

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 27, 2024

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE *Largo, from 'Symphony IX'* *Antonin Dvořák*  
Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME Reverend David Rice

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS The 2025 Pledge Campaign Emily Armour

CHORAL INTROIT *What Shall I Render to the Lord? (text: Psalm 116:12-14)* *Peter Tiefenbach*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP + Susie Slack

One: Into the presence of God, who has created and is creating,  
we come with wonder and expectation.

**All: Into the presence of God, who comes to us in many mysterious ways,  
we come with hunger and hope.**

One: Into the presence of God, who works in us and through others,  
we come with amazement and joy.

**All: Into the presence of God, who is generous and loving,  
we come to lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving.**

\*PRAYER +

Yes, loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving,  
knowing that all we are and all we have is a gift from you.

We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives—our gifts of time and talent and  
possessions—as a true and collective act of our desire to live faithfully and generously,  
reflecting your own faithfulness and generous love poured out for us. **Amen**

\*HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* *DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>*

CONFESSION +

**All: Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves.**

**You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours.**

**In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others  
and to your earth.**

**Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors,  
for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves.**

**Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours, in Jesus' name.**

*Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.*  
Gracious God, hear our prayers.      **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

One: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst.  
Mercy, hope, and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

All: **No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace,  
by God's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

ANTHEM

*And I Saw a New Heaven (text: Revelation 21:1-4)*

Edgar Bainton

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

Pew Bible page 44

SERMON

*Opening our Eyes*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Today, we continue receiving the Peacemaking Offering.

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

OFFERTORY

*Pastorale*

*Sydney Watson*

\*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 795

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

*HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL*

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare (Psalm 81:1-3)*

*John E. Cook*

\* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand.

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

**The flowers today are Hydrangeas from the church entrance,  
given from a couple of grateful gardeners.**

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.

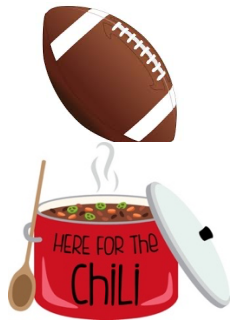


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## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday Greeters:	October 27 – Valerie Lippert	November 3 – Dave & Sonja Tugend
Sunday Ushers:	October 27 – Mimi Lewellen, Carol McKiernan, Diana Rice, Nancy Young	
Sunday Sexton:	October 27 – Calin Baxstrom	November 3 – Lydia Dunlap
Sunday, Oct. 27	8:45 am ARISE – Chapel	9:15 am Sunday School    10:30 am Worship
	12:00 pm FPC Chili Bowl Tailgate Potluck – Bruch Fellowship Hall	
Monday, Oct. 28	9:00 am Staff Mtg.	12:00 pm Rotary    5:30 pm Meals for All
Tuesday, Oct. 29	Rummage Sale Set-up	9:30 am Bible Study    6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Oct. 30	Rummage Sale Set-up	10:00 am Memory Café
	7:00 pm “Navigating Climate Migration” – CoW Lean Lecture Hall	
Thursday, Oct. 31	Rummage Sale Set-up	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Nov. 1	Rummage Sale Set-up	10:45 am WC Parkinson’s Network
Saturday, Nov. 2	9:00 am Rummage Sale (Teardown – 4:00 pm)	9:30 am Al-Anon
Sunday, Nov. 3	8:45 am ARISE – Chapel	9:15 am Sunday School    10:30 am Worship
	11:30 am BSA Troop 66 Fundraiser Hog Roast – Bruch Hall	



## You're Invited to a First Presbyterian Chili Bowl Tailgate Potluck

Get ready to kick off the fun with a delicious spread and a friendly chili cook-off after the service TODAY!

Whether you're a chili champion or just excited to sample the tailgate options, there's something for everyone. You don't even need to like football!

Let's make this a game winning fellowship event for everyone in our church!

We are going to hold a donation only bake sale for the voters on November 5<sup>th</sup>. First Presbyterian is a polling place and we expect a lot of foot traffic that day. All proceeds will go towards the youth funds for future trips. If you are willing to donate a baked good, please let Amy Baxstrom know. It can be anything from breakfast goodies, cookies, small loaves of bread, and any other baked goods you wonderful bakers create! Thank you!



### Fall Rummage Sale - Saturday, November 2, 2024

The Rummage Sale is an *all-hands-on-deck* project which earns funds for FPC Women's Fellowship. The proceeds are used to support FPC youth programming and scholarships, community outreach, mission, kitchen maintenance, and building improvements. This is a great way to get involved, get to know others in the congregation, and fellowship with old friends. Please consider volunteering for this worthy project. Able bodied helpers are especially needed Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning, and late Saturday afternoon for clean-up. Many hands make light work.

The Rummage Sale is an opportunity for the entire congregation to have those unwanted items in your home moved along. Before recycling, consider reducing and reusing. Your *no-longer-wanted* items will be treasures to others. Feel free to ask friends, family members, and *anyone* to contribute stuff.

Starting Sunday, Oct. 27, feel free to drop off sale items in the gathering area near the hallway to the parlor.

We also need help on:

Tue., Oct. 29 from 3-5 pm – set-up racks and tables in Bruch Hall.

Tue., Oct. 29 from 6-7:30 pm – move items from 2nd-floor storage to Bruch Hall.

Wed., Oct. 30, 9 am-noon - arrange sale items on hanging racks and tables.

Thu., Oct. 31, 9 am-noon – help price items.

Fri., Nov. 1, 9 am-noon – we'll finish up what needs to be done to take a day off!

Sat., Nov. 2 - The sale will run from 9 am to 4 pm. Help will also be needed from 4-6 pm to place remaining items in Goodwill bins, tear down racks and tables, and cleanup.



Your participation in as many ways as possible will be greatly appreciated. Contact Carla Hall (cell 614-761-3906, carlahall2000@gmail.com) or Shannon Foster (cell 330-439-8376, birdgarden@sssnet.com) if you have any questions.

## FALLING LEAVES, RISING GRATITUDE

A Time to Reflect, A Time to Give Thanks

Join us for gratitude stations this November on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:15 in the Chapel.

November 3 – Gratitude for those who've gone before us.

November 10 – Gratitude for God's Creation

November 17 – Gratitude for Community

**Traditional ARISE will resume on November 24**  
with the theme **Gratitude for God.**



## THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

**College of Wooster Climate Justice Guest  
Speaker: Marinel Ubaldo**

Marinel Ubaldo is a Filipino climate activist and a youth leader in the global climate justice movement. Her lecture titled "Navigating Climate Migration: Understanding the Human Impact of Climate Change" will be Wednesday October 30th at 7:00 PM in Lean Lecture Hall. A reception will follow her public presentation.