



Sunday, September 8th, 2024

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Chancel Choir

WELCOME DESK

Mack Bean

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Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

Mary Hackleman, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #1

Ron and Kay Burroughs

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

“ Leaning On the Everlasting Arms ”

Arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

*HYMN #310

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God’s path of righteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Book of Common Worship)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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

ANTHEM

“I Hear God’s Music”

Don Besig

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

22 A good reputation is better than much wealth;
high esteem is better than silver and gold.

² The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD made them both.

⁸ Those who sow injustice will harvest evil;
the rod of their fury will come to an end.

⁹ Happy are generous people,
because they give some of their food to the poor

²² Don’t steal from the poor, because they are poor.
Don’t oppress the needy in the gate.

²³ The LORD will take up their case
and press the life out of those who oppress them

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer in this worship moment.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 2: 6 -18

⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

⁸ You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself*. ⁹ But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. ¹⁰ Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it. ¹¹ The one who said, *Don't commit adultery*, also said, *Don't commit murder*. So if you don't commit adultery but do commit murder, you are a lawbreaker. ¹² In every way, then, speak and act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³ There will be no mercy in judgment for anyone who hasn't shown mercy. Mercy overrules judgment.

¹⁴ My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? ¹⁵ Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. ¹⁶ What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

¹⁸ Someone might claim, "You have faith and I have action." But how can I see your faith apart from your actions? Instead, I'll show you my faith by putting it into practice in faithful action.

SERMON

“Faithful Action”

Dr. Sarah Leer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #321

“The Church’s One Foundation” (v1,2,5)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Book of Common Worship; Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

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 *“I Need Thee Every Hour”* Arr: John Purifoy

***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

Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN # 343** *“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”* (v. 1,2,4)

*CHARGE & BLESSING

***GOING FORTH #624** *“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemers Art”* (vs. 1)

***POSTLUDE** *“Are You Able” Said the Master”*

Arr: Robert Thygerson



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

9/1/2024 Attendance:
Members: 100 Guests: 17 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 8

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Monday, September 9

9:30-10:30am PWCT Meeting (C)
1:00-2:00pm Operations (A)

Tuesday, September 10

5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, September 11

10:30-11:30am Staff Meeting (A)
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 12

12:00-2:00pm PW Meeting & Luncheon (F/H)

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 14

8:00am-12:00pm Art Club (F/H)
9:00am Stated Session (A)

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

BIRTHDAYS

Sept 11 Jim Anderson

Sept 12 Jerry Cozad

2024-2025 PW/HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

Let Justice Roll Down



God's Call to Care for
Neighbors and All Creation

By Patricia K. Tull

Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes

Presbyterian Women
will be having their
fall kick-off luncheon this
Thursday at Noon
in Fellowship Hall

***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, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista
1880 Forest Hills Blvd. Bella Vista, AR

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