

Pour out your heart like water before the presence of
the Lord.

Lamentations 2:19



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26TH DAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Sharon Judson, Dale Judson, Barb Francis, Barry Owen, Vicki Erickson

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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 “*Arioso*” (Thanks Be to God) G. F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Women: “This may only be a dream of mine, but I think it can be made real.” — Ella Baker

Men: “Transform yourself to transform the world.” — Grace Lee Boggs

Women: “Wage love.” — Charity Hicks

A new world is being birthed. Let us pray for and participate in God’s coming kingdom.

***HYMN #462** “*I Love to Tell the Story*”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God promises forgiveness through Jesus Christ. In humility and faith, let us approach God in honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Matthew 9:2)

When Jesus saw their faith, he said...“Take heart...your sins are forgiven.” 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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (adapted from Psalm 19:14)

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:4-8

⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters, ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 16

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.**

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their name upon my lips.**

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸**I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰**For you do not give me up to She’ol or let you faithful one see the Pit.**

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

ANTHEM

“Somebody’s Knockin’ ”

Joseph Martin

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:9-20

⁹ After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. ¹¹ She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.

¹² As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴ So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” ¹⁸ And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters and ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹ They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.

SERMON

“Pouring It Out To God”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

***HYMN # 697**

“Take My Life” (V1,2,3,4)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

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 (2 Corinthians 9:11)

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God.” Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

OFFERTORY “*Living Water*” Michael Shea

***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**

O God, maker and provider of all, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN # 724** “*O Jesus, I Have Promised*” (v1,2,4)

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #65** “*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*” (v1)

***POSTLUDE** “*We Thank Thee, Loving Father*” L. Smith



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– THURS
9 am to 3 pm
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: November
Gail Knudsen
Gail Cowdin

11/10/2024 Attendance:
Members: 104 Guests: 17 Online: 25



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

Flowers today are given
by Jean Nichols

Thank you for those who have pledged for 2025. We have received 67 pledges and we appreciate this. Our session will be meeting in December to finalize the budget and we hope to continue our mission and ministry as we have in the past.

If you aren't sure if you can pledge, know that you can always adjust your pledges if your financial budgets change. Also know, compared to 2023, we had 4 move up a step in 2024. Again, thank you to Vicki for leading our Stewardship Season so wonderfully.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 17 Jean Nichols

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship/Dedication of Pledges
11am-12pm Special Called Session Meeting

Monday, November 18

11am-3pm—PEO Meeting (F/H) (CD Chapter)
2-3pm Book Study (Parlor)

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

10-11 am Mission Meeting for Letters
5pm Bell Choir
6pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 21

1-3pm Ozark Hill Hikers (C)
2-3pm Book Study (F/H)

Friday, November 22

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
11:30am Lunch Bunch-Fish City Grill
1pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, November 23

No EVENTS

Sunday, November 24

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship (Communion)
11am-12pm- A Good Grief Meeting (Parlor with Deacons)

Please join us for a
**Thanksgiving
Potluck**

Thursday, November 28th,
12:00 noon in Fellowship
Hall. Turkey, mashed
potatoes and gravy and table
settings will be provided.
Please bring a dish to share.
Sign up in Connector Hallway,
so we know how many to prepare
for. Thank you.

Loaves and Fishes.



All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, November 22 , 11:30, at Fish City Grill in Rogers - 2003 S. Bellview Road (off New Hope Road), 479-636-8833. It doesn't have to be your birthday month, just come and enjoy good food, friends and fellowship. Sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going. Thank you.

SHEPHERD GROUP 1 GAME PARTY
ALL SHEPHERD GROUPS WELCOME!
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH 4:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
HOSTESS: KAY BURROUGHS



BRING A GAME TO PLAY ———
SNACKS TO SHARE
AND SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DRINK
PLEASE RSVP TO KAY BURROUGHS
(479) 640-1198

Please come to join us in decorating the church for the Advent Season on Tuesday, December 3rd at 9:30am. The more the merrier. Please contact Shirley Olson (479-855-9505) for more information.

We will also be having a Christmas Tree in the Narthex. We would love for people to bring an ornament to place on it. You will be able to collect it after Christmas.

