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Sunday August 24th, 2025

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **BELLA VISTA**

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Buddy Needham

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Shepherd Group #1

Ron and Kay Burroughs

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 *“The Power of Your Love with my Savior’s Love”*
Carol Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 71)

In you, O God, we seek refuge;
In Your justice, deliver us.
Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress,
because You are our rock and fortress.
For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust.
Our praise is continually of You.

***HYMN #310** *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God in Christ has called us to be witnesses to the promised and coming commonwealth that we know in Christ. However, we have failed in our calling because we don’t trust in God’s promised presence among us. Let us confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God who hung the stars and the moon has come close to each and all with mercy and love. Hear the good news of the gospel, we are forgiven and empowered by God's Spirit to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. Thanks be to God.

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 58:9b-12

- ⁹ If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger,
the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the
noonday.
¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched
places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered
garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 103:1-8

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me; bless his holy name.
² **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits-**
³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
⁴ **who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast
love and mercy,**
⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ **The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸ **The LORD is merciful and gracious slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“ The Gift of Love ”

Hal Hopson

Arlene and Jerry Biebesheimer, Vocal Duet

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17

First Nations Version (An Indigenous Translation)

On another Day of Resting, Jesus (Creator Sets Free) was teaching at a gathering house. There was a woman there who had a spirit of weakness for eighteen winters. Her back was bent and twisted, so she could not stand up straight. When Jesus (Creator Sets Free) saw her, he told her to come to him and said, “Honored woman, you are set free from your weakness.” He put his hands on her, and right away she stood up straight and gave thanks to the Great Spirit. The headman of the gathering house was offended because Jesus (Creator Sets Free) had healed on the Day of Resting. He stood up and told the people, “Are there not six other days to do your work? Come on one of those days to be healed, not on the Day of Resting.”

Jesus (Creator Sets Free) helped the woman back to her seat. He then turned to the headman with a look of sorrow mixed with anger on his face.

“You who wear false faces!” he said to the headman. “Is there anyone who would not untie his horse on the Day of Resting and take it to a watering hole? This woman is a daughter of Father of Many Nations (Abraham). Accuser (Satan), that evil trickster, has kept her this way for eighteen winters. Why should she not be set free on the Day of Resting?”

The enemies of Jesus (Creator Sets Free) were put to shame by his words, but the hearts of the people jumped for joy because of the wonderful things he was doing.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, open our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit so that the words of Scripture that we hear this day may become your word that empowers our lives in this time and place. Amen

SERMON

“Bent, Not Broken”

Dr. Rev. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #340

"This is My Song"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

The God of all creation, who has stretched out the heavens and called the stars by name, also gives us strength for our journey. Let us now respond with gratitude to God's empowering presence by giving of our resources in return.

OFFERTORY

“There is None Like You”

Arr: Kurt Kaiser

*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

O God, we give you thanks for the gifts of creation, and for the gift of life itself. We dedicate our resources to you, trusting and hoping that they will build up your work in our world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #343

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

*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”

*POSTLUDE

“Rejoice! Be Glad”

Todd Kendall



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 August:
Butch Cowdin
Susan Foster

8/17/2025 Attendance:
Members & Friends: 84 Visitors: 6
Online: 72



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

Flowers are given today by Joe and Barb Tropansky for their 65th Wedding Anniversary on August 20th



**Tomorrow Afternoon
at 4pm-6pm
Shepherd Group 2
Game Night
Please come join the
fun!**

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 24

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

Monday, August 25

11am-12pm Contemplative Spiritual Writing (P)
4-6pm—Shepherd Group Game Night (F/H)

Tuesday, August 26

9:30-10:30am Spiritual Life (A)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, August 27

6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 28

NO EVENTS

Friday, August 29

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

Saturday, August 30

NO EVENTS

Sunday, August 31

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

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 24 Steve Knudsen

Aug 30 Marlys Walters

Thank You to everyone for the cards and visits during my hospitalization and recovery. Your support and prayers are very much appreciated.

Rich Winsor



Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, visits, etc. We appreciate your thoughts. We enjoy watching the Sunday Services on TV, but miss the interaction of being present. Your thoughts are important to us. Thank you.

Jerry & Ruth Cozad

CHURCH PICNIC & PET BLESSING

Join us on September 7th after church, for a church picnic and then a blessing of the pets.
Brats and Hot Dogs will be provided. Sign-up Sheet in Connector Hallway for Salad, Sides and Dessert.
Need to bring your own plates and utensils.
Please go home after church to get your pet before the picnic starts.



