

“PRESSING ON”

A Poem inspired by Philippians 3: 12-21

I have not reached the farthest hill,
Nor held perfection in my hand;
Yet still Your mercy calls me on,
And so by grace I rise and stand.

What lies behind will lose its claim,
The weight of shame, the boast of pride;
I strain toward the promised dawn,
With Christ before me as my guide.

This world may call my feet to stay,
To mind the dust, to love the near;
But heaven has claimed my truer home,
And taught my heart where hope is clear.

So I will press on with lifted eyes,
Through weary mile and unseen span,
Until the Savior makes me new
And finishes what He began.



Welcome to the North Benton Presbyterian Church

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*“Since 1818, A church where everyone is someone
and Jesus Christ is Lord!”*

This Week

Caring, Sharing, Praying

Sun
5/17 9:30 Worship Service
(Youth Sunday School
after children’s message)
10:45 Searcher’s Class

Sun **Pentecost Sunday**
5/24 **Communion**
Communicant’s Class
**Graduation with
luncheon**
9:30 Worship Service
(Youth Sunday School
after children’s message)

Nursing Home:
Dan Rowe
Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460
(Rm.#201)

Continued Prayer for:
Denton Herron,
James Hilles,
Stan & Sandy Jozwiakowski,
Emily Winters,
Maeo Bates,
Carol Schiffler,
Chris & Alicia Gamble
Irene Shields

*Contact the office to add or
remove a name*

A TIME OF PRAYER

Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Church Sanctuary.

All doors will be open.

Deacon Greeters ----- Sherry Kelly
----- Cheri Martin
Keyboard ----- Marilyn Smith
Praise Songs ----- Sylvia Hammond
Sound System ----- Josiah Gaines
Acolyte ----- Addie Pierce

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Sunday School to Follow)

“Don’t Quit!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have not yet arrived, yet God in mercy calls us onward. Trusting not in our own perfection but in the grace of Jesus Christ, let us confess the ways we cling to what is behind, the ways our minds are set on earthly things, and the ways we fail to live as citizens of heaven. Let us turn again to the One who has made us His own, and with humility and hope, press on toward the goal of new life in Him. Let us pray silently to our God.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Be assured that sincere repentance is met with mercy, and forgiveness is offered to those who turn back with humility and honesty. No failing is too great to be brought before grace when the heart seeks what is right. Be assured your sins have been forgiven.

All: What a feeling it is when we know we know we have been forgiven! Glory be to God!

+GLORIA PATRI

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE

“Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the trees is the Lord’s and is holy to the Lord.”
-Leviticus 27: 30

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

+Hymn #617 “Onward Christian Soldiers”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: God, speak loudly through Your text. May we hear Your truth, especially when it challenges us. Be the loud voice of love that we need to hear. In the Name of Jesus. Amen

SCRIPTURE “Philippians 3: 12-21”

SERMON “Pressing On”

+HYMN #637 (verses 1-3)

“Praise to The Lord, The Almighty”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #637 (verse 4)

“Praise to The Lord, The Almighty”

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON:

“Next week's sermon on Pentecost is “Therefore” based on Philippians 4: 1-9

+ *Indicates congregation is invited to stand*

Praise Songs

“Day By Day and With Each Passing Moment”

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.
Every day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would be and cheer me,
He whose name is Counsellor and Power,
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
“As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me He made.

“Spirit Song”

O let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul,
O let Him have the things that hold you
and His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.
O come and sing the song of gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.