



Sunday, October 27th , 2024

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Shepherd Group 3

Nancy Ortman, Buddy Needham

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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

“Day By Day”

E. Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 46)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Amen.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with
its tumult.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I
am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge

Let us worship the living God!

***HYMN #838**

“Standing On the Promises”

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (a prayer by Martin Luther)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.
My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me.
I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love
may go out to my neighbor.
I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am
unable to trust you altogether.
O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.
In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.
I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.
I am a sinner; you are upright.
With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of
righteousness.
Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to
whom I may not give. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (a prayer by John Calvin)

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the
remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.
Hear and believe this 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.)

*GLORIA PATRI #581

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 34:1-8

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;**

let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ **I sought the Lord, and he answered me,**

and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ **This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord,**

and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ **O taste and see that the Lord is good;**

happy are those who take refuge in him.

ANTHEM

“Seekers of Light”

Joseph Martin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:43-48

⁴³ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhages for twelve years, and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵ Then Jesus asked, “Who touched me?” When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds are surround you in and press in on you.” ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I noticed that power had gone out from me.” ⁴⁷ When the woman realized that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

SERMON

“ Timely Gratitude ”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 181**

“Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.

OFFERTORY “*Through a Sunlit Window*” Carl Simone

***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** (a prayer by Martin Luther)

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN # 187** “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*” (v1,2,4)

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #286** “*Breath On Me, Breath of God*”
(v.1)

***POSTLUDE** “*Gigue*” G.F. Handel



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: October
Sharon Judson
Gail Knudsen

10/20/2024 Attendance:
Members: 93 Guests: 13 Online: 11



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

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please call the church office to submit the name of a loved one whom you wish to be remembered on All Saints' Remembrance Day on Sunday, November 3rd.

LITURGISTS ENCOURAGED

Church members desiring to become a liturgist may submit your name to Pastor Judi or any active Elder. A short training session is required and is today after worship service.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1 **Maureen Lynch**

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship
11am Liturgist Training (Sanctuary)

Monday, October 28
NO EVENTS

Tuesday, October 29
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, October 30
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 31
NO EVENTS

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

Saturday, November 2
9:00am Presbyterian Men's Group (F/H)
1:00-2:00pm Memorial Service for Jack (Doc) Irwin

Sunday, November 3
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship
ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE DAY

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 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.



The church sale was a huge success. A big shout out to everyone who put so many hours into getting it ready and for those that donated. We made over \$16,000.





Louis James Vits

Louis James Vits passed away peacefully on October 6, 2024. Louis was born on December 14, 1929 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He grew up in Manitowoc and spent summers in Sturgeon Bay at the family cottage. He graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in 1950 and the Industrial Engineering College of Chicago in 1952.

Louis served in the Korean War in the Marines and the Army, receiving honorable discharges in 1952 and 1960, respectively; while serving he received numerous awards, including two Bronze Service Stars.

At Wentworth he met Marilyn Morrison; they married on June 7, 1952 and celebrated 71 years in June 2023. They resided in Manitowoc, Wisconsin for over thirty years before moving to Arkansas. Louis was an industrial engineer at Mirro Aluminum Company in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and at Doughboy Pools in Helena, Arkansas. He was a member of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers.

He was the family historian, tracing the Vits family history back to its origins in Germany, communicating with relatives in Germany, and traveling throughout the United States to gather information for the Vits family tree. He was an accomplished musician, playing upright bass, accordion, and organ. He was a long-time member of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista where he sang in the choir. He also loved to play bridge and be a B.I.L. to his wife, Marilyn.

Louis was preceded in death by the love of his life, Marilyn, on March 15, 2024. He is survived by his children Laura (Denis) Vogel and Vernon (Yun) Vits; grandchildren Nikole (Dirk) Gessler, Tyler (Kayla) Vits, Michael (Katarina) Tao; great-grandchildren Olivia, Justin, and Addison; his sisters-in-law Bea Morrison and Paddy Wrob; and many nieces and nephews. Louis was also preceded in death by his parents, Albert L. and Alberta Putney; brothers Albert L. Jr., George, and Mark.

A graveside service with full military honors was held on Wednesday, October 23, at 11:00 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery, 2221 Michigan Ave., Manitowoc, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Elks National Foundation (www.elks.org); Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista Arkansas; or Sunshine School of Benton County (www.nwasunshineschool.org).