

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

# BOVER HILL

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



**16 January 2022 -- Order of Worship  
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Preparation for Worship:

*"You read something which you thought only happened to you, and you discover that it happened 100 years ago to Dostoevsky. This is a very great liberation for the suffering, struggling person, who always thinks he or she is alone. This is why art is important."*

~James Baldwin

**Prelude**

*Berceuse*

Louis Vierne

**Choral Introit**

*This Is the Day*

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: As a bridegroom rejoices in the bride,

**People: so our God rejoices in us.**

Leader: O God, we drink from the river of your delights,

**People: for with you is the fountain of life.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

O Divine Host, all people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings, for your steadfast love extends to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds. When we worry that we do not have enough, help us to remember that you can do much with little, and that you have given each of us great gifts for the common good. O God, let our hospitality be as abundant as your love, and let our solidarity be as constant as your faithfulness; 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 308**

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

**Call to Prayer**

The God of every blessing looks upon us with grace and favor, even when we are captive to the curse of sin. Trusting in our gracious God, let us renounce all that is evil and seek the mercy of the Lord. Together, let us pray:

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of steadfast love, we confess that we do not live according to your way. You bless the poor with the promise of your realm, but we seek earthly treasure. You bless the hungry with the promise of fullness of life, but we are seldom satisfied with enough. You bless the brokenhearted with the promise of laughter, but we praise positivity and have little time for the mournful. You bless the despised with the promise of reward, but we seek approval and distrust those who are different. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek your blessing and to be a blessing to all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

[Silent prayers]

## Words of Assurance

Receive the blessing of the living God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: In him 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**      *Please practice **contact-free** passing of 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

### Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the Lord, help us to proclaim good news to the poor, release to the captive, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. Let this be the time of your favor. Let your Word be fulfilled today; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### First Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Pew Bible Page 174

### \*Hymn 263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### Second Scripture Reading

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible Page 239

### Sermon

**“Jesus the...Winemaker?”**

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

### Invitation to Offering

### Offering and Choral Anthem

*I Give You a New Commandment*

Richard Hubbard

**\*Response: 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 435**

*We All Are One in Mission*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Choral Response**

*Sevenfold Amen*

**Postlude**

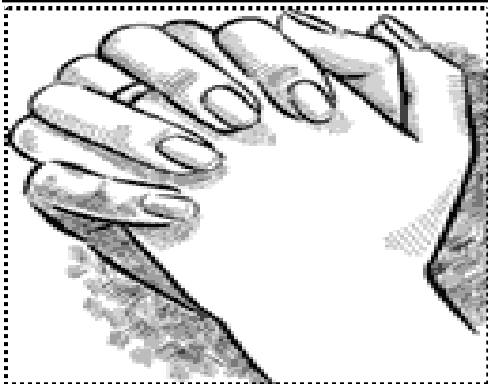
*Allegro, 1st Trio Sonata in Eb*

J.S. Bach

*Feel free to exit during the postlude, but please be mindful of those who wish to stay 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 Bridges, Jeff Carper  
Dan Duffy, Jean Dunfee  
Georgia Gallo, Nancy Green  
Barbara Oram, Dottie Post,  
Donna Williams

**Ongoing Prayers for Health Concerns**

**Other family, friends, loved ones, etc.**

**Andrew Astarita**, cousin to Mike Riemer  
**Barbi Baum**, sister to Kathy Philson, for breast cancer  
**Tommie DeSantis**, friend of Rising and Hicks families  
**Don and Mary Jane Farr**, brother and sister-in-law to  
Lynne Wohleber, having health concerns  
**Shelley Farr**, neighbor to Steve and Deb Boisvert  
**Bethany Fox**, 4 year-old cousin to Rachel McElroy  
**Neal Harrison**, father-in-law to Andy Hicks  
**The Kniola Family**, friends of the Child Family,  
on the death of their 16 year old son  
**Melody Kronwald**, relative to Lynne Wohleber's brother  
**George Kurtz**, brother to Phyllis Madden  
**Dave Murdoch**, father to Deb Carter  
**The family of Virginia Reinstadtler**  
**Laura Skinner**, friend of Kiri Rising  
**Brian Shanahan**, "Hicks Family" friend  
**Matt and Clare Williams and their families**,  
friends of Matthew Arner, due to recent deaths.