

Growing together ...in Faith...Reason...Service...and Love

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Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian U.S.A)



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Prelude

Priere

Cesar Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In Jesus Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

People: Through him God was reconciled to all things in heaven and on earth, even to us,

Leader: that we might be holy and blameless before God.

People: In awe and gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

Prayer of Adoration

Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ, and in Christ all things find their purpose. Open our eyes to see the world as your gift and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ, that through the witness of our lives the gospel may be proclaimed to all people. Amen.

***Hymn 442 GTG321**

The Church's One Foundation

Call to Prayer:

With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things and have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with you in Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Words of Assurance

Though we were once estranged, in Jesus Christ we have been reconciled with God. Baptized, forgiven, and freed, we are one with the Lord and with each other. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***The Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

***The Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear your Word, open our eyes to see your truth, and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Amos 8: 1-12

Pew Bible Page 849

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Hymn 171

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Please remain seated.*

Psalms 23

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

New International Version

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Sermon

“Love Never Fails”

Elder Mike Riemer

Pastoral Prayer 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.**

Welcome and Next Steps

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

***Response 592: The Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn PH411/GTG744** Arise, Your Light is Come!

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** Prelude in F JS Bach
Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to remain and listen.

** Please stand as you are able.*

If you have a prayer request, please write it on the white prayer request card located in your pew. You may place it in the offering plate located in the narthex to be printed next week. Prayer concerns will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless otherwise requested.



Prayers are requested for:
Bower Hill Church Members

Joan McNulty, Jeff Carper
Jean Dunfee, Georgia Gallo
Mary Laufer, Dottie Post

Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns
Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.

The family of Joan Bridges,
who passed away on July 5.

Dee Cefola, friend of Karl Casey,
who has long term Covid

Pam McMillion, mother of Rachel McElroy, who has
been diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer and in need
of supportive prayers so that she can find healing.

Brian Shanahan and Neal Harrison, for health
concerns, requested by the Rising Family.

Laura and Don Smith and premature baby boy who is
5 months old, 1 1/2 lb, requested by Carol Martin.