



Sunday, October 12th, 2025

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*of* BELLA VISTA**

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## LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

### MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

### LITURGIST

Jean Nichols

### 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

### HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

### USHERS/GREETERS

Dan Johnson, Nancy Ortman, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor

### 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                      *“My Faith Looks Up to Me”*                      arr. R.J. Hughes

### CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 66)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**Sing to the glory of God’s name.**

All of creation worships, singing praise to God.

**Sing to the glory of God’s name.**

Let us give glory to God.

**\*HYMN #1**                      *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

### CALL TO CONFESSION (based on 2 Timothy )

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Assured of God’s grace, let us confess our sin together:

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (based on Luke 17)

Holy God, When we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

*(Moment of silence for personal confession)*

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (based on 2 Timothy)

The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. We are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. Our sin is forgiven! 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**

**WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

*Psalms 111*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds.  
the LORD is gracious and merciful**

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

<sup>8</sup> **They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant  
forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.**

**ANTHEM***“Jesus is Lord”**Mary MacDonald***SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 17:11–19 version, NRSVUE

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

God of Wisdom, By the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to receive your Word today. Lead us in wisdom and courage as we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray, amen.

**SERMON***“When Jesus Asks Questions”* Dr. Rev. Judi McMillan**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD****\*HYMN #15***“All Creatures of God and King”*

## **\*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.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

## **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**

Every good gift comes from God. We are invited to respond in gratitude, giving freely and generously, just as we have received.

**OFFERTORY**     *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* arr. Patricia Lou Harris

**\*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**

Holy and generous God, use the gifts we bring for healing and reconciliation in the world, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER**

**INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN #8**

*“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**\*GOING FORTH #542** *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” (v1)*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* arr. Lani Smith





## WELCOME!

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

**You are invited to  
refreshments and a time  
of fellowship after the  
service in Fellowship  
Hall**

10/5/2025 Attendance  
Members & Friends: 82  
Visitors: 2  
Online: 29

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 October:**  
Alice Irwin  
Butch Cowdin

# WEEKLY VISTA CALENDAR

## Sunday, October 12

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

## Monday, October 13

9am-12pm—Indoor Church Cleaning)

## Tuesday, October 14

8am—2pm PEO Chpt BR Meeting (F/H)  
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

## Wednesday, October 15

5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:00pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, October 16

1-3pm—Ozark Hill Hikers (C)

## Friday, October 17

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

## Saturday, October 18

NO EVENTS

## Sunday, October 19

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

**Pastor Judi will be out of the  
office this week.**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Barb Francis

David and Sharon  
Warner

Marvin Dodd

Gary & Edie  
Harris

Betty Bennett  
Butch Cowdin  
Bill and Fran  
Zimmermann



"Thank you for your concerns and prayers the last few months as Joe and I faced difficult health decisions. I am grateful for the many friends we have and have really appreciated the visits and cards. I am in Room 312 A at Highland Health and Rehabilitation Center on Rogers Road near our Church. No change in phone number or email address.

Continue to remember us in your prayers as we will do with you and your family."

Barb and Joe Tropansky

## *The Gathering Place*



The Gathering Place is ready for anyone to come have a cup of coffee, tea or water. Please don't be shy about using the coffee maker or water dispenser. Grab a seat and have a visit with your friends. Share your memories of Lou and Marilyn Vits, who made the donation to the church so this space could be created. Thank you to all that worked on the project.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **Tomorrow-Monday-October 13th-Indoor Church Cleaning**

Saturday—November 1st—Outdoor Church Yard Cleanup

(Date Change)

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



There will be a stewardship luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up in the connector hallway or call the church office if you plan to attend. This will be a catered meal so it is important that we have an accurate count. Please join with your church family as we celebrate what God is doing at PCBV!

## PW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Bath Soap  
Deodorant (men & women)  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste

Shaving Cream  
Razors (men & women)  
Toilet Paper  
Sanitary Products  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Soap



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Please make checks out to PCBV and put in memo field P&G Witness and put in special offering envelope in the bulletin. This will enable us to divide the offering as suggested.—25-25-50%.  
Thanks

#### We are the Peacemakers

Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need — those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

**25%**

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

**25%**

of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

**50%**

of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

**WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**

*Thank you!*