



Sunday, September 28th, 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of* BELLA VISTA

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## LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

### MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

### LITURGIST

Susan Foster

### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Bud Clark

### ORGANIST/PIANIST

Gail Knudsen

### Chancel Choir

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

Gail Winsor

### HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

### USHERS/GREETERS

Barb Francis, Nancy Ortman, Barry Owens, Terry Woods

### COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group #1  
Ron and Kay Burroughs

### 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

*“Tocatta Jubiloso”*

Lani Smith

### CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

Come! Praise the Lord!

**Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!**

Come! Praise the Lord!

**Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!**

Come! Praise the Lord!

**Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!**

Come! Praise the Lord!

**The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!**

### \*HYMN #837

*“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Perhaps we fear that if we admit the flaws of our lives, we will find ourselves too far away, unreachable by God’s grace. But no chasm is too wide for God. In the act of confession, we begin the work of reconciliation, reaching out so God can take our hand once again. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. 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

*Psalm 85:7-13*

<sup>7</sup> Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup> **The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

### ANTHEM

*“A Joyful, Jubilant Song”*

Michael Barrett

### SCRIPTURE READING

*John 8:31-32 & John 14:1-6a*

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and I will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the

way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”  
<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

God of wonder, as we hear your Word for us today, fill us with holy imagination. Help us hear your holy invitation and ignite within us a passion to live your truth and follow your way. Amen.

## **SERMON**

*“Our Slanted Truth”*

Dr. Rev. Judi McMillan

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #694**      *“Great God of Every Blessing”*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

We are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share the gifts that have been shared with us. In our sharing, we make our actions our prayer that our neighbors might know God's abundant love. Let us consider the gifts we give in grateful praise.

**OFFERTORY**      *"Balm in Gilead"*      Roger Wilson (based on a spiritual)

**\*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

All that we have is a gift from you. Lord, bless these gifts and inspire us to use them in ways that transform and enliven your people. May they be a blessing to those who need them most. Amen.

## **WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER**

### **INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN #729**                      *“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”*

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**\*GOING FORTH**                      *“Go Now in Peace”*

**\*POSTLUDE**    *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*      Franklin Ritter





## WELCOME!

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

9/21/2025 Attendance  
Members & Friends: 77  
Visitors: 1  
Online: 14

Please visit [www.pcbv.org](http://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](mailto:jmcmillan@pcbv.org)  
stating your need.

Deacons on Call  
for September:  
Betty Bennett  
Terry Woods

# WEEKLY VISTA CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 28

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

## Monday, September 29

12pm—PW Workday-Kitchen Inventory  
11am-12pm—Spiritual Writing (P)

## Tuesday, September 30

5:30pm Men's AA (A)  
6-8pm End of Life Workshop (F/H)

## Wednesday, October 1

9:30am—Deacon's Meeting (A)  
3-4pm—Congregational Life (C)  
5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:00pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, October 2

NO EVENTS

## Friday, October 3

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

## Saturday, October 4

9:30-10:30am Presbyterian Men's Group  
(F/H)

## Sunday, October 5

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

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dan Dovell

Jeanne Ferguson

Bud Clark

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a **short audio/visual and sound board training session immediately following church today.** 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.

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### **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.

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Fall Church Clean-up days - 9am– 12pm on these days:

Monday—October 13th—Indoor Church Cleaning

Monday—October 27th—Outdoor Church Yard Cleanup

If you can only come for an hour that is fine, all the help we get is great.

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Blessing Box is in need of donations. Please remember to bring something in. Thank you.

## PW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please  
don't  
forget to  
bring in  
Essentials  
Outreach  
products.



Essentials Outreach

- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Conditioner
- ◇ Bath Soap
- ◇ Deodorant (men & women)
- ◇ Toothbrushes
- ◇ Toothpaste
- ◇ Shaving Cream
- ◇ Razors (men & women)
- ◇ Toilet Paper
- ◇ Sanitary

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## REMINDER FOR EVERYONE

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.

Please join us for our 2025 Clabaugh Speaker Series

## Good News from a Bad Pastor for a Better Church

The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

**OCTOBER 19**

**SUNDAY**

**Worship 10:15 AM**

*The Woman at the Well  
Was Wronged*

**Public Talk 6:30 PM**

*A Better Church  
Part I*

**OCTOBER 20**

**MONDAY**

**Lunch & Talk 12:00 noon  
(RSVP to Church office)**

**Public Talk 7:00 PM**

*A Better Church  
Part II*



The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel is a nationally recognized preacher, teacher, and author. Originally from Anderson, South Carolina, she spent her childhood in Asia, London, and Washington, D.C., as the daughter of a UPI journalist. She holds a BA from Bryn Mawr College, an MDiv from Yale Divinity School (honored in 2010 for “Distinction in Congregational Ministry”), and a Doctor of Ministry from Hartford Seminary. Dr. Daniel has served as pastor in four congregations—most recently at the First Congregational Church in Dubuque, Iowa—and is now Conference Minister for the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ. She has also taught preaching at Yale Divinity School, Chicago Theological Seminary, and the University of Chicago Divinity School. An accomplished writer, she is author of:

- Tell It Like It Is, When Spiritual But Not Religious Is Not Enough
- Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don’t Belong To
- This Odd and Wondrous Calling

Her work has been featured in the New York Times, PBS, Christian Century, HuffPost, Christianity Today, and more. She’s also an editor-at-large for Christian Century and a contributing editor for Leadership Journal. Dr. Daniel speaks widely at prestigious venues such as the National Cathedral, Duke Chapel, the Festival of Homiletics, King’s College London, and Queen’s College, Ontario.

No charge; all are welcome; all events are at the church

Worship and evening talks will be livestreamed.

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