65

**Praise for God's Greatness as Savior and Creator****You are to be praised, O God, in Zion: to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.****To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins: when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.****Blessed is the one whom you choose and take to yourself to dwell within your courts: we shall be filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.****You will answer us in your righteousness with terrible deeds, O God our savior: you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;****Who by your strength made fast the mountains: you that are girded with power;****Who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of the waves: and the tumult of the peoples.***(continued)*

God's glory is evident in one person's life and in all of creation.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders: **the dawn and the evening sing your praises.**

You tend the earth and water it: **you make it rich and fertile.**

The river of God is full of water: **and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for men.**

You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between: **you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.**

The meadows are clothed with sheep: **and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.**

**Anthem**

*Alleluia, Praise!*

Luigi Cherubini/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 18:9-14

**An Expert on Religion and a Notorious Cheat Are Both at Prayer**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

*All Sit*

**Sermon**

*Woe to the Pharisees*

Matthew Covington

### ***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 463**

*How Firm A Foundation*

FOUNDATION

Verses 1 and 2 only

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All Sit*

**The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The virtue of  
humility is  
rewarded.

We respond to  
hearing the Word  
of the Lord by  
singing, saying  
what we believe  
together,  
by praying, and  
by making our  
offerings.

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
from Southern Harmony Hymnal

arr. Wilbur Held

*All Stand*

**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

***Bearing the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 543**

*O Christ Surround Me*  
*First and Last Verses*

GREEN TYLER

*God, be the love to search and keep me;*  
*God, be the prayer to move my voice;*  
*God be the strength to now uphold me:*  
*O Christ, surround me;*  
*O Christ, surround me.*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,*  
*Christ in the ears that hear my voice,*  
*Christ in the hearts of all who know me:*  
*O Christ, surround me;*  
*O Christ, surround me.*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune*

Arcangelo Corelli

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

*WELCOME VISITORS! As we worship online or in-person, we are glad you are with us!*  
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## *Announcements*

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** David Clarke

**USHERS:** The Polen and Thomison families

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE:** Madeline Miller,  
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**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Lillian Hargesheimer

**NURSERY:** Alisia Simmons, Emily Kessler, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez, Barbara Solberg-Hale

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY October 30:** Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4; Psalm 119:137–144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12; Luke 19:1–10.

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Susan Thomison and Teri Polen. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

### **TODAY:**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UPDATE** The new houses are near completion. Plumbing and electrical work is coming along as well as the siding and outside finishes. Thank you to our congregation who assisted in building, feeding the volunteers, and praying for the families. Once a dedication date is set we will pass it along.

**WORSHIP IS ALWAYS EVOLVING** to connect the people of every age with God of All the Ages. On fifth Sundays of the month (the next one is October 30), we will conduct worship in differently creative ways to help us stretch our experiences of prayer and praise.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:00am.** Class offerings include:

**Coffee and Conversation Class** – For fall: “The Case for Christ” by Lee Strobel. All are welcome!

**The Chosen Class** – 9:00am in Fellowship Hall – On Sunday, October 30th we will view and discuss in detail: Season 1, Episode 3: **Jesus Loves the Little Children-** *Jesus befriends and teaches the group of children who discover His camp on the outskirts of Capernaum.* All are invited, first time viewers, as well as those who want to view the series again!

**Coming soon:** The Floyd Hays Ellis Class is planning a class at Cecelia Memorial Church. Class at 9:00am, start date tba.

**Youth Class** – in the Youth Suite on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Preschool and Children's classes** – downstairs

## **Calendar**

### **Sunday, October 23**

|            |                  |
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| 8:30 a.m.  | Fellowship       |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday School    |
| 9:15 a.m.  | Children's Music |
| 10:30 a.m. | Worship          |
| 5:00 p.m.  | Youth Group      |

### **Monday, October 24**

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| 9:00 a.m. | GOD/DOG is Love |
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### **Tuesday, October 25**

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| 9:30 a.m.  | Chair Yoga           |
| 11:00 a.m. | Special Care         |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lions' Club          |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Staff Meeting        |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Sunny 16 Camera Club |

### **Wednesday, October 26**

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| 7:00 a.m. | Breakfast Group (Teresa's) |
| 5:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir              |

### **Friday, October 28**

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| 7:30 a.m. | Mens' Breakfast (Lisa's) |
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### **Saturday, October 29**

Saturday Meals (our date)

**SMALL GROUPS** We're meant to do life together! Small Groups are a gathering of folks that visit, laugh, learn, serve, pray and grow spiritually. You can join a Small Group at any time during the year and now is an especially good time as we rally back together for the new church year and new school year. We have a variety of Small Groups and look forward to having more. Currently the following Small Groups are meeting and would welcome new members:

**God/Dog is Love** (Mondays 9 a.m. at Covington Woods Park, Contact Debbie Morse)

**Chair Yoga** (Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. at our church, Contact Trudy Burkeen)

**Breakfast Group** (Wednesdays, 7 a.m. at Teresa's, Contact Wayne Hendrix)

**Men's Breakfast Group** (Fridays, 7:30 a.m. at Lisa's 5<sup>th</sup> Street Diner, Contact Tim Leigh)

**Neighborhood Group** (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7 p.m. at Julia Roberts' home, Contact Julia Roberts)

**The Bible and Bees** (Meets periodically, Contact Matthew Covington)

**Presbyterian Women's Circles** (Contact Donna Meredith.)

**Eating Out** (Starting soon, Fridays and Sundays, Contact Mary Evans)

Do you have an idea for a new Small Group? Talk to Matthew Covington, David Clarke, Tim Leigh, Pamela Napier, or Mary Evans and they will help make it happen!

### **COMING UP:**

**DRITI Needs YOU!** DRITI is just around the corner and the Missions Ministry needs a couple of folks to fill Coordinator positions. Coordinators will use the sign-up sheets (In 10th Street Lobby, beginning October 2) and make sure slots are covered for their area from November 17-March 9. We still need a Clean-up Coordinator and Innkeeper Coordinator. Thanks to Sarah Webb who has agreed to serve as DRITI Coordinator again this year, to Susan Thomison and Teri Polen our Food Coordinators, to Phil Burkeen our Van Driver Coordinator, and to Christine Long our Hospitality Coordinator. For additional information, contact Judy Whitson, Missions Chair.

**VETERANS' DAY** On Sunday Nov. 13 our congregation will honor the veterans who have served in the military in the past, **and** we would like to honor and recognize all of our church family who are currently serving in the military. **If you or a family member are currently serving**, please let us know so that we may also recognize those individuals on Nov 13. You may call Sarah Grise 270-791-1523 or Cheryl Gregory at the church office 270-843-4707 with information, or email us at [info@bgpres.org](mailto:info@bgpres.org).

### **OTHER NEWS:**

**GLOVES WITH LOVE returns!** Our 10th Street fence will be dressed in gloves, socks, hats, and scarves during the DRITI season. Your donations of items to hang on the fence are appreciated. Please place your donations in the blue bin under the table in the 10th Street Foyer. If you would like to be a helper who stocks the fences each week let the office know.

**HELP!!! CHURCHES UNITED IN CHRIST 'HELP' MINISTRY** is in need of your help! This ministry is comprised of four downtown churches; Christ Episcopal, First Christian, State Street Methodist and The Presbyterian Church. It was started in 2002 to help people in need in an organized program. It has evolved over the years and essentially helps now with utility bills. The recipients are able to receive assistance one time in a calendar year and are tracked through the computer program Charity Tracker. The money is taken to the billing entity (not to the person in need, who receives a voucher). Each church gives what they are able to the ministry; once a month we receive \$720 from our church budget. As you can imagine, with inflation and energy prices rising we see individual bills that are that high. The numbers that we see needing help has also increased dramatically. We- Bud Schlinker, Faye Patton, Kyda West, and Sandy Franklin- try to be good stewards, but the need is so great and the people so desperate that we often have to dip into our \$3000 buffer that is now depleted. If you would like to help us help others, a donation can be made to The Presbyterian Church noting HELP Ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

**ART EXHIBIT** The Sunny 16 Camera Club is so pleased to be exhibiting at The Presbyterian Church again. We are a mix of amateur and professional with a passion for photography. We hope you all enjoy the exhibit. It will be hanging through December 1. *—the Sunny 16 Camera Club*

**LAY READERS** A signup has been created online for upcoming lay readers. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49acac23a7ff2-layreader>