

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

Nef (Nave), from 'Esquisses Byzantine'

Henri Mulet

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

Nurses Without Borders

Emma LoGiudice

CHORAL INTROIT

Today Did Christ Arise

Richard T. Gore

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Kameron Rufener

One: In the steadfast love of God, in the presence that never leaves us,
in the community that strengthens us, in the deepest moments of living,
in facing our places of life and of death, we have traveled together.

**All: From isolation to common ground, from dying to living,
from grief to mystery, from fear to joy, we have traveled together.**

One: In this morning's light, we set out to travel a new path:
from the tombs of anxiety and despair toward the resurrections of our hope.

**All: Let us walk together into this new day.
Come, let us worship our God of healing and wholeness and newness.**

*PRAYER +

We give thanks to you, O God, that from generation to generation
you continue to be our strength and our song.

Open our hearts to the gift of your redeeming love that we celebrate this Easter Day,
and enable us to be bearers of that love to the hurting places of your world. **Amen**

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

CONFESSION +

One: On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of Tombs:
we have not done great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance;
we have not intentionally hurt anyone,
but neither have we always offered healing to the broken.

We accept the witness of angels at a tomb, but find it difficult
to live the lives of compassion and reconciliation that this hope demands.

**All: Bring us new life, Dazzling God: where we are tired and stressed, give us the
energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains
of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done to others and to your
creation and lead us in a new direction; fill us with the Joy of your Spirit.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

With hope in our hearts we pray. **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

This is the Good News, my friends: God remembers us and forgives us and calls us,
so that we might live as people of love and hope for the sake of all creation.

On this once again remembered First New Day,

let us journey together as a people healed and made whole. **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

On Communion Sunday, our children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary and receive the sacrament

ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Lord of Joy (text: Raymond Schulze)

Paul Bouman

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible page 51

SERMON

Finding Galilee

*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Today we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

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

OFFERTORY

Andante, from 'Trumpet Concerto in E-flat'

Joseph Haydn

*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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM *The Day Draws On with Golden Light (text: Thomas Alexander Lacey)* Edward Bairstow

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

ODE TO JOY

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Final, from 'Symphony I' (excerpt)

Louis Vierne

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

Thanks to The Sanctuary Choir, Benjamin Low, trumpet, Eric J. Gastier, Director of Music & Organist

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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Sunday Greeters: March 31 – Dana & Tammy Brooks

April 7 – Jon & Laura Neill

Sunday Sextons: March 31 – Megan Armour

April 7 – Mattie Dunlap

Sunday Ushers: March 31 – Mimi Lewellen, Carol McKiernan, Diana Rice, Nancy Young

Sunday Communion Servers: March 31 – Steve & Nancy Gfell, Jon & Laura Neill

Sunday, March 31	9:00 am	Sunday School	9:45 am	Fellowship	10:15 am	Easter Worship
Monday, April 1	9:30 am	Staff Meeting	11:30 am	Men's Lunch	12:00 pm	Rotary
Tuesday, April 2	9:30 am	Bible Study			6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wed., April 3	10:00 am	Memory Café				
Thursday, April 4	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal				
Friday, April 5	9:30 am	Parkinson's	11:30 am	Friday Fellowship		
	7:30 pm	Wooster High School Play – “Rosaline Wrecked It All”				
Saturday, April 6	9:30 am	Al-Anon	7:30 pm	Wooster High School Play		
Sunday, April 7	9:00 am	Sunday School	9:45 am	Fellowship	10:15 am	Worship
	2:30 pm	Wooster High School Play – “Rosaline Wrecked It All”				

Easter Flowers 2024



Honor

In Honor of Family and Friends given by Joan Firmin
In Honor of the Entire FPC Staff given by Dick & Mimi Lewellen
In Honor of Joyce H. Neill given by Jon, Laura, Emily & Jack Neill
In Honor of the Armour, Franks, and LoGiudice families given by Kim & Tom Ogle
In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren given by Tom & Lisa Rumbaugh

Memory

In Memory of Our Grandparents given by Luke & Emily Armour
In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harrison Arnold given by Elaine Arnold
In Memory of Bertha Fouch given by Elaine Arnold
In Memory of Barabara Eisinger Adams given by Elaine Arnold
In Memory of Margo & George Earley and Lonnie Hochstetler given by Dave & Angela Earley
In Memory of Sir Charles DeVilleneuve given by Sue Froelich
In Memory of Hal Fulton & Wiley & Edna Caudil given by Val Fulton
In Memory of Alice & Larry Gabriel given by their family
In Memory of Bob & Celia Gates given by Carol Gates
In Memory of Carolyn Kearney given by Walter, Ian, Kathleen, Patrick, Jenn and Julia Kearney
In Memory of Donald A. Knowlton given by The Knowlton Family
In Memory of Tom & Libby Bruch and Jim & Sally Bean given by Dick & Mimi Lewellen
In Memory of Loved Ones given by Steve LoGiudice and Megan Wereley
In Memory of Don Beane given by Pat Miles
In Memory of Richard C. Miles, James & Marian Bailey
and Bertram & Ruth Miles given by Pat Miles
In Memory of William R. & Barbara W. McGraw given by Jon, Laura, Emily & Jack Neill
In Memory of Joyce H. Neill given by Jon, Laura, Emily & Jack Neill
In Memory Our Many Loved Ones given by Bob & Linda Orosz
In Memory of Roger Ramseyer given by Beverly Ramseyer
In Memory of Jack & Norma Schubert & Susie Rumbaugh given by Tom & Lisa Rumbaugh
In Memory of Angelina Buffum given by Deborah Smith
In Memory of June Smith Geitgey given by Doug Smith
In Memory of Mary Isaac given by Jon, Edith, Keyonna, and Shonica Swank
In Memory of Al Henney and Paul & Ruth Tugend given by Dave & Sonja Tugend
In Memory of my parents, Franklin & Nancy Weekley given by Anna Weekley