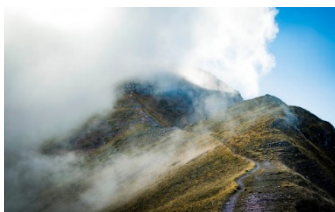


First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

February 11, 2024

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

Vision

Josef Rheinberger

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

Noah Shaffer

CHORAL INTROIT

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair!

DEO GRACIAS

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Paula Abrecht

One: Whether on life's mountaintops or in its valleys, the presence of God surrounds us.

All: In whispers and in shouts, the presence of God speaks to us.

One: In nature's variety and wonder, the presence of God calls to us.

**All: In baptism's claim and communion's welcome,
the presence of God comes home to us.**

Let us worship our God who draws us in and sends us out.

*PRAYER +

Loving God, shine your light into our lives.

Help us to "see" with our whole being, not just with our eyes.

Help us to "listen" with our hearts and our minds, not only our ears.

May we experience your beauty, truth, and goodness in people around us and in all creation,
finding those places where we can bring your love. **Amen**

*HYMN 634

To God Be the Glory

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CONFESSION +

**All: God of the challenging heights and mysterious depths,
who calls us to strive for your justice and righteousness,
we confess the timidity of our response.**

**We long to hide away from the times when what we have done
has not brought joy to you but has caused pain for others.**

**We want to forget those times when the opportunities for doing what is right
have not been taken and the chance to speak out has not been grasped.**

We want to fold up, to hide from the truth, to be left alone.

**But you are the God of Transformation. Transfigure our confession,
that we may receive your forgiveness and find healing and renewal again.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

Gracious God, hear our prayers. **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

The God of Love and Grace says: I will unfold your pain,
I will un-crush your soul, I will enliven your hope —
and in that transfiguring, together we will find a way back to each other's sacred presence.
Thanks be to God! Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

Following the Children's Moment, children are invited to go upstairs with Amy to Joy Worship.

ANTHEM

And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth, from 'Elijah'

Felix Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30

Luke 6:27-38

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Pew Bible pages 478, 60, 169

SERMON

Lenten Journey

Ann Gastier

*HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.

OFFERTORY

Adagio, from 'Sonata I'

Felix Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY 607

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasie in G-dur (excerpt)

Johann Sebastian Bach

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand. + Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*

**Today's chancel flowers are given by Leigh Oaks with thanks for all the healing prayers
that have been offered by our congregation for her recovery.**

First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love
through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

**More Light Church and Member of Covenant Network
Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church**

The Mission of More Light Presbyterians: Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

The Mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace. We are called to achieve this goal by furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, and by working for the unity of the PC(USA).

Earth Care Pledge: Peace and justice is God’s plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God’s. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

The Mission of the Matthew 25 Church: Matthew 25:31–46 calls us to actively engage the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. We commit ourselves to congregational vitality by acting boldly and compassionately to end systemic poverty and structural racism, serving people who are oppressed, imprisoned, poor.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters:	February 11 – Leigh Oaks	February 18 – Joan Firmin	
Sunday Sextons:	February 11 – Calin Baxstrom	February 18 – Lydia Dunlap	
Sunday Ushers:	February 11 – Pam Giffin, Jack & Julie Miller, Kathy Turning		
Sunday, February 11	9:00 am Sunday School	9:45 am Fellowship	10:15 am Worship
	Receive the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering following morning worship.		
Monday, February 12	9:30 am Admin	12:00 pm Rotary	6:45 pm Clear Fork Trout Unlimit
Tuesday, February 13	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Scouts	7:30 pm Great Decisions - Scheide
Wednesday, Feb. 14	ASH WEDNESDAY	10:00 am Memory Café	10:30 Lenten Bible Study
	4:00 pm Faith & Practice	6:00 pm	Soup Supper at Westminster
	7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service at Westminster		
Thursday, Feb. 15	6:45 pm Music Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Feb. 17	9:30 am Al-Anon		
Sunday, February 18	9:00 am Sunday School	9:45 am Fellowship	10:15 am Worship



Ash Wednesday Worship Service



Join us for a simple
meal followed
by our joint
Ash Wednesday
worship service.

**Meal and Worship Held @
Westminster Presbyterian Church
353 E. Pine St., Wooster**

Meal: 6:00 PM, The Meeting Place

Meal to include soup, bread, and cookies

Worship Service: 7:00 PM, Mackey Hall

Questions? Contact the Westminster Church Office: wpcwooster@gmail.com or 330-263-2398



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF WOOSTER

**TUESDAY
FEB.
13**

**Can the U.S. Support
Political Stability Abroad?
Reflections on the State
and Civil Society in East &
West Africa**

Alex de Waal Executive director of the
World Peace Foundation at the Fletcher
School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts
University. College of Wooster faculty
member **Ibra Sene**, Associate Professor of
History; Global & International Studies.

LECTURE SERIES

**U.S. Foreign Policy
in an Election Year**

**GREAT DECISIONS
SPRING 2024**

All events at 7:30 p.m.
Free and open to the public

Gault Recital Hall in Scheide Music Center
525 E. University St., Wooster