



Sunday, November 3rd , 2024

ALL SAINTS DAY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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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

Marlys Walters

HEAD USHER

Karen Schneider, Jerre Lender

USHERS/GREETERS

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

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group 4

Mary Nimis-Tysk & Peggy McMenus

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 “*In Remembrance*” John M. Rasley

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18)

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”

Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives.

Thanks be to God!

Let us worship God!

***HYMN #307** “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

CALL TO CONFESSION (Hebrews 4:15-16)

The Scriptures tell us, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The psalmist assures us, “As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.” In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

We wait for you, Lord, our souls wait for you, and in your Word we hope. Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we may have hope and believe in the good news. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 146:1-10

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my Soul!

² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;**

on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;**

who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed: who gives food to the hungry.

⁸ **The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

"We Are a Church"

Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

SERMON

“ *Talents (Money) and Peace* ”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

*HYMN # 326

“*For All the Saints*” (v1,2,3,5)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

† LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER

The white roses are in memory of those who died this past year.
A candle will be lit in remembrance of each of the saints.
Family members are invited to come forward following today's
service and take a rose in memory of their loved one.

Craig Foster	11/1/2023	Hope Kinney	6/18/2024
Harry Reif	12/3/2023	Marvel Pokorny	6/28/2024
Gary Stumbo	2/18/2024	Wendell Dieleman	7/28/2024
Bernie Hietbrink	2/24/2024	Bruce Allen	8/11/2024
Marilyn Vits	3/15/2024	Jack Irwin	10/3/2024
Gene Felton	3/22/2024	Louis Vits	10/6/2024

Pastor: O Lord, we gather here in the protective shelter of your healing love. We are free to pour out our grief, release our anger, face our emptiness, and know that you care.

All: We gather here as your people, conscious of others who have died and of the frailty of our own existence on earth. We come to comfort and to support one another in our own existence on earth. We come to comfort and to support one another in our common loss. We gather to hear your words of hope that can drive away our despair and move us to offer you our praise.

Pastor: We remember before you, O Lord, those called home this past year, grateful for their memory and we look forward to a blessed reunion in heaven. I am the Resurrection and the Life, those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. ⁵

We remember Craig Foster, Harry Reif, Gary Stumbo.
Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man comes. Blessed are those servants whom the Lord, when he comes, shall find watching.

We remember Bernie Hietbrink, Marilyn Vits, Gene Felton.
I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day.

We remember Hope Kinney, Marvel Pokorny, Wendell Dieleman.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

We remember Bruce Allen, Jack Irwin, Louis Vits
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

(Pause for silent reflection.)

All: God of all generations, we praise you for all your servants who, having been faithful to you on earth, now live with you in heaven. With reverence and affection we remember before you, O everlasting God, all our departed friends and relations. Keep us in union with them here, through faith and love towards you, that hereafter we may enter into your presence and be numbered with those who serve you and look upon your face in glory everlasting; through Your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from A Declaration of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and The Shorter Catechism)

God bound his people to himself in covenant. Freed slaves became the people of God when they accepted the Lord's covenant. God charged them to respond to his rescuing love by obeying his commandments. Their life together was to express the justice and compassion of their holy God.

Since we, too, are the Lord's covenant people, we know we must be holy as the Lord is holy. We must keep God's commandments, not in order to earn or compel the Lord's favor, but to reflect the character of God and to be his grateful and loving people.

What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?

The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

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

With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God who has so richly blessed us.

OFFERTORY

“Trust In the Lord”

D. Callender

*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

Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN # 336

“We Gather Together”

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH #375

“Shall We Gather At the River”

*POSTLUDE

“Litany ”

David Paxton

† LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE & PRAYER

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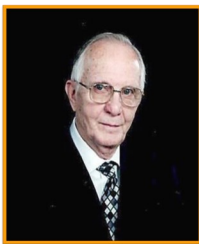
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October 3, 2024



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October 6, 2024



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

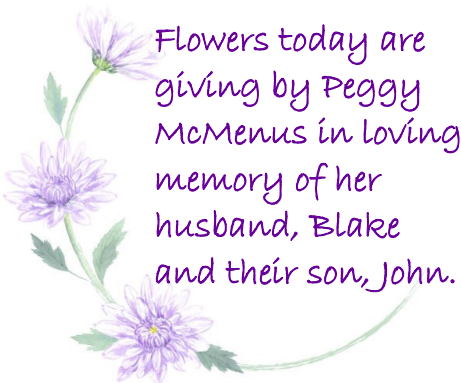
For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 479-403-9082. Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons: November
Gail Knudsen
Gail Cowdin

10/27/2024 Attendance:
Members: 89 Guests: 6 Online: 15



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



Flowers today are giving by Peggy McMenus in loving memory of her husband, Blake and their son, John.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Monday, November 4

1-2pm Operations (A)
2-3pm Book Study (Parlor)

Tuesday, November 5

9:30-10:30am New Member's Brunch (Mary's)
10:30am-1pm Writing Group (P)
4:30-7pm PEO Chpt BR (F/H)
5:30pm –6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, November 6

9:30am Deacon's (A)
3-4:pm Congregational Life (A)
5pm Bell Choir
6pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 7

2-3pm Book Study (F/H)

Friday, November 8

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1pm Busy Hands (Lobby)

Saturday, November 9

8am –12pm Art Club (F/H)
9am—Stated Session (A)

Sunday, November 10

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship
11am-12pm Stewardship Luncheon

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 4 Judy Massman

Nov. 5 Sharon Warner

Nov. 6 Jerry Biebersheimer

Nov. 7 Karen Watson

Nov. 8 Eddie Lou Taylor

The Stewardship luncheon will be held immediately following worship on November 10th. Please sign up in Connector Hallway. Deadline to sign up for this catered lunch is today, November 3rd.

Please pick up your 3rd Quarter giving statement, they are in the connector Hallway.

Two Brunches are scheduled for new members and new friends of the church at Mary Nimis-Tysk's house on Nov. 5th and Nov. 13th.



You are invited!

Light of the World Benefit Concerts



**A NATIONALLY SYNDICATED RADIO
HOST CALLED ACT OF CONGRESS
"ONE OF THE FRESHEST SOUNDING,
EXUBERANT BANDS IN ALL OF
THE KNOWN ACOUSTIC UNIVERSE."**

Events are free, however a financial appeal will be made. Because of an Honored Anonymous Underwriter, all events costs are covered so that every dollar donated will be used to end child sex trafficking and bring hope to survivors.

Act of Congress

**NOVEMBER 8, 2024
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
4911 W. PLEASANT GROVE RD
ROGERS, ARKANSAS**

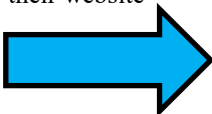
**NOVEMBER 9, 2024
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

**TWIN LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH
2645 HWY. 62 W.
MOUNTAIN HOME**

Event is free.
Dress is semi-formal.



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to
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<https://www.intothelightus.org/>



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