



Bazetta Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Rev. Timothy McCollum, Pastor

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Celebrating the Lord's Day
at
Bazetta Christian Church
November 5, 2023
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Church Gathers Before God

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Michelle Aliesch, Liturgist

- L: O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us,
C: **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**
L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
C: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
C: **The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**
L: May God continue to bless us;
C: **let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

Psalm 67, page 744, *Chalice Hymnal*

***OPENING HYMN**

"For All the Saints"

#637

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light. Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, company divine! We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia!

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

L: Let us join together in prayer.

God of heaven and earth, in your Son Jesus Christ you have given us a true faith and a sure hope. Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days, that we may live as those who believe in the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

The people exchange with one another, by words and careful gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:8-17; Christian Standard Bible

Finally, all of you be like-minded and sympathetic, love one another, and be compassionate and humble, not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you may inherit a blessing.

For the one who wants to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, and let him turn away from evil and do what is good. Let him seek peace and pursue it, because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do what is evil.

Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. **Do not fear them or be intimidated**, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***DOXOLOGY**

"He Is Lord"

#117

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:40-56; J.B. Phillips Translation

On Jesus' return, the crowd welcomed him back, for they had all been looking for him.

Then up came Jairus (who was president of the synagogue), and fell at Jesus' feet, begging him to come into his house, for his daughter, an only child about twelve years old, was dying.

But as he went, the crowds nearly suffocated him. Among them was a woman, who had a haemorrhage for twelve years and who had derived no benefit from anybody's treatment. She came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his cloak, with the result that her haemorrhage stopped at once.

"Who was that who touched me?" said Jesus. And when everybody denied it, Peter remonstrated, "Master, the crowds are all round you and are pressing you on all sides"

But Jesus said, "Somebody touched me, for I felt the power went out from me."

When the woman realised that she had not escaped notice she came forward trembling, and fell at his feet and admitted before everybody why she had to touch him, and how she had been instantaneously cured.

"Daughter," said Jesus, "It is your faith that has healed you—go in peace."

While he was still speaking, somebody came from the synagogue president's house to say, "Your daughter is dead—there is no need to trouble the master any further."

But when Jesus heard this, he said to him, "Now don't be afraid, go on believing and she will be all right."

Then when he came to the house, he would not allow anyone to go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's parents. All those already there were weeping and wailing over her, but he said, "Stop crying! She is not dead, she is fast asleep."

This drew a scornful laugh from them, for they were quite certain that she had died. But he turned them all out, took the little girl's hand and called out to her, "Wake up, my child!"

And her spirit came back and she got to her feet at once, and Jesus ordered food to be given to her. Her parents were nearly out of their minds with joy, but Jesus told them not to tell anyone what had happened.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"gentleness"

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

SONG OF PRESENTATION

"O Christ, the Healer"

#503

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Christ, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

*DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IDENTITY STATEMENT

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

COMMUNION PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Christ Has Died

Christ Is Risen

Christ Will Come Again

*CLOSING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#517

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest;
take away our love of sinning; alpha and omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Anthony Ruggiero, Musician

*All who are able may stand.

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THIS WEEK AT BAZETTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Small Group
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11am-2pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	11:15-12:15	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast @ Eat 'n Park
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Thursday:	11:30 a.m.	Ladies Lunch Bunch
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Small Group
	10:00 a.m.	Worship

In case of emergencies:

Fire Alarm: Calmly and quickly evacuate the building. Reassemble at the pavilion next to the garage. No longer at flagpole. Do not block the fire lanes. All doors in the sanctuary lead to outside exits.

Tornado Warning: Calmly and quickly exit through the rear doors and assemble in the hallway of the Educational Wing/Child Care area. Stay away from all doors and windows.

Gunshots or Threats: Duck down between the pews to shield yourself and allow the Security Team to handle the situation.

Open Communion and Offering Information

We celebrate the Communion of the Lord's Supper every week. It is open to ALL Christians. Everyone who is able is invited to come to the front by rows. A piece of bread and cup of grape juice will be given to you to partake. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

Kneelers are available on each side for those who wish to stop and pray. If you are not able to come forward for any reason, a plate and cup will be offered to you. If you prefer not to partake, just indicate that when offered the elements.

The offering that we share in worship is part of our shared commitment to doing ministry together. In our offering, we reflect that we are called to share in the blessings we have that others may be blessed. Offering bowls are provided in the center and right-hand aisles.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Here let us seek to see God more clearly, love God more completely, and serve God more certainly. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

If you have questions concerning membership with this congregation, speak with Pastor Tim or any of the BCC Elders (Dan Davis, Paula Davis, Jim Dolgae, Heather Faler, Myra May, Christy McCollum, Valarie Rizzo, Michelle Stineman, Megen Stocker, Larry Swiger).

The **flowers** adorning our chancel area this morning are in memory of all the saints.

Breakfast for all, Tuesday, November 7, 8:00 a.m., Eat 'n Park, each pays for own meal, come and enjoy food, friends, fellowship

Ladies Lunch Bunch, Thursday, November 9, 11:30 a.m., pack yourself a lunch and come on over to the BCC parlor for food and fellowship.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, November 11, 8:00 a.m., it's free, come and enjoy food, friends, and fellowship, friends welcome!

Red Poinsettias can be purchased to beautify our chancel area for Christmas Eve. The plants will be in a 6" pot. The cost is \$9.75. You can dedicate it in memory of or in honor of someone. Sign up by the absolute deadline of November 19.



**We observe All Saints' Day today as we remember our friends
who have gone before us this past year.**

Those remembered are:

Bev Ferry

who passed away on November 2, 2022

Ron Barstow

who passed away on November 14, 2022

Doris Pealer

who passed away on January 11, 2023

Esther Hanson

who passed away on February 19, 2023

Joan Dales

who passed away on March 22, 2023

Elaine Taylor

who passed away on July 27, 2023

Geraldine Cramer

who passed away on October 12, 2023



Bazetta Christian Church 175th Service and Celebration

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Followed by food and fellowship

All past and present BCC members/attendees that are at the church service this November 19 are welcome to join us directly after the service in fellowship hall for a celebratory meal.

To prepare properly, we need all of you that plan on attending the service and meal (held directly after the service), to sign up on the list in the Gathering Space, or phone Bazetta Christian Church at 330-637-6312 with your reservations. Space is limited for the meal, and all reservations must be made on the sign-up sheet or phone in to the church no later than **November 10** to notify our caterer.

We are excited that our guests will include former clergy, and others that were and currently are, an integral part of our Bazetta Christian Church history.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Loose Change Mission Jar: We are collecting loose change in the Gathering Space for missions. From October through December, the funds will go to Youngstown Blue Coats. Thank you!

Adopt-A-Foot: L.O.A.F. has a project going on to help local children get a new pair of shoes for their feet. Neal's Shoes will be helping out with this project. A pair of shoes costs \$30.00 but a donation of any size is very much accepted and appreciated. Make your check payable to L.O.A.F. and mail it to L.O.A.F., P. O. Box 494, Cortland, Ohio, 44410. **The deadline is November 11, 2023.**



Pick up an Operation Christmas Child box at BCC or use your own shoe box, pack it with items, and it will be sent to a child somewhere in the world to feel God's love. Information is available with what you can and cannot put in the boxes. If you choose to participate, please fill a box and return it by **November 12th**. The shipping fee for each box will be paid for. See or call Shelley Dolgae for more details. Her phone number is 330-360-8041.

Coming soon. . **Angel Tree Ministry.** Choose a local angel to bless with some gifts for Christmas. Check out the November *Beacon* for more information.