



Sunday January 12, 2025

---

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY - OFFICER INSTALLATION - COMMUNION

---

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*of* **BELLA VISTA**

1880 Forest Hills Blvd.  
Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715

(479) 855-2390 [www.pcbv.org](http://www.pcbv.org)  
E-mail: [pcbvoffice@pcbv.org](mailto:pcbvoffice@pcbv.org)

# LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

## MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

## LITURGIST

Karen Watson

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

Bud Clark

## ORGANIST/PIANIST

Gail Knudsen

## CHANCEL CHOIR

Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer, Marcia Beard,  
Bud Clark, Christy Clark, 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

## COMMUNION SERVERS

Vicki Erickson, Buddy Needham, Nancy Ortman, Peggy Prevost, Florence Riter

## WELCOME DESK

Vicki Erickson

## HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

## USHERS/GREETERS

Barb Francis, , Nancy Ortman, Frank Taylor, Ken Zornes, Pat Zornes

## COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #4

Mary Nimis-Tysk & Peggy McMenus

## AUDIO/VISUAL

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                    *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*                    David Hegarty

### CALL TO WORSHIP

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

\*HYMN #268                    *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We belong to God. Nothing can break this covenant. Let us, then, with confidence approach God to honestly confess our sins in prayer.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ’s path of peace, but we build walls and invest in guns and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. Amen.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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**

## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord<sub>2</sub> your God, the Holy One of Israel,

your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

## RESPONSIVE READING

### Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and  
Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

- 8 **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 **May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**ANTHEM**

*“Sing to the Lord a New Song”*

Lloyd Larson

**SECOND READING**

Luke 3:15-

17 & 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear this threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and

the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Help us, Holy God, to connect to your word anew. Open the Scriptures to us in a way that is life-giving. Encourage us to listen to the message your Spirit makes known in word and worship. Amen.

**SERMON**

*“Through the Waters”*

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS**

**Elders — Class of 2025**

Florence Riter

**Elders — Class of 2026**

Buddy Needham

**Elders — Class of 2027**

Bev MacDonald , Jerry Biebesheimer, Gail Cowdin

**Deacons — Class of 2027**

Betty Bennett, Butch Cowdin, Pat Slatton

**Pastor:** We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

**Clerk of Session:** Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista now ordains Butch Cowdin and Pat Slatton, to ministry as deacon, and ordains Buddy Needham, Jerry Biebesheimer and Gail Cowdin to ministry as ruling elders, and installs all of the above listed to active service in this congregation.

**Pastor:** As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Apostles' Creed)

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

**Pastor:** Do you believe in <sub>6</sub> God the Father?

**ALL:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of



heaven and earth.

**Pastor:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**ALL:** I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**Pastor:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**ALL:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR DEACONS & ELDERS

**Pastor:** Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him as Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**Deacons & Elders:** I do.

**Clerk of Session:** Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**Deacons & Elders:** I do.

**Pastor:** Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**Deacons & Elders: I do and I will.**

**Clerk of Session:** Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**Deacons & Elders: I will, with God's help.**

**Pastor:** Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**Deacons & Elders: I will.**

**Clerk of Session:** Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**Deacons & Elders: I will.**

**Pastor:** Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**Deacons & Elders: I will.**

**Pastor to Elders:** Will you be a faithful ruling elder,

watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**Elders: I will.**

**Pastor to Deacons:** Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**Deacons: I will.**

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

**Clerk of Session:** Do we, the members of the church, accept these, our brothers and sisters in faith, as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**People: We do.**

**Clerk of Session:** Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**People: We do.**

## PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks     9   to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Let us pray ...*

**Pastor:** Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Throughout the ages and in every place you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace. We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone — for judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace; for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth; for leaders and teachers in every age who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

**Pastor:** Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servants, Florence Riter, Buddy Needham, Bev MacDonald, Jerry Biebesheimer, Gail Cowdin, Butch Cowdin, Pat Slatton and Betty Bennett, whom you called by baptism as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

We also give you thanks as they continue in the ministry to which you have called them. Help them to rely on the gifts of your Spirit and to follow Christ faithfully in this calling. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.

Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

**Clerk of Session to Deacons & Elders:** Brothers and sisters, you are deacons and ruling elders, ordained to ministries of service and governance in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry to that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Amen.

**Clerk of Session to Congregation:** Please welcome your newly ordained and installed deacons and ruling elders.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **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**

A generous God calls us to live generous lives. Let us present our tithes and offerings to further Christ's mission and ministry.

**OFFERTORY**

*"This Hallowed Place"*

Stewart

Landon

**\*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**

Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN #269** *"Lead on, O King Eternal"*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER**

**BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER**

Today after service, there will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on Terms of Call. Please plan on staying for the meeting.

Judi McMillan, PCBV

<b>Terms of Call 2025</b>	7.5% total pay increase (2.5% Cola + 5% raise)	2024 TOC
Salary	32,854	27,684
Housing	45,000	45,000
403(b)	12,000	3,600
<b>Total Effective Salary</b>	<b>89,854</b>	<b>76,284</b>
SS Allowance (7.65% of TES)	6,873	5,836
Pension Dues	22,457	29,751
SubTotal	<b>119,185</b>	<b>111,871</b>
<b>Variable Expenses</b>		
Continuing Education	5,000	5,000
Prof.Books/Materials	500	500
Auto Mileage/Presbytery Hotels	1,700	1,700
Expenses/Cell Phone	1,300	1,300
<b>Total Variable</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>8,500</b>
<b>TOTAL Terms of Call 2025</b>	<b>127,685</b>	<b>120,371</b>



# 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](http://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 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](mailto:jmcmillan@pcbv.org) stating your need.

**Deacons on Call for January:**  
Susan Foster  
Sharon Judson

**1/5/2025 Attendance:**  
Members: 80 Visitors: 10, Online 21



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

Sugar-free cookies will no longer be supplied, unless the Shepherd group chooses to that week.

## WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Just a reminder, if Bentonville Schools are closed, so are the offices. And if you get a call from the church on Saturday or Sunday morning and it is snowing/icing, that is a One Call stating Church will be closed that for services and events. Plus you can always check out the church's website or Facebook page.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, January 24, 11:30, at Bella's Table (old Duffer's location), 638 W. Lancashire Blvd., 479-367-2509. 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.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 12

9:00am Christian Ed Class  
10:00am Worship- Communion, Installation of Deacons and Elders  
11:00am Congregational Meeting- (Terms of Call)

### Monday, January 13

11-11:30am Staff Review

### Tuesday, January 14

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

### Wednesday, January 15

5:00pm Bell Choir Practice  
6:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 16

1pm—Ozark Hill Hikers

### Friday, January 17

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

### Saturday, January 18

NO EVENTS

### Sunday, January 19

9:00am Christian Ed Class  
10:00am Worship

## BIRTHDAYS

**Jan 12 Dave Bell**

**Jan 14 Jo Bain**

## 2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

Our new flower calendar is here!  
Stop by the office to reserve a Sunday to provide flowers for service.