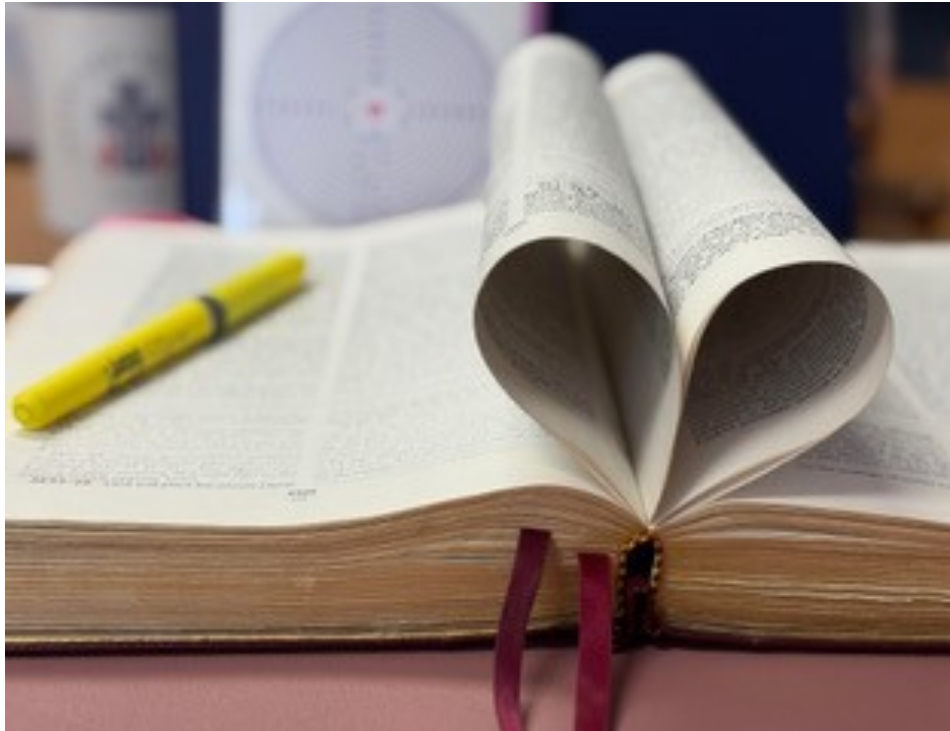




Sunday, October 19th, 2025

NINETENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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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

HEAD USHER

Buddy Needham

USHERS/GREETERS

Dan Johnson, Nancy Ortman, Barry Owen, Frank Taylor

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 “*A Galilean Hillside*” L. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121 and 2 Timothy 4)

We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?
**Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made
heaven and earth.**

I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the
time is favorable or unfavorable;

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this
time on and forevermore.**

With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

***HYMN #12** “*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*”

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. And yet, we want to be
people of truth and love. So we come to the baptismal font seeking a
new start; a new day; an opportunity to join God’s work of building
and planting. With confidence that God hears our prayers and loves us
unconditionally, let us confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Jeremiah 31:34)

No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

² **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot be moved.

He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;

The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;

⁸ **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

ANTHEM

“Psalm 16”

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (2 Timothy 4:3)

Amid a world where sound teaching is hard to find, our ears are easily tickled by words that suit our own desires. Open us to hear your word, O Lord, that we might know you and your will for us today.

SERMON *“The Squeaky Wheel”* Dr. Rev. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN #19** *“God of Great and God of Small”*

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

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

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

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.

OFFERTORY

"Pastorale"

George Blake

*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

We give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within them, for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is engraved upon our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you, as a symbol of the dedication of our entire lives, that we as your church might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #39** *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

***POSTLUDE** *“I Love Thy Kingdom Lord”* Roger Wilson



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**

10/12/2025 Attendance
Members & Friends: 77
Visitors: 5
Online: 18

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 October:
Alice Irwin
Butch Cowdin**

WEEKLY VISTA CALENDAR

Sunday, October 19

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

Monday, October 20

11am—2pm PEO Chpt CD Meeting (F/H)

Tuesday, October 21

10:30am—1pm Writing Group (Parlor)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, October 22

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

Thursday, October 23

NO EVENTS

Friday, October 24

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

Saturday, October 25

9am—Stated Session (A)

Sunday, October 26

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

Flowers today are for
Gary and Edie Harris
for 60th Wedding
Anniversary given
by their three sons.



**Birthdays &
Anniversaries**

Judi McMillan

Sharry McGuire

ANNOUNCEMENTS



to all the following that came this past Monday to clean/organize the inside of the church:

Arlene Biebesheimer, Debbie Brod, Ron Burroughs, Vicki Erickson, Shirley Gilbert, Tom Hackleman and Jean Nichols.

Next Fall Church Clean-up day will be 9am-Noon on
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 2nd. 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: The October Stated Session meeting will be on Saturday, October 25th, due to the 160th Arkansas Presbytery Stated Meeting occurring on October 10th & 11th in Little Rock.

October 27th is the next Shepherd Game Night!

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please call the church office to submit the name of a loved one who passed away in the last year, whom you wish to be remembered on All Saints' Remembrance Day on Sunday, November 2nd.

*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.

