



Sunday March 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Shepherd Group #1
Ron & Kay Burroughs

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Carolyn Cross, Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“In the Garden”* R. C. Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.
Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.
Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God!

***HYMN #268** *“Crown Him With Many Crown”* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.”

Friends, we are God’s people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God’s paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to “pass the peace” to those around you.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

RESPONSIVE FIRST READING

Psalm 51:1-12

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you, you alone, have I sinned**

and done what is evil in your sight,
 so that you are justified in your sentence
 and blameless when you pass judgment.
 5 Indeed, I was born guilty,
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.
 6 You desire truth in the inward being;
 therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
 9 Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.
 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and put a new and right spirit within me.
 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,
 and do not take your holy spirit from me.
 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and sustain in me a willing spirit.

ANTHEM

“I Thank You Lord”

Joseph Martin

SECOND READING

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival
 were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from
 Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”
 22 Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went

and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people[a] to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of living water, pour out your Spirit and nourish your Word within us, that in its time, that Word may bear much fruit. Amen.

SERMON

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Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN #310** *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"* (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

By the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives have borne much fruit. Let us now return thanks where it is due and offer the fruits of our labor back to the Lord. Let us receive the morning offering.

OFFERTORY

“I Do Believe”

James Southbridge

***DOXOLOGY #606**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you.
May our offering this morning forever bring glory to your name,
and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of
your whole creation. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #299** *“You Servants Of God, Your Master Proclaim”* (vs. 1, 2, 4)

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #306** *“Bless Be The Tie That Binds”* (vs. 1)

***POSTLUDE**

“Our March of Faith”

Todd Kendall



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- WEDS:
9 am to 4 pm
THURS: 9am to 2pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 248-688-8736.

Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons on Call
for March:
Gail Cowden,
Alice Irwin

3/10/2024 Attendance:
Members: 83, Visitors: 7, Online: 28

*This Week's Flowers are given in loving memory of Wheatley Beard, M.D.
by Marcia Beard and Family.*



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.

CHURCH SALE

As Spring approaches & Spring cleaning starts, please know that we are having our 3rd Annual Church Sale on Sept. 20th & 21st. If you have items you no longer need/want & they are still in good condition, please consider donating them to the sale. We can store your items at the Church or garage area if you need to move them soon. Please contact any one in the Church Sale Committee (Lon Cross, Tom Hackleman, Bev MacDonald, Terry Woods, Susan Foster or Sharon Warner) if you have questions. Thank you in advance for helping by donating. More information will follow shortly.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please submit your submissions to pcbvoffice@pcbv.org with "newsletter" in the subject line.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship

Monday, March 18

11:00am PEO Meeting (F/H)
Chapter CD
2:15pm Spiritual Direction (P)

Tuesday, March 19

10:30am Fun w Writing (P)
5:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, March 20

5:00pm Chancel Bells
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 21

1:00pm Ozark Hill Hikers (C)

Friday, March 22

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship / Palm Sunday

LAST LENTEN SOUP SUPPER



5pm Tuesday, Mar 19 / SG#5 Taco Soup, Corn Chips

Price is \$5.00 per person. \$1.00 will go to Mission.

THE ART OF DAVID REW



Please take the time to enjoy the new paintings in the Fellowship Hall . They are by artist & PCBV member David Rew. They are a wonderful group he calls his Coastal Collection. I'm sure you will enjoy them. David has painted for 25 year and has created many things for the church.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Friday 11:30am

March 22, 2024

Fox Run Restaurant & Pub

1889 Bella Vista Way

(next to BV museum)



The PCBV crew on the Ruby Princess.

Presbyterian

Men's Group

April 6 @ 9:30am (A)

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BIRTHDAYS

Mar 22 Steve Little

