

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Approaching God

The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude. Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, God's peace.

PRELUDE –

Variations on *Fidelis* F.R.C. Clarke
Chorale and Fugue in A Minor Richard C. Baker
Epilogue Gilles Maurice Leclerc

INTROIT - **Sing and Rejoice**

Emma Lou Diemer

Sing and rejoice this Sabbath day, the Lord is with us!
Give thanks and praise this Sabbath day, the Lord is with us!
Sing and rejoice this Sabbath Day!

*HYMN - 470 - **O Day of Radiant Gladness**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray

**All: Eternal God, sometimes we think you are ours alone —
a Christian God, a Presbyterian God.
Yet we know that isn't what the Bible says.
Help us to be gracious and humble,
welcoming every stranger and loving every neighbor.
Open our minds so we can dream of a world
where all your children are valued and loved,
and help us to make that dream come true.
Remind us now of your grace and forgiveness
as we offer our silent prayers in this quiet moment...**

CHORAL RESPONSE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

*DOXOLOGY (592 in Hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(K-3rd grade are dismissed to Worship Plus activities.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING

Psalm 68: 4, 32-35

ANTHEM: **O, Clap Your Hands**

R. Vaughan Williams

O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice
of triumph.

For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all
the earth.

God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises,
everyone that hath understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne
of His holiness.

Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises!

From Psalm 47

NARRATIVE LESSON

Acts 1: 6-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Witness

W. Stuart Ritter

Sealing the Word with our Commitment

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2008

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by the Confirmands

Class: We believe in God as a Trinity.

People: God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Class: We believe that God will never judge us
when we say the wrong thing.

People: God is always open, ready to listen.

Class: God doesn't love anyone more than any other.

People: God loves us all, no matter what!

Class: We believe that Jesus, the physical image of God,
lived a perfect life, washing feet and healing the sick.

People: Jesus is God's model for our lives.

Class: Jesus died on a cross for us.

People: He died to give us eternal life.

Class: We believe the Holy Spirit connects us with God,
especially in prayer

**People: We pray to God in thanks,
to ask God's help, and to confess our sins.**

Class: We have the Bible to guide us,
baptism to join us with Christ,
communion to remind us of God's gifts,
and the church to proclaim the good news.

People: We proclaim the Gospel in everything we do.

Class: We want to live with love and peace,
and not with anger and hate.

**People: Through prayer and love, we grow our faith
and become the people God wants us to be.**

Class: We believe the church will be our second home
and will help us through our fears and tears.

**ALL: This is just the beginning of a glorious journey with God.
We plan to keep our eyes, ears and souls open to God.**

CONFIRMATION

CHARGE TO THE CONFIRMANDS

*HYMN - 522 - **Lord, When I Came Into This Life** *LAND OF REST*

Responding to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THE OFFERING AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pads.)

OFFERTORY - **Prelude on *Beautiful Savior***

Flor Peeters

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (*tune 423*)

Join hearts and voices as we lift
Our gratitude for every gift,
And multiply each gift with praise
To God who gives us all our days.

*PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**All: We give you thanks, loving God,
for nurturing us in your church
and equipping us to serve your people.
Send us out with your blessing
to be ambassadors of the living Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN - 142 - **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!** *CORONATION*

*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Improvisation on Psalm 68: “Let God Arise”

James D. Hildreth

(Tune: GENEVAN 68)

It is always appropriate to remain seated for the postlude.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome to Broad Street Presbyterian Church. We extend a special welcome to all who are visiting this morning. Together in worship we are one. We hope that you feel at home in our fellowship and will return to be with us again. After today’s service, please join us in the Narthex for coffee and conversation. If you are new to Broad Street and interested in receiving information about the life of the church, you will find a Visitor Information Table located there.

Child care is available during the worship service. If you are unfamiliar with the church and need assistance finding the nurseries or the other Sunday morning programs for your children, please ask one of the ushers who will be pleased to help you.

If you are in need of a hearing assistance device, they are available in the back of the Sanctuary from the ushers.

During the offering the person seated nearest to the center aisle is asked to sign the Ritual of Friendship form and pass it along. When the last person in the pew has signed, please pass it back to be replaced in the hymnal rack. Discover the names of the persons with whom you are worshiping, so that you may greet them after the service.

The Lectern Bible is carried to the Chancel by one of the elders, Bruce Wilson. The placing of the Bible by an elder suggests the centrality of God's word in Presbyterian theology and worship.

The chalice and the loaf of bread on the communion table remind us that as the body of Christ we belong to one another. Today’s bread was provided in honor of our Confirmands and will be delivered by an elder to a church member as a sign of care.

Members of the Board of Deacons serving as greeters this Sunday are Janelle Fedlam, Kate Harshman, Ruthann Pfau and Terry Valentine.

A Time for Prayer - Immediately following our worship service, Stephen Minister Carol Vaughters will be available to meet you in the North Transept to hear your individual and personal prayer concerns and to pray with you.

Flowers near the pulpit are given in memory of Charles F. and Mary P. Johnson, C. Burr Dawes, Sally Dawes Hauser, and Joe and Alom Meunier by the family.

Flowers near the lectern are given in memory of Gordon K. and Helen Bolon, Dr. Charles (Bud) Bolon, Mr. David G. Bolon and Mr. David G. Dowling by the family.

The wide range of church activities is described in *The Broadstreeter* as an open invitation to all. Copies of this monthly newsletter are available in the Narthex, and the current issue may be viewed online at our website (<http://www.bspc.org>), where you will find additional information about Broad Street Presbyterian Church.

Music and the Word from Broad Street Presbyterian Church, compact discs of Sunday services, are available from the Church Office. The sermon text and audio of the sermon are available on the Church website - <http://www.bspc.org>.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- May 4 Meredith Corzine, Tom Hoaglin
- May 5 Betsy Bradley, Oscar Giller, Lauren Willcox
- May 7 Donna Burns, Judy Inglis, Meredith Korda
- May 8 Danielle Blanke, John Carnahan, Biff Farley, Pollye Jones, Bea Stettner
- May 9 Lynda Burger, Jamie McBurney, Peter Skidmore
- May 10 Debbie Hamilton, Benjamin Snavelly

BROAD STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| W. Stuart Ritter | Interim Pastor |
| Ann R. Palmerton | Associate Pastor |
| Jessica J. Commeret | Associate Pastor |
| Jean E. Evans | Clerk of Session |
| Joel A. Mathias | Director of Music |
| James D. Hildreth | Organist |
| Nola S. Taracko | Director of Children’s Music |
| Barbara J. Blanke | Director of Children and Youth Ministry |
| Matthew W. Landry | Youth Ministry Leader |
| Vicki Bristol | Nursery Care Provider |
| Kay Easton | Coordinator of Care and Concern |
| Jeffrey L. Hawthorne | Chief Operating Officer |
| Debera R. Turner | Administrator |
| Kathryn C. Fell | Financial Assistant |
| Maureen P. Lewis | Administrative Assistant |
| Barbara E. Roadarmel | Program Secretary |
| Jane S. Nance | Director, Broad Street Food Pantry |
| David Haywood | Director, After School Academic Partnerships |
| Amy L. Forrest | Kitchen Coordinator |
| Maxwell Lawson | Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds |
| Dante Gray & Ernest Annor | Custodians |

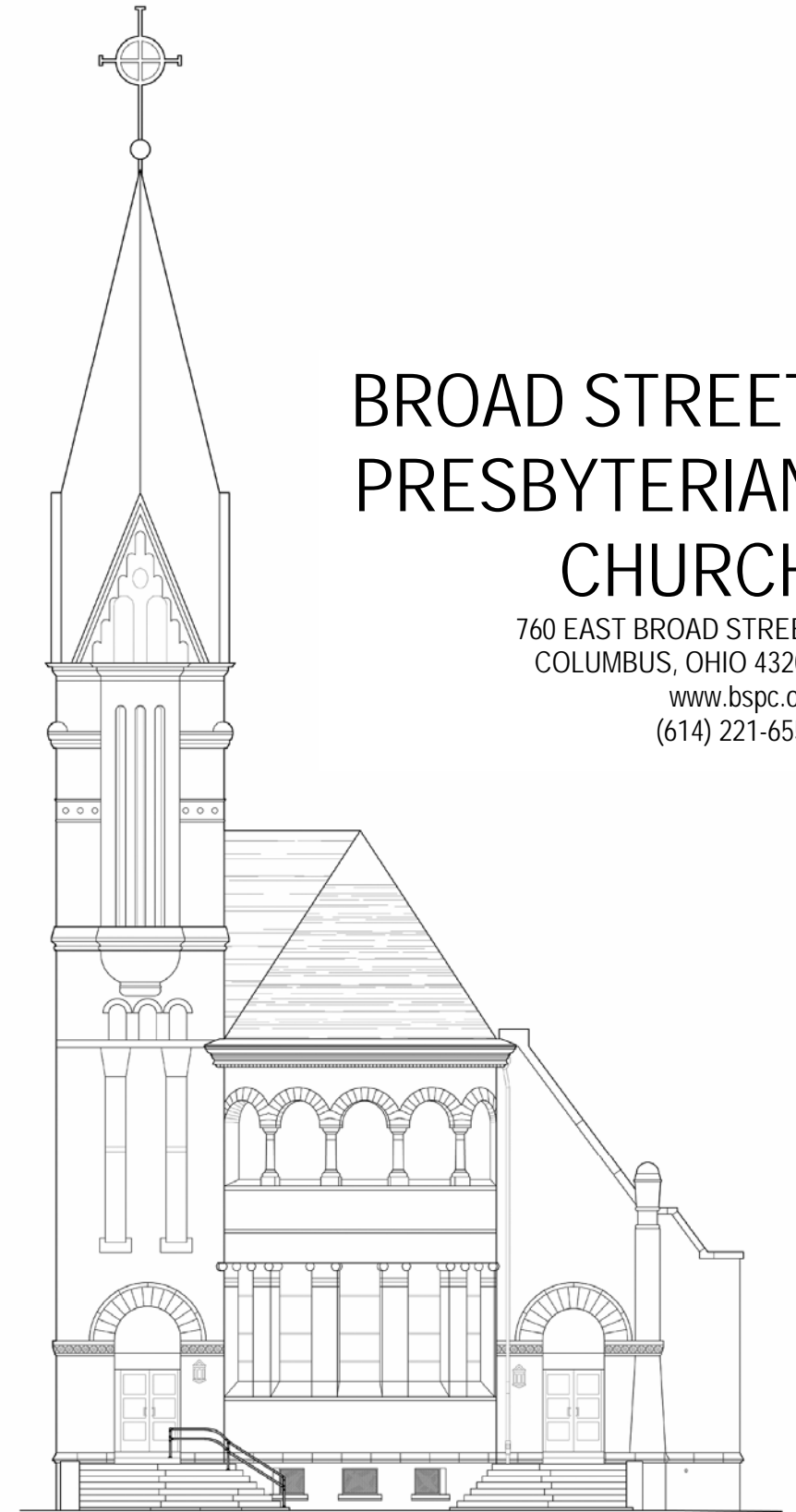
PARTNERS IN MISSION

- Joining Hands Against Hunger Network, Peru
- Michael and Nancy Haninger, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Boonsong Dangruan, First Church, Chiangrai, Thailand

OUR COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION

In celebration of the God-given diversity of creation and the unconditional welcome extended to friend and stranger alike by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Broad Street Presbyterian Church welcomes into its fellowship all who desire to be a part of this community of faith. Each of us comes to God in the same way, unconditionally loved and accepted. Such is the nature of God's grace. Therefore, all the sacraments, celebrations, privileges and responsibilities of church membership shall be available to each member of the Broad Street Presbyterian Church. These include participation in all services of worship, the availability of pastoral care, attendance at congregational meetings, the right to vote, the eligibility for church leadership, as well as opportunities for fellowship, education and service. As a church, we are committed to living together in such a way that we give witness to Christ's sacrificial life, saving death and glorious resurrection, by extending to all people the kind of hospitality exemplified in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Approved unanimously by the Session, February 2000



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**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday**