



ENCOURAGEMENT

Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

18TH 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

Gayle Winsor

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

Mary Hackleman, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #3
Nancy Ortman and Buddy Needham

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 “*Brother James’ Air*” Arr. Larry Shackley

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 1)

Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,
And meditate on God’s word day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
Which yield their fruit in its season.
Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

*HYMN #610 “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” (v1,2,5)

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 John 1:8,9)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(inspired by James 3:13-4:3)

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life!

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 READING

Psalm 71:1-6

Prayer for Lifelong Protection and Help

- ¹ In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- ² **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.**
- ³ Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- ⁴ **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
- ⁶ **From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.**

ANTHEM

“God Chose Us”

Joseph Martin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint

SERMON **Week 2** “*Encouragement: “Cheering”*”

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 #410

“God is Calling through the Whisper”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY *“Jesus Loves Me”* 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**

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN # 418** *“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #542** *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

***POSTLUDE** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*
Arr: Larry Shackley



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

9/15/2024 Attendance:
Members: 93 Guests: 9 Online: 11



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

There will be a brief Called Congregational Meeting following this morning's worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Nominating Committee and to elect church officers for the Class of 2027.

The nominated slate for elders is:
Jerry Biebesheimer,
Gail Cowdin and
Bev MacDonald and
the nominated slate for deacons is:
Betty Bennett,
Butch Cowdin
and **Pat Slatton.**

And for the Class of 2026 for deacons: Sharon Judson

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 22
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship
11am-12pm Congregational Meeting to Nominate/Elect Church Officers

Monday, September 23
No Events

Tuesday, September 24
9:30-10:30am Spiritual Life (P)
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, September 25
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 26
No Events

Friday, September 27
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, September 28
NO EVENTS

Sunday, September 29
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

BIRTHDAYS

Sept 26 Julie Crenshaw

Sept 26 Gail Cowdin

Sept 28 Jim Prince

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.



CRAFTSMAN LAWN MOWER w/BAGGERS

“never cut a blade of grass”

Sealed Bids; Viewing 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Monday thru Thursday
Bids taken until 3:00 p.m. Oct. 19
(must be able to pay and transport mower from sale)




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

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR A HANDMADE QUILT ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY NOW

(see Sharon Warner or
Bev MacDonald)

The Presbytery of Arkansas is working to ensure the full inclusion of under-represented groups in the presbytery. As a part of the current strategic planning process, the Presbytery would love to hear of initiatives or ministries supporting under-represented populations or historically marginalized groups. If you know of a church, committee, program, or person that does a fantastic job of inclusion, or has an incredible ministry for a specific population, please share that with Julie Price at julietannerprice@gmail.com. If you are a member of an under-represented population and you're interested in helping the Presbytery move forward, email Julie! *In addition, if you know of any experts in diversity and inclusion within the bounds of the presbytery, including DEI staff at universities or in the corporate field, please email Julie with their contact info!*



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.

Reminder: Shepherd
Group 4 serves coffee
Sunday, September 29"

Welcome Back FOR THE **BIG REUNION**

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE UCM BUILDING ON CAMPUS

October 11 & 12

Gather with friends, fellow alumni, and former campus ministers to honor 60 years of ministry in the UCM building. Additionally, we are celebrating the 2022 listing of the UCM building on the National Historic Register.

Friday at 8:30 PM
Alumni Hang Out



Saturday

9:30 - 11:30 am Alumni & College Minister Brunch

Campus Tours at Noon & 4pm

1:30 - 3:30 pm Reception for Historic Register Listing

5:30 - 8:30 pm Celebration Dinner

EVENT DETAILS AND RSVP

<https://tinyurl.com/60th-Party>

