



Sunday, February 16, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer, Marcia Beard,
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Peggy McMenus, Jean Nichols, Mary Nimis-Tysk, David Riter, Gary Harris,
Edie Harris, Martha Stout, Karen Watson

Bell Choir

Arlene Beibesheimer, Gail Cowdin, Rosie Floyd, Gail Knudsen, Florence Riter,
Michelle Schall, Cathie Whittenberger, Sharon Warner, Karen Watson, Fran Zimmerman

WELCOME DESK

Eddie Lou Taylor

HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

USHERS/GREETERS

Vicki Erickson, Mary Hackleman, Delores Jennings, Buddy Needham, Nancy Ortman

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group 4

Peggy McMenus, Florence and David Riter

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 *“Prelude on Dundee”* Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 37:39-40)

Our salvation is from the Lord;
God is our refuge in times of trouble.
The Lord helps us and rescues us;
God saves us because we take refuge in our Lord.

***HYMN #828** *“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength, and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor, and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, racial and ethnic privileging, gender exclusivity, and nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit so that we might learn to love as you love and live as people baptized as your own children. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel — God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own. Thanks be to God!

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we are about to hear will become God's Word for us in this day and age. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from
the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief
comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the
stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers

² **but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in
its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ **The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,
⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“An American Spiritual”

Patricia Hurlbutt

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets

SERMON

“Transfixed with Jesus; To Be Held in Awe.”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

OFFERTORY *"If Thor Art Near"* J.S. Bach Arr. L.N. Porter

***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, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #729

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*RESPONSIVE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you;

May the Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

Turn toward your neighbors in peace;

and offer thanksgiving and mercy.

Amen.

*GOING FORTH #703

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

(v1)

*POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

L. Van Beethoven Arr. Janet Harris



Weekly Vista

02/09/2025 Attendance:
Members/Friends: 89 Guests: 9
Online: 20

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 on Call for February:
Pat Slatton
Terry Woods



You are invited to refreshments and a time of

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

A fund drive to help Canopy to provide for the basic needs of the refugees that are already living in Northwest Arkansas has begun. If you would like to contribute any amount, please write a check to the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista and write Canopy in the Memo line. Today is the last day for accepting checks. Or you can go to Canopy NWA web site to donate.

CANOPY
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 19 LeRae Bean

Feb 19 Mickie Victor

Feb 19 Jerry Vnuk

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Monday, February 17
11am-3pm—PEO Chpt CD (F/H)

Tuesday, February 18
10:30am-1pm—Writing Group (P)
5:30pm—6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, February 19
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 20
1-3pm—Ozark Hikers (C)

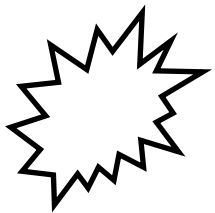
Friday, February 21
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1-3pm—Knitting for Peace
6-9pm—Presbytery At Lyon College

Saturday, February 22
NO EVENTS
9am-3pm—Presbytery At Lyon College

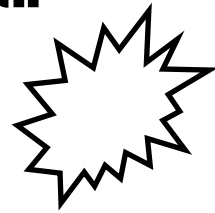
Sunday, February 23
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship

Flowers today are given by Bill and Jean Nichols in honor of the 46th

Happy Anniversary



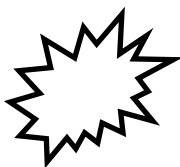
**Next game night is February 24th
hosted by Shepherd Group 2 -
(Barry & Maura Owen)**



**The first one was a success with
19 attending.**

Sermon series with Luke

1. **Transfixed with Jesus – to be held in awe, Feb. 16**
2. Transpired with Jesus – to be revealed, Feb. 23
3. Transfigured with Jesus – to be elevated, March 2



WE NEED HELP ON THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST WITH SMALL TASKS, CLEAN-UP AND OTHER PROJECTS. PLEASE CONTACT TOM HACKLEMAN OR PASTOR JUDI, IF INTERESTED. THANKS.

Thank you for all the contributions will go to the Samaritan Community Center for SnackPaks for kids. We collected \$750.



"LORD, EVEN AS WE ENJOY THE SUPER BOWL FOOTBALL GAME, HELP US BE MINDFUL OF THOSE WHO ARE WITHOUT A BOWL OF SOUP TO EAT"

TACKLE HUNGER
with the
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, February 28, 11:30, at BV65 BBQ (was Papa Mike's), 4 Kingsdale Lane, 479-855-5110. 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.

