

For Young
Worshippers:
Do you know
where this picture
was taken? A
cornerstone helps
us remember the
strong, solid
history of faith in
our church.



**“I’m laying a foundation in Zion, a solid granite foundation, squared and true.
And this is the meaning of the stone: a trusting life won’t topple.”**

**Isaiah 28:16
The Message**

The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green *Service for the Lord’s Day*

October 8, 2023

Mission Statement: We Share the Vitality of Christ, Loving, Serving, and Welcoming All.

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

The Call to
Worship is God’s
call to us. We come
into the presence
of God with praise.
Today we
especially recall
that God’s
goodness, justice,
mercy, and
righteousness are
solid.

Welcome

Prelude

Praeambulum pedaliter

Petrus Hasse

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

The heavens tell the glory of God;

And the earth proclaims God’s handiwork.

Cornerstones and foundations, and what is set in stone,

The Lord’s justice is set, and righteousness is God’s plumb line.

All that is solid and sure praises God.

Our lives and our hopes have this firm, sure grounding in the Lord.

Psalm 19:1 and Isaiah 28:17

Hymn 332

The Right Hand of God
Choir Sings First Verse
Congregation Sings Verses 2-4

LA MANOS DE DIOS

The forgiveness we receive allows us to hear God's Word with clean hearts.

A vineyard is a biblical symbol for the kingdom of God. That kingdom is always being assailed.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Great God: We live as your creatures; we love by your example; we worship at your invitation; we stand on the solid foundation of faith. Our hope is tied to you, and to the fulfillment of your kingdom-reign.

Forgive us for the things we do that defy our belonging to you. Protect us from the forgetfulness and neglect that restricts us from service to you. Save us from our empty desires. Remind us that, although you sent your Son to teach us the truth, we sent him to his death.

Help us turn from our sins, and be repaired by your mercy this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Good News

Gloria Patri

Henry Greatorix

*Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end, A-men.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

The risen Lord brought the gift of life-giving peace. Let us share it with one another.

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psaltery Reading

Psalms 80:7-15

God Planted and Tended the Vine; Help us Now!

Restore us, O God of the angel armies! **If you smile on us, we will be saved.**

We were like a grapevine you brought out of Egypt. **You chased other nations away and planted us here.**

Then you cleared the ground, **and we put our roots deep, spreading over the land.**

Shade from this vine covered the mountains. **Its branches climbed the mighty cedars and stretched to the sea; its new growth reached to the river.**

Our Lord, why have you torn down the wall from around the vineyard? **You let everyone who walks by pick the grapes.**

Now the vine is gobbled down by pigs from the forest and other wild animals. **God All-Powerful, please do something!**

Look down from heaven and see what's happening to this vine. **With your own hands you planted its roots, and you raised it as your very own.**

Anthem

God Is for Us

SAN MARCO/arr. Richard W. Gieseke

All stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

A Vineyard, a Wall, Wicked Tenants, and the Owner's Son Killed

Sermon

The Stone Rejected

Matthew Covington

Following the Sermon, There Will Be a Time for Reflection

Responding to the Word

Response Hymn 209

My Song Is Love Unknown
Verses 1, 2, and 5 Only

LOVE UNKNOWN

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

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 Offering

Offertory

Praeludium quarti toni

Wilhelm Karges

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

Benediction

You may wish to sit to listen to the Postlude.

Postlude

Magnificat germanice

Hieronymus Praetorius

In this last quarter of the year the Buck in a Basket offering is directed to The Food Pantry and a fund called the Deacon's Discretionary that assists our own members when they have financial need.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

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Announcements

USHERS: The Polen and Thomison families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Wyatt Edmunds, Hailey Goodwin, Darcy Merriman, Jeremiah Simpson

LAY READER: Rachel Crocker

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke, Lillan Hargesheimer

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez, Hailey Gadberry

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY October 15: Exodus 32:1–14; Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14.

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Craig Long. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

TODAY

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP is enjoying visiting different restaurants. This Sunday, October 8, we will be dining at India Oven, 1755 Scottsville Road. Favorite dishes to order include Chicken Tikka Masala, Chicken Mango, and Vegetable Korma, and don't forget to order the Naan bread. You can tell your waiter how you would like your entree spiced--mild, medium, hot, or Indian hot. Come join us--all are welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES &

Special Enrichment Programs for Children

Coffee and Conversation Class- Reading *Uncommon Ground* by Timothy Keller & John Inazu

Christian Thought Class- "Why Are Presbyterians Like That?"

Preschool Sunday School- Children ages 3-5

Godly Play Sunday School - Children in kindergarten through 5th grade

Children's Music Program- Children in kindergarten through 5th grade

Children's Church- Children ages 5 to 6th grade, after the Passing of the Peace

Junior and Senior High Sunday School- Young people in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room

COMING UP:

AN EXHIBIT COMMEMORATING MYRA DWYER is hanging in the fellowship hall. Reflecting a keen sensitivity to texture, color and patterns, Myra's paintings radiate with courage and energy. This memorable exhibit, made possible by Myra's daughters, will hang until October 12. A **reception** to close the exhibit will occur this Thursday, October 11th at 5:30pm. All are invited!

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS Doesn't Your Dog Need a Blessing? **Next Sunday, October 15** join us at 4:00pm in the Courtyard for our Pet Blessing. Bring your pets for fun and fellowship!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Writing Your Memoir Beginning next Sunday (October 15, 22, 28 and November 5 at 9:15-10:15 in the Church Conference Room) and led by Erika Solberg. Have you ever wanted to tell a part of your life story but weren't sure how to start? As opposed to an autobiography which tells your whole life story, a memoir focuses on just a piece of a person's life. In this four-session course we will discuss how to gather your memories, choose your audience, structure your story, and use such tools as dialogue and description to write a memoir that is readable and evocative. There will be a special emphasis on how to write about faith and Christian identity. For more information, visit erikasolberg.com

OUR CHILI COOK-OFF youth fundraiser will happen on October 29th after our church service. We will need your help making this happen. If you would like to help, make some chili, or donate you can speak to David Clarke or sign up at this link: <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=EEUQ4134&welcome=1>

Calendar

Sunday, October 8

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

Monday, October 9

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

Tuesday, October 10

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group (Teresa's)
5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 12

5:30 p.m. Art Gallery Reception

Friday, October 13

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast (Lisa's)

LEARNING TO PLAY BRIDGE Charlotte Prow is recovering from shoulder surgery, so we are postponing the start of our Learning to Play Bridge Small Group until January. Watch for more information then!

OTHER NEWS:

PEW PADS We ask the congregation to please sign in on the pew pads, and pass them to your pew neighbors. The information helps us with attendance numbers and in keeping contact information up to date.

LAY READERS A signup has been created online for upcoming lay readers in October and November. 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>

INFORMATION FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER Please be sure to turn in any info for the next newsletter to Cheryl by mid-month. She is finally getting to take her vacation (near the end of October) and will be printing the newsletter a few days early. Thank you!