



Sunday, September 14th, 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of BELLA VISTA

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Sandy Bachelder, Betty Bennett, Arlene Biebesheimer, Jerry Biebesheimer,
Marcia Beard, Bud 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

WELCOME DESK

Mack Bean

HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

USHERS/GREETERS

Barb Francis, Nancy Ortman, Barry Owens, Terry Woods

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #4

David & Florence Riter, Peggy McMenus

AUDIO/VISUAL

Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

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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

“Quietude”

Louis Gregh

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 15:1-10)

Have you come here to grumble?

No! We are here to rejoice!

Oh. Are you lost?

No! We are found!

Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?

Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.

We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!

Wonderful! You are in the right place.

You are welcome here.

Let's worship God together!

*HYMN #634

“To God Be the Glory”

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on 1 Timothy 1:15)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. With confidence born out of faith in Christ's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Psalm 51:1-10)

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against you as we distort your love and corrupt your creation. From the moment of our conception we have worked to separate ourselves from your love.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with you.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (based on 1 Timothy 1:14,16)

Hear the good news: With utmost patience, Christ offers mercy so that we may thrive in eternal life. In Christ's name, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

May the grace of our Lord overflow for you with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

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 19:1-6

- ¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- ⁴ **yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**
- ⁵ In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ **Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**

ANTHEM

“We’re Gonna Have Church”

Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs 2:1-7

She speaks : ¹ I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

He speaks : ² As a lily among brambles so is my love among maidens.

She speaks : ³ As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

⁴ He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention toward me was love.

⁵ Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am faint with love.

⁶ O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me!

⁷ I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (based on Luke 15:1-10 and Psalm 51:10)

Lord who welcomes sinners, send your Spirit to sit with us as we hear your word proclaimed. Find us where we are lost, create in us clean hearts, and help us to see the joy of your mercy. Amen.

SERMON

“Loves—Lost and Found”

Dr. Rev. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #438

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

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 (based on Exodus 32:7-14)

God has offered us our lives and bestowed us with mercy, grace, and love. Let us now respond to God's offering to us by returning to God in part what is God's in whole.

OFFERTORY *"Peaceful Moment"* Thomas Belland

***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** (based on Luke 15:1-10)

We give because we have been given so much. Lord, take these gifts and use them to faithfully transform others. Allow your work to be continued in the world where it is most needed. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #450** *"Be Thou My Vision"*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***GOING FORTH** *"Go Now in Peace"*

***POSTLUDE** *"Little Trumpet Tune in 'D'"* Pat Thurman



WELCOME!

*We hope you will find
your time of worship with
us to be very meaningful.
We are an open faith
community.*

8/31/2025 Attendance
Members & Friends: 74
Visitors: 1
Online: 24

Please visit www.pcbv.org,
or call the Church Office at
479-855-2390 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 September:
Betty Bennett
Terry Woods

WEEKLY VISTA CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship/Communion
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)
2-3pm—Adante Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 15

11am-12pm—Spiritual Writing (P)
11am-3pm PEO Meeting Chpt CD(F/H)

Tuesday, September 16

10:30am-1pm Writing Group (P)
1-4pm—PEO Setup (F/H)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)
6-8pm End of Life Workshop (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 18

8am-2pm PEO Meeting Lunch (F/H)
5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 18

1-3pm Ozark Hikers (C)

Friday, September 19

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (R. Cozad's)

Saturday, September 20

8am-5pm UCM Board Retreat (offsite)
NO Events

Sunday, September 21

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bob & Shirley
Olson

Terry Woods

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attn: **Shepherd Group #4**: Please join us **Friday, Sept. 19th** for breakfast at **Wesner's Grill**, 117 W. Chestnut St. Rogers at **10am**. Wesner's is the oldest restaurant in Benton County, and is celebrating it's 70th anniversary in 2025! Please call, email or text Gail or Steve Knudsen, 479-326-1102/479-326-1657; gailyk60@yahoo.com. All are welcome!

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

Please meet in Fellowship Hall at **9am** to start.

Sign up sheet in Connector Hallway.

Rain Date is September 27th.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the **Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch** on Friday, **September 26, 11:30**, at Haven 55, 408 Havenhurst Drive, Pineville, MO (417-223-2055). 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.

There will be a **short audio/visual and sound board training session immediately following church of September 28th.** The focus on this session is on making the role accessible, providing hands-on training, and clearly communicating the vision behind the A.V. Ministry. We know that many people are willing to help, but may be intimidated by the equipment or feel they lack the skill. This session will be led by Tom, Steve and Jim, who have dedicated their time to this ministry and are in need of back-up support. Please come and see what its all about.

The Alzheimer's Walk - October 11th

3pm Registration - 4pm—Ceremony - 4:30pm Walk starts
Walk is 2 miles at Village on the Creeks, 5309 Village Pkwy,
Rogers

Please let Florence Riter know if you would like to walk and a team will then be created.

REMINDER

Please let either Deacon Susan Foster or Pastor Judi know if you are ill, receiving treatments or having upcoming surgery and would like a call or a visit. Sometimes people travel or cannot attend worship for a variety of reasons! But if you are sick and need us to know, please do. We care about you.



From Gravette Food Service:

“We thank you and your church for the generous gift to the food service program! It is very important to supply these babies with the nutrition they need and with support like yours, we are able to continue doing that. We appreciate you! Blessings,”

We also received “Thank You’s” from Ferncliff, NOROC, Lyon College and Canopy.