

Tell me more... I'm all ears!!



Sunday September 1st, 2024

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of BELLA VISTA

1880 Forest Hills Blvd.
Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715

(479) 855-2390 www.pcbv.org
E-mail: pcbvoffice@pcbv.org

LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

LITURGIST

Lon Cross

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Bud Clark

ORGANIST/PIANIST

Yvonne Washer

Chancel Choir

Soloist

Jean Nichols

WELCOME DESK

Delores Jennings

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

Mary Hackleman, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #5

Deloris Jennings and Dan Dovell

AUDIO/VISUAL

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 “It Is Well With My Soul” Arr. John Purifoy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

For now the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth.

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

The time of singing has come; the voice of the turtledove is heard
in our land.

Join with all nature in manifold witness

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

**To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Let us worship
God**

*HYMN #295

“Go to the World”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; God's grace never changes. Therefore, we come together to confess our sin, trusting that in Christ, we have already been forgiven:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

(sung, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," GtG #39)

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

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

ANTHEM

“We’re Gonna Have Church”

Pepper Choplin

Soloist— Jean Nichols

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 45:1-2 & 6-9

¹ My Heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

² **You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; Therefore God has blessed you forever.**

⁶ Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

⁷ **you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyour your companions.**

⁸ your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

⁹ **daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of O’phir.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we see as in a mirror dimly. Your Spirit offers clarity, wisdom and understanding. Open our eyes, that these many words of Scripture may bear witness to your true Word: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger,²⁰ for human anger does not produce God's righteousness.²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

SERMON

“Listen Before Leaping”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #300

“We Are One in the Spirit” (v1,2,4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God’s Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

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

James writes, “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” Since God is the source of all generosity, let us generously return our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

OFFERTORY *“Precious Memories”* Arr: Harold DeCou

***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**

Generous God, we return to you these gifts, not only of our resources, but also of our lives. Sanctify us and use us to work out your purposes in the world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN # 305 *“Come Sing, O Church, In Joy”* (v. 1,2,4)

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #336 *“We Gather Together”* (vs. 1)

*POSTLUDE *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”*

Arr: Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.



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: September
David Rew
Terry Woods

8/25/2024 Attendance:
Members: 86 Guests: 7 Online: 20

CALENDAR

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



Flowers today are given by Rich and Gayle Winsor in celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary!

Ron and I would like to thank you for all the cards and gifts we received. The money tree and the kindness you have shown us is heart-warming. Thank you again for attending! Love, Judi and Ron.

Sunday, September 1
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship /Communion
3:00pm—Wendell Dieleman Memorial Service

Monday, September 2
No Events/Labor Day/
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 3
10:30am -1:00pm Writing Group (P)
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, September 4
9:30am Deacons (A)
3:00-4:00pm Congregational Life (C)
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 5
1No Events

Friday, September 6
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, September 7
9:00-11:00am Walk to End Alzheimer's
9:30am-10:30am Presbyterian Men's Group (F/H)

Sunday, September 8
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

BIRTHDAYS

Sept 2 Roger Zemlicka

Sept 3 Lloyd Forsyth

Sept 6 Richard Washburn

Sept 6 Charles Whitford



Our Bell Choir still needs one more member. Please see Bud Clark or sign up in the connecting hallway.
Thank you.

Join Team Bella Vista Presbyterians to support the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 7.

Make checks payable to PCBV. Write Alz. Walk on the memo line.
See Jean Nichols for details

**WALK TO END
ALZHEIMER'S**
ALZHEIMER'S  ASSOCIATION[®]





*Andante Music
Club*

invites you to attend the first concert of the fall season.

"VOCAL MUSIC - AN ECLECTIC MIX."

Performers are Arlene and Jerry Biebesheimer, Charles Whitford and Joan Hanna. Tuesday, September 3, at 1:00 pm at Highland Christian Church, 1500 Forest Hills Blvd. Bella Vista.