



Sunday June 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of BELLA VISTA**

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COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #4
David & Florence Riter, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS – VERA LLOYD VIDEO

PRELUDE

“He Took the Cup”

Marc Jordan

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 97)

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

We tremble at God’s awesome works!

The heavens proclaim God’s righteousness!

The Lord is our guard and protector!

Light dawns and joy fills our hearts!

*HYMN #623

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

CALL TO CONFESSION

We worry if we confess what rests heavily on our hearts, we will be judged and condemned. Yet God desires we come close and open ourselves to the possibility of transformation and grace. When we confess our sin, we acknowledge God’s love for us and Christ’s prayer for us, opening ourselves to forgiveness and new life. Trusting in this love, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you desire that the world might see your light shine through us. Yet we confess we are often too blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve, in our action and our inaction. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. We fail to see your righteousness and champion greed and discord in the name of power and popularity. Forgive us. Melt us and mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking your light, reflecting your mercy, and sharing your grace. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ alone, prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. **Alleluia. 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 share the sign of “peace”.)

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5: 22-23

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

RESPONSIVE READING

John 17: 20-23

²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word,

²¹ **that they may all be one**

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² The glory that you have given me I have given them,
so that they may be one, as we are one,

²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one,
so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

ANTHEM

“Just As I Am”

Joseph Martin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:1-15

⁴ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” ² (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), ³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me

a drink.”⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we are thirsty for your good word. As we hear your word read and proclaimed, open our hearts to hear what you have to say to us. Fill us with the light of your love that, having heard, we will be ready to go live more faithfully and love more deeply. Amen.

SERMON A 3-week sermon series:

"What's the word? Who's the Word? How shall we live the word?"

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN #625**

“O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(excerpts from the Confession of Belhar)

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

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

We are called to be light to the world. Let us share our talents and treasures in grateful praise.

OFFERTORY *“Have You Any Room for Jesus”* Robert Lathrop

***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 God, all that we are and all that we have comes from you.
Take these gifts and these people and make them blessings for your
people in this community and beyond. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #629** *“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH #614** *“Great Are You, Lord”*

***POSTLUDE** *“How Majestic is Your Name”* Edward Broughton



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 June:
Sharon Judson
Pat Slatton

5/25/2025 Attendance:
Members & Friends: 75 Visitors: 2
Online: 19



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

With summer, and kids out of school, the **Blessing Box** will be needed even more! Please consider bringing some food for us to put into the Blessing Box for all of those around us, that aren't as fortunate. Reminder of things to donate:

- Dried fruit and nuts; ensure the fruit is well dried
- Crackers, granola bars, cereal/ instant oatmeal packets
- Dry foods like pancake mix, rice, dried beans, dry pasta, etc.
- Individually packaged foods such as fruit cups, snack mixes, etc.
- Canned meat and vegetables

WE NEED DONATIONS!
Our Supply is low.
THANK YOU



BIRTHDAYS

June 1 Maura Owen

June 4 Gabe Margve

June 5 Sandy Eaton

June 5 Joan Groves

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

Monday, June 2

Tuesday, June 3

10:30am-1pm—Writing Group (A)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, June 4

9:30am Deacon's Meeting (A)
3pm—Congregational Life (C)
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 5

NO EVENTS

Friday, June 6

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

Saturday, June 7

1-2pm—Gene McKay Memorial Service

Sunday, June 8

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship/Pentecost/
Communion
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

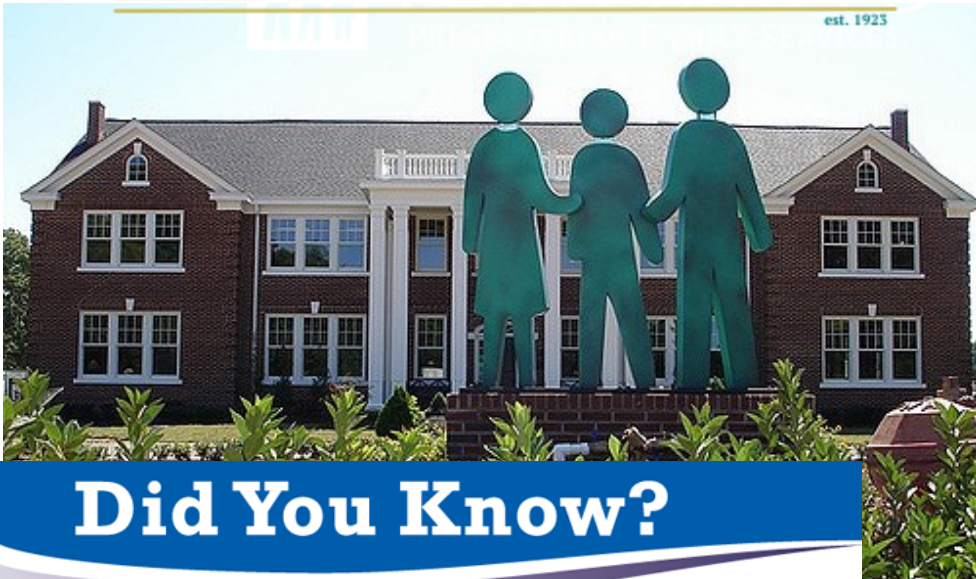
Pastor Judi is out of the office this week for family leave in Michigan.
Session Approved.



VERA LLOYD

PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY SERVICES

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Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home & Family Services is a residential care facility for youth from all areas of the state.

40 boys and girls, ranging in age from 8 to 18, live in five individual homes on the 45-acre campus in Monticello, Arkansas.

Youth are referred by the Arkansas Department of Health & Human Services, judges and other professionals in the field.

Five programs provide a variety of services to meet the needs of children and youth:

- Emergency Shelter for up to 45 days
- Long-term residential care
- A transitional program for young people returning home after youth detention
- Respite care for children living in foster homes

An on-campus school, special tutors, GED preparation and college scholarships help Vera Lloyd Home youth achieve at their highest academic level.

Individual and group therapy are critical components of care at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home & Family Services.



Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home & Family Services is a service agency of the Synod of the Sun, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) caring for abused, abandoned and neglected young people of all faiths.

The Home's earliest beginning was around 1910, when abandoned, infant twins were left at the day nursery in Monticello. A volunteer at the nursery named Lulu Williamson took their plight to heart and began negotiations with the Presbyterian Church to establish a Presbyterian children's home in Monticello for the children that were being left there for permanent care.

Over the years, a spacious campus developed where young people live in individual homes with a couple, called Family Teachers, in a highly structured, nurturing environment. The Teach Family Model of the child care is used to help youth learn to modify behavior and to prepare them to live as successful adults after leaving Vera Lloyd.

Andante Music Club of Bella Vista
presents
Something New at Opera in the Ozarks



75th
Anniversary
Season

**Presented by Nancy Preis, General Director
& Young Artists attending Opera Camp**

Three Big Operas, One Grand Stage
June 27- July 25, 2025

Carmen
Into the Woods
The Merry Widow



Inspiration Point Center for the Arts

June 3, 2025 2:00 p.m.

**Highland Christian Church
1500 Forest Hills Blvd, Bella Vista**

Music Program is free and open to the public

Andante Music Club of Bella Vista is associated with the
National Federation of Music Clubs and the Arkansas Federation of Music Clubs

Visit our website: andantemusicclub.org