



Sunday, October 13th , 2024

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Edie Harris, Nancy Shriner, Martha Stout, Karen Watson

WELCOME DESK

Sharon Warner

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

Mack Bean, Jan Grim, Barry Owen, Pat Slatton

COFFEE HOSTS

No Coffee this week

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 *“Simple Blessings”* Charity Boyles

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 136:1-3)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #772 *“Live Into Hope”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Trusting in God’s gracious mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and our neighbors. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, “Come, follow me.” Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus’s call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (based on 1 Timothy 1:15)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Children of God, hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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.)

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 22:1-15

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night but find no rest.**

³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ **In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵ To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people.**

⁷ All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me; they shake their heads;

⁸ **“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ **On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹² **Many bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ **I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

ANTHEM

“You Raise Me Up”

Tom Fettke

(Women of the Choir)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, we join the psalmist as we say, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105). As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts be illumined by your Holy Spirit. May our lives and actions reflect the light of your Word that others may follow your path, also. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

SERMON

“ Big Questions With The One Who Is Loved ”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 19** *“God of Great and God of Small”*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

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 (based on 2 Corinthians 9:12)

When the Apostle Paul called for Gentile Christians to contribute to the offering for the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, he reminded them, “for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” Mindful of and grateful for the many blessings we have received from God, let us give generously that we may supply the needs of the saints and overflow with thanksgivings to God.

OFFERTORY *“Healing Hand of God”* Franklin Ritter

***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.



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 479-403-9082. 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: October
Sharon Judson
Gail Knudsen

10/6/2024 Attendance:
Members: 89 Guests: 8 Online: 23

Due to the amount of goods we have for the sale, the fellowship hall has been taken over. So unfortunately, there will be no events held there until after Oct. 22. That includes the time of fellowship. Sorry for the inconvenience and you missing out on this wonderful time of fellowship.

Flowers today are giving by Dave and Julea Bell for the 50th Wedding Anniversary that was Oct. 11th.



Artistic Touches | 10/20/2024

If you need your directory photo taken, please contact Eddie Lou Taylor (via text at 479-531-9387) or Jan Halgrim.

BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 15 Marvin Dodd

Oct. 17 Betty Bennett

Oct. 17 Butch Cowdin

Oct. 17 Lon Cross

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Monday, October 14

9am-4pm—Set up Sale

Tuesday, October 15

9am-4pm—Set up Sale
10:30am Writing Group (P)
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, October 16

9am-4pm—Set up Sale
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 17

9am-4pm—Set up Sale
1:00-3:00pm Ozark Hikers (C)

Friday, October 18

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8am-4pm—Church Sale

Saturday, October 19

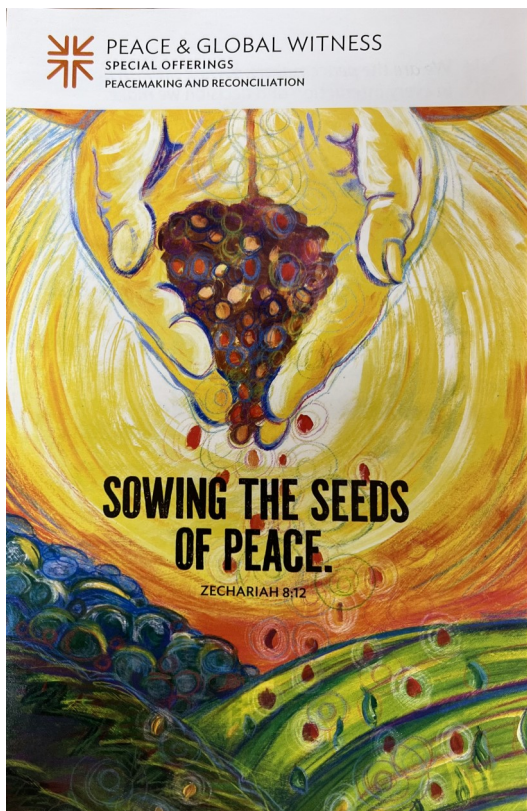
8am-4pm—Church Sale

Sunday, October 20

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

A Brunch for new members and regular visitors will be happening in November. Please contact Mary Nimis-Tysk at 651-357-6776 to find out details.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, October 25, 11:30, at Panera Bread in Bentonville - 1320 SE Walton Blvd. 479-271-8009. Sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going. Thank you.



For those who are contributing to the Presbyterian USA Peace and Global Witness special offering, please put your offering in one of the special envelopes found in the pew and place it into today's offering plate. Please note that 25% from this offering will stay in our church, we have elected to donate this amount to NWA Canopy, a mission to help newly arriving refugees to settle in NWA. Thank you for your donation.

Please use a special envelope from the pews for the Peace & Global Witness offering, this Sunday

Dr. Jack "Doc" R. Irwin April 30, 1931 - October 3, 2024



Dr. Jack R. "Doc" Irwin passed away on October 3, 2024. He was born April 30, 1931, in a northeastern area of Ohio, the third child of Lester and Ruth Irwin. His father was a machinist, but the family owned a small dairy farm as well. The daily milking of cows and the seasonal tasks of plowing, haying and threshing fell mostly to Jack and his older brother.

His education qualified him to be a minister, his primary vocation, and he served congregations in Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Though raised in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Jack developed a strong ecumenical spirit and spent his entire ministry in Community Churches of nondenominational character. He decried the many denominations and schisms in Christianity, feeling if Christians can't get along with each other as one body, what do they have to tell the world?

Memorial @ PCBV
November 2 at 1pm

Music was an integral part of his life. He possessed a fine voice and used it in a variety of ways as soloist and in ensembles. He was also an excellent choir director. He played the guitar and enjoyed using it with "children's time" in his church services and in sing-alongs in national parks where they camped. Fittingly, he met his wife while they both sang in a community chorus in Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his older brother and sister.

He is survived by his wife, Alice of Bella Vista; daughter, Terry (John) of Littleton, CO; stepson, Jeffrey (Dolores); and granddaughters, Florence and Olivia Beaster of McFarland, WI.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, 1880 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, AR 72715.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 1201 NE Legacy Pkwy, Bentonville, AR 72712 or Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, 1880 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, AR 72715.

On-line condolences may be made at www.funeralmation.com.