



Sunday August 3rd, 2025

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*of* **BELLA VISTA**

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Gail Knudsen

### SPECIAL MUSICIAN

Charles Whitford

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Susan Foster, Bev MacDonald, Nancy Ortman, Sharon Warner

### WELCOME DESK

Marlys Walters

### HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

### USHERS/GREETERS

Nancy Ortman, Buddy Needham, Pat Slatton, Frank Taylot

### COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #3

Nancy Ortman, Buddy Needham

### 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 *“Here the Bread and Wine is Offered”*

H.S. Livingston, Jr.

### CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 107)

O thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
**for God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble;  
**They cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and God delivered them from their distress.**

Let us thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love,  
For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

### \*HYMN #295

*“Go to the World!”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We are called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. However, our lives are too often insular and self-absorbed. We have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make a sincere confession before God and others.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people. 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

*Ecclesiastes 1:2 and 1:12-14*

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

## RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalm 49:1-12*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,  
<sup>2</sup> **both low and high, rich and poor together.**  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak wisdom;  
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.  
<sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear to a proverb;**  
**I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I fear in times of trouble,  
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup> **those who trust in their wealth**  
**and boast of the abundance of their riches?**  
<sup>7</sup> Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;  
there is no price one can give to God for it.  
<sup>8</sup> **For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice,**  
<sup>9</sup> that one should live on forever and never see the grave.  
<sup>10</sup> **When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together**  
**and leave their wealth to others.**  
<sup>11</sup> Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all  
generations, though they named lands their own.  
<sup>12</sup> **Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that**  
**perish.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Sonate VIII"*

Jean Baptiste Loeillet  
Charles Whiteford, Recorder

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 12:13-21*

- <sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and

my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

## 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

*“What to do with all this – STUFF?”*

Dr. Rev. Judi McMillan

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN #181

*“Silenced! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the**

children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

## 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

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

## OFFERTORY

*"His Tender Loving Care"*

*Donald F. Callender*

## \*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, may these gifts serve as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER**

### **BREAKING OF BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER**

### **INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*HYMN #175**

*“Seek Ye First”*

### **\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

With one voice, we go.

With one Spirit, we are called.

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

### **\*GOING FORTH HYMN #188**

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*“Rise Up and Serve the Lord”*

*Patricia L. Harris*





# 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**

**7/27/2025 Attendance:**  
**Members & Friends: 77 Visitors: 10**  
**Online: 16**



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

**REMINDER—Summer Vacation is over... Committee Meetings start back up this week!**

**PW Members— please don't forget to bring in Essentials Outreach products.**

The church has received word that Lois Ault passed away on July 22, in Minnesota at the age of 87. Lois was a long time member of the church and moved in 2022 to be closer to her daughter. Please keep her family in your prayers at this time.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 3

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

### Monday, August 4

1-2pm Operations (P)

### Tuesday, August 5

5:30pm Men's AA (A)

### Wednesday, August 6

9:30am Deacon's (A)  
3-4pm Congregational Life (C)

### Thursday, August 7

NO EVENTS

### Friday, August 8

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

### Saturday, August 9

8am-12pm Art Club (C)  
9am Stated Session (A)  
Boundary Training #4  
11am Oren Strong Memorial Service

### Sunday, August 10

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

## BIRTHDAYS

**Aug 5 Debbie Brod**

**Aug 9 Dan Johnson**

## PW Synod of the Sun - Meeting on July 24-26th



Northwest Arkansas Contingency

# CHURCH PICNIC

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

