



PREPARATION

Sunday, September 15th, 2024

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of BELLA VISTA

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Chancel Choir

Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer, Marcia Beard,
Bud Clark, Christy Clark, Lon Cross, Dick Francis, Gail Knudsen, Sharry McGuire,
Peggy McMenus, Jean Nichols, Mary Nimis-Tysk, David Riter, Florence Riter, Gary Harris,
Edie Harris, Nancy Shriner, Martha Stout, Karen Watson

WELCOME DESK

Eddie Lou Taylor

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

Mary Hackleman, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #2
Barry and Maura Owen

AUDIO/VISUAL

Carolyn Cross, Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us trust God's mercy and enter the liberating waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Logos of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

Having been forgiven, we take up Wisdom's way of knowing, embracing it as we journey toward wholeness and peace. Thanks be to God.

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19:1-6

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.
- ⁵ In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 19:7-10

- ⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- ⁸ **the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;**
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;**
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

ANTHEM “*Break Into Song*”

Donna Butler

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Spirit of Knowledge, so that we may focus on divine things. Pour out your Wisdom upon us so we may respond by taking up our cross and following you. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. ²⁵ Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air, ²⁷ but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

SERMON **Week 1** “*Preparation: Get Up and Go!*”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

Sporting & Spirituality: Learning from the teams and players we love about faith, perseverance and empathy.

This sermon series will reflect on sports as a way to engage different aspects of our faith. The four weeks are divided into: Preparation, Encouragement, Challenges and Being Well. Whether we are engaged in a sport ourselves or enjoy being a fan of a variety of teams or players, we can reflect on those experiences and what it means to be called by God to be a part of a team.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #361

“*O Christ, The Great Foundation*” (v1,2,4)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful [people]. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

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

We have more to offer than we recognize or realize. God has given us abundant gifts. Let us faithfully respond to our generous God, by presenting our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY *“Prelude on “Garden”* Arr: Robert Thygerson

***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

In Mark, Jesus asks the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” This question serves as a call to action for us to express and share the transformative and healing love of God that we experience in our lives through our generous giving of tithes and offerings.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN # 370 *“This is My Father’s World”*

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #408 *“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”* (vs. 1)

*POSTLUDE *“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*
Arr: Lloyd Larson



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

9/8/2024 Attendance:
Members: 101 Guests: 14 Online: 20



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

News from the Deacons:

New Grief library in the Narthex for anyone's use. Please return when done with book.

Please keep an eye out for future grief support groups after Sunday services.

Home communion will be October 6th. Please let Judi or Susan know if you or someone you know would like to participate.

Last Day to bring items for the Big Sale is October 6th.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 15

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship
3:00-4:00pm Adante Music Club Concert (Sanctuary)
3:00-4:00pm—Holiday Island Welcoming Service for Rev. Dr. Ron Gilmer

Monday, September 16

10:00am-3:00pm PEO Meeting Chapter CD (Sanctuary)
2:15-3:15pm Spiritual Direction (P)

Tuesday, September 17

10:30-1:00pm Writing Group (P)
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, September 18

3:00-4:30pm Elder/Deacon Gathering (Potluck w Mini-Training) (F/H)
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 19

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

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

NO EVENTS

Sunday, September 22

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

BIRTHDAYS

Sept 15 Jan Halgrim

Sept 21 Terry Woods

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, September 27, 11:30, at Chicken Salad Chick Restaurant in Bentonville - 500 SE Walton Blvd. 479-552-7707. Sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going. Thank you.



Donations are still welcome for this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's. Checks should be made payable to PCBV with ALZ written on the memo line. Cash donations can be placed in a pew envelope. Please write ALZ on the envelope and include your name if you wish to document your donation in this year's Giving Statement. Thank you for your support!

**WALK TO END
ALZHEIMER'S**
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

***The National Federation of Music Clubs
Andante Music Club of Bella Vista
and NWA Music, Art, Poetry Students***

PRESENT

Anna Han, in concert

National Federation of Music Clubs

Young Artist 2023 Winner – Piano



Sunday, September 15, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

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Concert, followed by a reception, is free and open to the public