



Sunday August 10th, 2025

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of* BELLA VISTA**

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Gail Knudsen

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## WELCOME DESK

Linda Dahlquist

## HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

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Dan Dovell, Nancy Ortman, Buddy Needham, Pat Slatton, Frank Taylor

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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

### PRELUDE

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

Silesian Melody

### CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

**Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don’t know where we are going.**

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.**

### \*HYMN #299

*“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin hinders us and prevents us from receiving God’s Word. Let us open our hearts to God’s truth and liberate ourselves to walk Christ’s path.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters.

We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm.

We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others.

Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. 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

*Isaiah 1:10-17*

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats. <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who asked this from you hand? Trample my courts no more;

<sup>13</sup> bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands; I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; <sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

## RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalms 50:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

<sup>4</sup> **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup> “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*“The Wonder of It All” George Beverly Shea*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 12: 32-40*

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the scripture we are about to hear will become God’s Word for us today. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

## SERMON

*“Waiting Near the Doorway”*

Dr. Rev. Judi McMillan

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #305

*“Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!”*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.

Breathe life into these bones. Bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please fill out a prayer card and give to the pastor or an usher*

## 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 loves a cheerful giver.” Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

### OFFERTORY

*“To a Wild Rose”*

*Edward McDowell*

### \*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 of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. Amen.

## WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

### INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*HYMN #306

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* (vs. 1,2,5)

### \*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

### \*POSTLUDE

*“Song of Triumph”*

James Benton



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

**Deacons on Call for August:**  
Butch Cowdin  
Susan Foster

**8/3/2025 Attendance:**  
Members & Friends: 86 Visitors: 2  
Online: 13



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

Pastor Judi is leading a 6-week course for a small group of 8 on Spiritual Practices and Journaling. All you need is a journal or sketchbook and pen. There is a sign-up in connector hallway. Should more people want to sign up, she will host the course again. Some of the things we will do together as a small group: meditation, journaling prompts, sharing of our spiritual writing, silence, coloring, sharing prayers, with some fun spiritual "seeing" in the world. Time and date TBD based upon the group."

**CHURCH** — On September 7th  
— more details to come later!  
 Save the Date!!

**All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, Aug. 22nd, 11:30am, at Abuelo's, 4005 W. Walnut Rogers, 479-621-0428. 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, August 10

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

### Monday, August 11

NO EVENTS

### Tuesday, August 12

9am-1pm PEO Meeting Chpt BR (F/H)  
10:30am-1:30pm Writing Group (P)  
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

### Wednesday, August 13

10:30-11:30am Staff Meeting (A)

### Thursday, August 14

NO EVENTS

### Friday, August 15

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

### Saturday, August 16

NO EVENTS

### Sunday, August 17

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

## BIRTHDAYS

**Aug 10 Trudie Herzog**

**Aug 10 Buddy Needham**

**REMINDER**—Summer Vacation is over... Committee Meetings have started back up! Choir will start August 20th!