

Sunday May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter Sunday

**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

Jerry Biebesheimer

## 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, David Riter, Gary Harris,  
Edie Harris, Martha Stout, Karen Watson, Brenda Works, Jim Works

## CHANCEL BELL CHOIR

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

## WELCOME DESK

## HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

## USHERS/GREETERS

Bill Bennett, Delores Jennings, Dale Judson, Sharon Judson, Frank Taylor

## COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #2  
Barry & Maura Owen

## 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**                      *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*                      Lucy A. Warriner

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                      (based on Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

**Praise God, all the angels; all the host!**

Praise the Creator, sun and moon;

**Give God praise all you shining stars!**

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens;

**and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded  
and they were created.

**God established them forever and ever; praise be to God.**

**\*HYMN #465**                      *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The world often judges by outward appearances, but Jesus reveals to us a deeper reality. When we fail to live in the new way of love he commands, we distance ourselves from the truth and pretend to possess a righteousness that is only ours through Christ. In this new promise, and knowing God’s steadfast love is trustworthy and true, let us confess our shortcomings together, seeking the Spirit’s new workings within us.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love, freely given without expectation or strings attached, like the unconditional love of a bridegroom. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others, holding court in our own hearts. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return, missing the trustworthy and true nature of your boundless forgiveness. Forgive us, Redeeming God. And transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your world are transformed.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Behold: The former things have passed away, and God's grace flows like a river of new life. Friends, hear the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are made anew!

## 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" to those around you.)*

## \*GLORIA PATRI #581

## WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*Micah 6:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, your mountains, the case of the LORD, and your enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against the people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent you before Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

## RESPONSIVE READING

*James 1:22-25*

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

<sup>23</sup> **For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;**

<sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

<sup>25</sup> **But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.**

## ANTHEM

*“Oh How He Loves You and Me”*

John Purifoy

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 7:1-5 and 24-29*

<sup>7</sup> “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

<sup>28</sup> Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious and loving God, as you once declared, “See, I am making all things new.” So now, through your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your transforming word in scripture. Grant us a new vision of the height, depth, and breadth of your trustworthy and true love, that we may be inspired to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, reflecting the new creation you have begun in us. Amen.

### 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 # 418      *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

## 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

Just as God pours out new blessings without measure, let us, with hearts overflowing with gratitude for this divine generosity in our lives, offer ourselves and our resources for the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ in this new creation being ushered in.

### OFFERTORY

*"Something for Thee"*

*Janet Rand*

### \*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, receive these gifts that we place before your throne. Do more with them than we can ask or imagine, furthering the holy work of your new kingdom in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who revealed to us the truth of your loving commands.



## WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

### INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN #610**                      *“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**\*GOING FORTH #542**              *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again  
(v.1)”*

**\*POSTLUDE**                      *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*                      Lani Smith



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

Deacons on Call  
for May:  
Frank Taylor  
Alice Irwin

5/11/2025 Attendance:  
Members & Friends: 88 Visitors: 4  
Online: 14



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

No May Shepherd Game Night— Due to Memorial Day, we will not have a game night this month. The next one will be June 23rd. Hosted by Shepherd Group 5.

Shepherd Group #4 will meet for lunch at Gusanos in Bella Vista on Wednesday, May 21 at 11:30 AM. If able to attend, please contact Jim and Donna Ramey at [djram64@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djram64@sbcglobal.net) or 855-3161 by Monday, May 19. All members are welcome to join us.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, May 23, 11:30, at Bella's Table, 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, May 18

9:00am Christian Ed Class  
10:00am Worship  
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)  
3pm—Singing Men of Arkansas Concert "Heritage of Hymns"

### Monday, May 19

11am-3pm—PEO Meeting (F/H)

### Tuesday, May 20

9am-3pm—Playology Workshop  
Ferncliff Camp—Judi Attending  
10:30am-1pm—Writing Group (P)  
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

### Wednesday, May 21

5:00pm Chancel Bells  
6:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, May 22

NO EVENTS

### Friday, May 23

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

### Saturday, May 24

NO EVENTS

### Sunday, May 25

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

## BIRTHDAYS

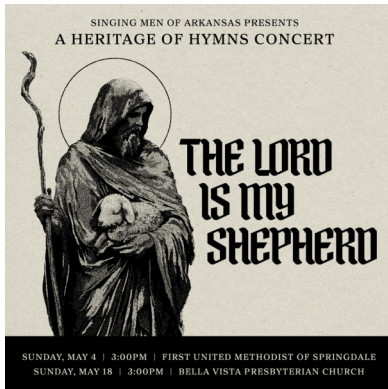
May 18 David Riter

May 20 Sue Predl

May 24 Bill Boucher

TODAY AT 3PM

The Singing Men of Arkansas will be back in our sanctuary on May 18th. Concert starts of 3pm!



# BEER<sup>AND</sup> HYMNS

benefitting New Beginnings



Sunday, May 18, 5pm  
Bike Rack Brewery Co,  
Bentonville

All people and all  
ages welcomed



---

Gene McKay's family has invited the church to an Open House on Friday June 6th - 4:00 - 8:00 at Bella Vista Townhouse Recreation Center Hall [2 Cora Circle, Bella Vista] for family, friends and neighbors. Picnic style meal provided

The memorial service for Gene will be Saturday, June 7th - 1:00 Service at Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

There is a sign up sheet for the Open House in connector hallway so we can provide the family with a count for the picnic. Please sign up by May 22nd.

**The Beautiful quilts made by members of our church and blessed last Sunday and will be donated to Vera Lloyd, presented to them on May 31st.**

