



Sunday, February 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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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, 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

Buddy Needham

HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

USHERS/GREETERS

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

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group 5
Delores Jennings, Dan Dovell

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

“A Galilean Hillside ”

Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like trees planted by streams of water

Let us trust in the Lord

and meditate on God’s Word

so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.

*HYMN #744

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Who can understand the heart? Only God. Let us confess the ways we have turned from the One who knows us and saves us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. **We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world’s latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen.**

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Blessed are those who trust the Lord. When heat comes, our leaves will stay green. In a year of drought, we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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 FOR ILLUMINATION

The Lord tests the mind and searches the heart. In this moment of proclamation, O God, may our hearts and minds be receptive to you and your way. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:3-11

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 37:1-11

- ¹ Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
² **for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**
³ Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.
⁴ **Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**
⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
⁶ **He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**
⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.
⁸ **Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret— it leads only to evil.**
⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.
¹⁰ **Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**
¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

ANTHEM

“Abide With Me”

Lloyd Larson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

SERMON

“Transpired with Jesus – to be Revealed.”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN #735**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

God has led us to prosperity. Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given.

OFFERTORY

"Pastorale"

George Blake

***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**

God, you have sustained us in lean times and led us to sources of living water. Take these gifts and multiply their blessings for those who are hungry, hurting and in need of your strength. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #819**

“Be Still, My Soul”

***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 #738**

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

(v1)

***POSTLUDE**

“Come Ye Faithful”

E. Broughton

**Next game night is TOMORROW
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

CANOPY
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Thank you for all the contributions will go to the Canopy, We collected \$1,115. Missions



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 on Call for February:
Pat Slatton
Terry Woods

02/16/2025 Attendance:
Members/Friends: 62 Guests: 4
Online: 15



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.

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.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, February 24
3-5pm—Shepherd Group Game Night—Hosted by Group 2

Tuesday, February 25
9:30-10:30am-Spiritual Life (A)
5:30pm -6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, February 26
10:30-11:30am Staff Meeting (A)
5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 27
2-3pm—Book Group (F/H)

Friday, February 28
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1-3pm—Knitting for Peace

Saturday, March 1
NO EVENTS
9:30-10:30am—Presbyterian Men's Group (F/H)

Sunday, March 2
9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship (Communion)

BIRTHDAYS

Feb 28 Mary Hackleman

Feb 29 Joan Crass

Mar 2 Barb Tropansky

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the church traditionally observes Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, families can focus on Jesus' life and ministry, culminating in his death and resurrection.

Use this Lenten Bible Reading Plan, along with a kid-friendly version of the Bible, for family devotions. With older kids, you can expand the readings to the surrounding paragraph or chapter. Discuss how each reference to Christ ties into God's plan of salvation.



A 40-day Lenten Bible Reading Plan arranged in a grid-like pattern. Each day is represented by a rounded rectangular card with a white background and a black border. The cards are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with some overlapping. The cards are numbered from DAY 1 to DAY 40, with the following Bible references:

- DAY 1: Genesis 3:15
- DAY 2: Isaiah 7:14
- DAY 3: Matthew 1:20-21
- DAY 4: Luke 2:11
- DAY 5: Luke 2:52
- DAY 6: Mark 1:9-11
- DAY 7: Matthew 4:1-10
- DAY 8: Matthew 4:18-20
- DAY 9: Luke 6:27-31
- DAY 10: Matthew 11:28-30
- DAY 11: Luke 4:40-41
- DAY 12: Luke 8:24-25
- DAY 13: Matthew 12:8
- DAY 14: Mark 6:41-42
- DAY 15: Luke 9:20-22
- DAY 16: John 3:16-17
- DAY 17: John 6:35
- DAY 18: John 8:12
- DAY 19: John 10:14-15
- DAY 20: Mark 10:13-16
- DAY 21: Mark 9:2-3
- DAY 22: Matthew 20:17-19
- DAY 23: Luke 19:9-10
- DAY 24: Matthew 14:25-27
- DAY 25: Luke 10:36-37
- DAY 26: John 11:25-27, 43
- DAY 27: John 12:3
- DAY 28: Matthew 21:8-9
- DAY 29: Mark 11:15-16
- DAY 30: John 17:17-19
- DAY 31: Luke 22:3-6
- DAY 32: Mark 14:22-24
- DAY 33: John 13:3-5
- DAY 34: Matthew 26:39
- DAY 35: Luke 22:63-65
- DAY 36: Mark 15:22-26
- DAY 37: Matthew 27:50-54
- DAY 38: John 19:40-42
- DAY 39: Luke 24:1-8
- DAY 40: Matthew 28:19-20

Decorative illustrations include:

- A hand holding a stone (Day 1)
- A crown of thorns (Day 11)
- A butterfly (Day 9)
- A woman in a long dress (Day 16)
- A stone rolled away from a tomb (Day 29)
- A crown of thorns (Day 34)
- A cross with a crown of thorns (Day 38)
- A stone rolled away from a tomb (Day 40)

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.



Ash Wednesday is March 5th and marks the beginning of Lent.

Lenten Souper Suppers will start on Tuesday, March 11th.