

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

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



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Preparation for Worship:
“*Good is wealth when there is no guilt attached to it.*”
~Book of Sirach

Prelude *Allegretto* Cesar Franck

Choral Introit *This Is the Day*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come together to pray, to intercede,

People: to sing our thanksgiving and our sorrows.

Leader: For this is right and good in the sight of God our Savior,

People: who longs for all to come to God’s truth.

Prayer of Adoration

O God of our salvation, bring your compassion to all of us gathered here this morning, that we may be restored and renewed, encouraged and enlivened, as we turn our faces toward you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name* Blue 142 / Purple 263

Call to Prayer

It is God’s desire that all will be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Immortal God, dwelling in light, you give life to every creature, you provide us with all we need. Yet we wander from your path to pursue the treasures of this world. We fall into senseless temptation and are trapped by harmful desires. We are captivated by the love of money, which is the root of much evil. We envy those who flaunt their riches and look down on those in need. Have mercy on us, holy God. Help us to turn away from our brokenness and toward your generosity of spirit. Make us rich in good works and always ready to share; through the faith and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news of the gospel: The grace of God overflows for us through the faith and love of Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***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.

Time with the Children

All children from preschool through third grade are invited to the front steps for the children's sermon.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, send us your Spirit, and let your Word be with us—not high in heaven, out of reach; not far away, beyond the sea. Let your Word be near to us—on our lips and in our hearts—so that we may choose the way of life you offer us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1

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Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Purple 430

Remember Not, O God

Psalm 79

- 1) *Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago; in tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.*
- 2) *O Lord, our Savior, help, and glorify your name; deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.*
- 3) *Then, safe within your fold, we will exalt your name; our thankful hearts with songs of joy your goodness will proclaim.*

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13

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Gospel Response

Threefold Amen

Sermon

“Dishonest Wealth?”

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

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

Anthem

Autumn Carol

Russell Schulz-Widmar

***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**

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Extroit

Sevenfold Amen

***Postlude**

Prelude, Fugue and Caccone in C Major

Buxtehude

Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to remain and listen.

Church members are asked to stay for a brief meeting of the congregation immediately following worship, the purpose of which is to elect and install a new deacon.

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

Inese Baumhammers
Joan McAnulty, Jeff Carper
Gloria Child, Jean Dunfee
Georgia Gallo, Nina Helbling
Nate Ivey, Linda James
Tim Lease, Dottie Post

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

Dave, friend of Karl Casey, who has been diagnosed and being treated for an aggressive cancer of the lung, lymph nodes, and brain.

Linda, sister of Nancy Andrews, for sever Rheumatoid Arthritis with lung damage and Colitis.

Family of Neal Harrison, who passed away on 9/6/22.

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.

Dave Murdock, father of Deb Carter, who has stage 4 Metastatic Prostate Cancer.

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

Paul Tallant, hospitalized following a serious auto accident, son of Marsha Tallant, friend of Lynne Wohleber's.

Marty Whayley, friend of Mike Riemer, who is in stage 4 liver failure.