



Sunday July 13th, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of BELLA VISTA**

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MINISTER

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Jean Nichols

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Special Musicians

Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer

WELCOME DESK

Vicki Erickson

HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

USHERS/GREETERS

Jan Grim, Nancy Ortman, Buddy Needham, Pat Slatton, Karen Watson

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #5

Deloris 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

“I Surrender All”

Lyndall Leatherman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has set us free

Free to serve

Free to welcome and include

Free to love our neighbors as ourselves

*HYMN #825

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our world and our human desires often lead us to oppose God’s way.
Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these sins
before our God .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience
and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to
violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are
impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to
love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path.
Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ.
Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace.
Respond with love. 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

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 25:1-10

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
salvation; For you I wait all day long.

⁶ **Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”

Arr. by Tom Fettke

Vocal Duet—Arlene and Jerry Biebesheimer

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:25-37

²⁵ “This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SERMON

"Jesus: The Good and The Merciful"

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #835

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Belhar Confession)

We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;
- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;
- that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

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

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share of the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

"In Quiet Praise"

Tom Birchwood

*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

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-dom and build your beloved community. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #836**

“Abide with Me”

(v1, 2 & 5)

*CHARGE & BLESSING

With one voice, we go.

With one Spirit, we are called.

Let us, with one God, be encouraged in faith.

*GOING FORTH

“Go Now In Peace”

Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude in D”

Caleb Simper



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 SUMMER HOURS

MON- THURS:
9 am to 1 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 July:
Terry Woods
Frank Taylor

7/6/2025 Attendance:
Members & Friends: 74 Visitors: 2
Online: 16



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

BIRTHDAYS

July 14	Cathy Rew
July 15	Sandy August
July 15	Bill Bennett
July 16	Vicki Erickson
July 16	Donna Ramey
July 17	Martha Wettersten
July 19	Janet Hall

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13

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

Monday, July 14

NO EVENTS

Tuesday, July 15

5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, July 16

NO EVENTS

Thursday, July 17

1-3PM Ozark Hill Hikers (C)

Friday, July 18

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

Saturday, July 19

NO EVENTS

Sunday, July 20

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

Memorial
Services for
Oren Strong are
planned for
August 9th at 11am
at the church

This year we are going to expand our support of schools in the area to Gravette/Decatur/Pea Ridge School Districts. We are still collecting school supplies, but we are also going to collect money to help pay off student's lunch account balances in Gravette. Gravette provides a lunch to every student, regardless of ability to pay. so despite "funding from the state" this still leaves a balance for the school district to make up.

Needed School Supplies

- Dry Erase Markers
- Black Expo Markers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Permanent Markers
- Headphones (over the ear)
- Pencils - 2 Ticonderoga brand preferred.
- Adult Scissors
- Spiral Notebooks – 1, 3, 5 subject
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Watercolor paint boxes
- Plastic Folders with pockets
- Sharpies
- Binders – 1" and 2"
- Tissues
- Clorox Wipes
- Water Bottles with lids (no straws)
- Glue Sticks
- Plastic Pencil boxes
- Small pencil sharpeners
- Colored paper for arts/crafts

****Or if you prefer, you can make a check payable to PCBV, with "Supplies" in the memo field and Missions will do the shopping for you. Or if you want your donation to go to paying off lunch debt, put "lunches " in the memo field.**

Please have checks to the church by August 3rd or supplies by August 6th.

Thanks, Missions

Due to Staff vacations and no meetings in July.
Office hours will be 9-1pm

Pastor Judi's schedule is:

July 13th-17th she will be in the office

July 18-August 2nd— pastor study @ Chatauqua
and vacation.

Ann will be on vacation July 18th—August 2nd.
Please have anything for the July 20th, 27th and
August 3rd bulletins or check requests to Ann by
July 14th. Thank you.

Please make appointments if needed.

Please pick up Mid-year
Giving Statements, They are
in Connector Hallway on
table by door.

Thank you.

Shepherd Group 4 Outing to
Showgun of Bentonville (exit 85,
3606 Metro Prky, behind Village Inn)
July 18th at 6pm—must arrive not
later than 10 minutes before 6pm.
They will NOT SEAT US until ALL
ARE THERE.

Everyone is invited to join Shepherd
Group 4. Sign up sheet is in
Connector Hallway or call Barbara
Francis at 479-619-8728 by July
16th.

