



Sunday August 11th, 2024

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Barry and Maura Owen

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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

“Let All Things Now All Living”

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are blinded by hatred...

Pour out your love for all to see.

When we are blinded by anger...

Pour out your kindness for all to see.

When we are blinded by prejudices and assumptions...

Pour out your Spirit of forgiveness and truth for all to see.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #644

“Give Thanks, O Christian People”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.

Breathe life into these bones. Bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to right relationship with 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

Arr. Jay Althouse

Soloist— Jean Nichols

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:29-34

²⁹ As Jesus and his disciples were going out of Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰ When two blind men sitting along the road heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, “Show us mercy, Lord, Son of David!” ³¹ Now the crowd scolded them and told them to be quiet. But they shouted even louder, “Show mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!” ³² Jesus stopped in his tracks and called to them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³³ “Lord, we want to see,” they replied. ³⁴ Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they were able to see, and they followed him.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Open our ears and humble our hearts as we approach your Word read and proclaimed today, Great God. May we listen, discern and follow the path you intend for us. Amen.

SERMON

“Who Can Keep From Reaching”

Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone.

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

“From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.” (Luke 12:48)

Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY *Reflection on “Precious Lord”* Arr: Fred Bock

***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

The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcome guest. May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been blessed. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN # 692 *“Spirit, Open My Heart”*

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #37 *“Let All Things Now Living”* (vs. 1)

*POSTLUDE *“Sing The Glad Song”* Franklin Ritter



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 3pm
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 August:
Mary Hackleman
David Rew

8/4/2024 Attendance:
Members: 99 Guests: 3 Online: 19



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

Please come check out new paintings in Fellowship Hall by



Bev MacDonald and Shirley Olson. We are so blessed to have so many great artists in our congregation. Thank you for sharing with us!

BIRTHDAYS

August 16 Arlene Chapman

August 17 Ed Shelton

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 11

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Monday, August 12

No Events

Tuesday, August 13

8:00am-12:00pm PEO Chapter BR (F/H)
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, August 14

6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 15

1:00-3:00pm Ozark Hikers (C)

Friday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 17

12:30-4:30pm Jenny Thorpe Private Birthday Party (F/H)

Sunday, August 18

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

When you come to the office, if green light is on above keypad, door is unlocked. Door will be unlocked 15 minutes prior to a meeting starting.



**SHEPHERD GROUP 1
GAME PARTY
AUGUST 26TH
3:00-5:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
HOSTESS: LANNI JOHNSON**

**BRING A GAME TO PLAY AND SNACKS TO SHARE
TEA, LEMONADE AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE RSVP TO LANNI JOHNSON
208-899-9226**

Thank you to all who worked on the Fashion Show "Puttin' On The Ritz." This collaborative event raised enough money to purchase new tables for Fellowship Hall so our members can have game nights and we can prepare to rent out our Fellowship Hall for future groups.

**CHANCEL CHOIR STARTS BACK
UP AUGUST 14TH**

BIO

The Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi has been the Chaplain at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas since August of 2016. Jeremy is a graduate of Arkansas Tech University (Russellville, AR) and Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA). Jeremy has served the Church in various ministry capacities in Texas, North Carolina, Virginia, and Arkansas. He is married to Whitleigh and together they have two boys, Beckett (14) and Jasper (10). Jeremy enjoys making TikTok videos, attending baseball games, theme parks, and taking road trips with his family to new destinations.

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- Missions

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