



How Often Shall My Brother Or Sister Sin Against Me and I Forgive?

The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green

Service for the Lord's Day

September 17, 2017

Mission Statement: We Share the Vitality of Christ, Loving, Serving, and Welcoming All.

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Meditation

Marius Monnikendam

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Lord, how often shall my brother or sister sin against me and I forgive?

Bear with each other and forgive whatever you may have against one another.

Should I forgive as many as seven times?

I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

Love keeps no record of wrongs. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

I will forgive others from my heart.

Let us worship God!

Matthew 18; Colossians 3; I Corinthians 13

Hymn 463

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

Call to Confession

As worship begins,
we prepare our
hearts and minds to
hear God's Word.

Admitting our sin
invites the grace
of God's
forgiveness.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

O Lord our God, we travel with others, but do not share the road. The thirsty do not find us to be fountains. We are not bread for the hungry ones. We are not a pillow for the tired. We are not a secure arm for the weak. We do not catch each other when we stumble. We do not know how to forgive.

Point us down the road differently now. Give us grace and make us gracious. Let us repair the broken things between us. Open our hearts to love. As we walk along, put us in step with our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

Gloria Patri

Henry Greatorix

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end, A-men.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The risen Lord brought the gift of life-giving peace. Let us share it with one another.

Music With the Children

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is Gracious and Merciful

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, **so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west, **so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children, **so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;

The wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting

Anthem

O Jesus I Have Promised

HOMAGE/arr. David Ashley White

All stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-22

Forgiveness

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if a brother or a sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

Sermon

Forgive

Matthew Covington

Following the Sermon, There Will Be a Time for Reflection

Responding to the Word

Response Hymn 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

Psalm 103 sounds like a sermon being preached about God's goodness and steadfast love.

Whether this text is translated "seventy-seven" or "seven times seventy," a large number is intended.

Dedication and Commissioning of Teachers

Affirmation of Faith

The 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 and 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.

Installation of Wanda Rosdeutscher as an Elder, Class of 2017

The Offering

Offertory

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT/arr. Richard Walters

Jacob Carr, soloist

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONNDA

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Johan Roman

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.

Our Church Elders: Wanda Rosdeutscher, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Nancy English, Sam Evans, Rob Hale, Jim Harris, Fred Higgins, Brad Howard, Matt Hunt, Stuart Kernohan, Bobby Rabold, Diane Simmons, David Thomison, Denny Wedge
Our Church Deacons: Karol Ahmed, Rider Allen, Barbara Brindle, Peggy Carthrae, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Sheryl Goad, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Wayne Hendrix, Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Nathan Love, Tom MacMillin, Marilyn Mattingly, Charlotte Prow, Kevin Reber, Jim Stites, Debbie Trickey, Judy Whitson

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Announcements

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LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, September 24: Exodus 16:2–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew 20:1–16.

FLOWERS AT THE COMMUNION TABLE are given to the glory of God, and are in memory of Peggy Pack.

OUR CHOIR AND CHIMES are helping lead in worship this morning. Our singers include: Drew Ellington, Claire Ellington, Madeline Davenport, Henry Hulan, Cary Beth Bowen, Carlie Bowen, Nate Stein, Evan Harper, Ben Davenport. (All children from Kindergarten to 6th grade are welcome to come to practice each Sunday at 9:00am in the Bell Room - across from the elevator.)

Calendar

Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Abie White Recital

Monday, September 18

7:00 p.m. Covenant Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19

11:00 a.m. Special Care
11:00 a.m. Finance Ministry
1:00 p.m. CUICHM
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Chairs of Session
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, September 20

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, September 22

10:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayers

Saturday, September 23

8:00 p.m. Youth Lock-in

Announcements (continued)

TODAY:

THE PEGGY PACK MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES presents **Abie White, soprano in Recital**. Tonight in our Sanctuary, Abie White, former Collegiate Ensemble member and WKU graduate, returns to Bowling Green Presbyterian Church to present a recital of classical vocal delights. Known for her high, agile voice, Ms. White will base her program around famous Mozart arias. Bowling Green keyboard artist Kenneth Stein will collaborate as pianist. The recital begins tonight at 6:00pm in our sanctuary. It is free and open to the public.

QUESTIONS? THOUGHTS OR CONCERNS? There will be an elder at the front of the church after worship today to hear from you. Visitors are especially welcome to ask any questions you may have.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY! Our 'regular' 9:30am schedule returns and with it various options for adults! The Ellis Class is using The Present Word materials (Uniform Lesson Series) and sharing leadership. They meet in room 201. The Christian Thought Class meets in Room 207 and is reading/discussing Witness Without Parallel - 8 Scriptures That Make Us Presbyterian. Glenn Kirkconnell is leading the discussion, which will run through November 12. The Coffee & Conversation Class is reading/discussing Searching for Happiness, led by various members of the class. Books for classes are available from Leslee Kirkconnell. Covenant Class make up is in the Conference Room from 9-10am.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN also begin Sunday morning Sunday school. Our Preschool Class (ages 3-5) will be learning about God using Deep Blue materials. Our Kindergarten-5th Grade students will wonder about God's great love with Godly Play. Youth will be using Faith Questions Understanding the Bible. They will also be working on mission projects each month.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP this evening - 5:30 Fellowship (6-12) and dinner and fun, 6:15. We are done by 7:00pm.

WEDNESDAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP at Spencer's has been suspended until further notice. Please join us on Sunday evenings.

THIS WEEK:

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow evening, from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Conference Room. If you have not yet paid for your study book, please plan to do so soon (\$15 payable to TPC). You may give your check/money to Leslee Kirkconnell so proper credit is given. There will be a 'make-up' class each Sunday following from 9:00-10:00am (this really IS only a make-up as it will be abbreviated from the prior Monday class). Class runs through October 30 (November 5TH).

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP LOCK IN this Saturday, September 23, beginning at 8pm. All 6th-12th graders welcome - we must have a minimum of 6. Also each attendee must have a permission slip and medical form. These are available on our website or outside the office. Friends are welcome, but for our breakfast prep, please let us know you are coming! See Leslee Kirkconnell.

HABITAT LUNCHEON AND AUCTION is NEXT Sunday, September 24, 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. We need your decadent dessert for the cake auction! We will have Herb's world famous bird houses for silent auction. And we are looking for works of art for the live auction. Contact Debbie Trickey, dtrickey_123@yahoo.com, with questions or to donate. Our funds raised benefit Habitat for Humanity and Living Waters for the World. Bring your checkbooks, your dollars and your desserts!

WE NEED YOUR HELP for the luncheon for September 24. Soup, sandwiches and desserts (the more decadent the better). We have a Perfect Potluck sign up - <http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=LCUP8270> Please bring something so we have a great lunch and great time together.

COMING UP SOON:

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: We want to help our presence be known at Halloween! The downtown Halloween celebration (Oct. 28) attracts many people and we want to be able to reach out. We are looking for donations of individually wrapped candy to stuff into treat bags that will have our church information on them. Ideally no nut products - M&Ms, Starburst, mini chocolate bars etc. Bring to the office by October 19.

OTHER NEWS:

WE HAVE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKETS available in the Narthex. They are designed to help elementary age children learn a bit more about what is going on in the service with some questions, things to think about and more. If your child completes the sheet(s) and brings to Leslee Kirkconnell following the service, we have a goodie box.

CURRENT GALLERY EXHIBIT *In the Making: Works from Platetone Printmaking, Paper and Book Arts* - Megan Kelley and friends from Platetone are currently showing works in our Fellowship Hall gallery. This show will be up until October 12th.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYERS The Friday contemplative prayers group meets weekly on Fridays at 10:30am at the church. All are welcome.