Fírst Presbyterían Church

Wooster, Ohío



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

10:15 a.m.

Prelude

Fantasia in C-dur & Adagio, from 'Concerto in a-moll'

J. S. Bach

Reverend Dick Wereley

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

- One: At one time darkness was all about us, but in the Lord we are children of Light.
- Everything exposed by the Light becomes visible. All:
- One: For everything that becomes visible is in the Light.
- May Christ's Light in us so shine that everyone may see good works All: and give glory to God in heaven.
- Praise the Lord! One:
- The Lord's name be praised. All:
- *Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CONFESSION +

One:	O God in Christ, out of your bounty have we all received blessing upon blessing.			
	Forgive us where we have misused those blessings for selfish or destructive purposes.			
All:	Be merciful with us, Eternal God of Love.			
One:	O God, for the forgiveness of sin, your son was obedient unto death,			
	even death on a cross.			

- All: In the Spirit of the Christ, be our comfort, our guide, our peace.
- One: O God, you are the fountain of all life, the source of all goodness, let your forgiving love wash over us.
- All: Save us, good Lord, restore us and send us out renewed and refreshed for a new and better week before us.

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so we would give ourselves All: to you, living according to your holy will. May our feet firmly follow in the way wherein Christ leads. May our mouths speak the compassionate truth that Christ teaches. May our behavior reflect the life of Christ within us. In his holy name, we pray. Amen

Eric J. Gastier, organ

Joan Firmin

LOBE DEN HERREN

Assurance of Forgiveness +

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

God was in Christ enlisting us in the work of reconciliation to which we are called as a people exonerated of all sin through the love and sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Friends in Christ, believe this Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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	Indless love has won Salvation for us the stand glory be Both now and through et	0				
	Please take care to maintain some physical be with you And also with you.	distance as we share the Peace				
CHILDREN'S MOMENT Following the Chil	dren's Moment, children are invited to go w	Amy Baxstrom ith Amy to Joy Worship.				
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 5:8-14	Pew Bible page 183				
SERMON	Our Living Reveals Our True Belief					
OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God. OFFERTORY Preludes in c-minor & C-major Johann Sebastian Bach *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 (back of bulletin)	When We Are Tempted to Deny Your So	PSALM 22				
*BLESSING AND BENEDICTI	ON					
Postlude	Toccata in d-moll ('Dorian')	J. S. Bach				
* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand. + Liturgy adapted from <i>Seasons of the Spirit</i>						

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.



Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God. QR (Quick Response) Code for Direct Donations and Contributions: the Code can be read by your smartphone and will land you on the giving page of our website where you can "Give Now" or set up a recurring donation.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

·	arch 19 – April Gamble Iarch 19 – Olivia Hiner	March 26 – Diana Day March 26 – Hannah LoGiudice			
Sunday, March 19	9:00 am Sunday School	9:45 am Fellowship	10:15 am Worship		
Monday, March 20	9:30 am Staff Mtg	12:00 pm Rotary			
Tuesday, March 21	9:30 am Bible Study	1:1	5 pm Traveler's Club		
	6:00 pm Inkies Card Group	7:0	00 pm Boy Scouts		
Wed. March 22	10:00 am Memory Café	6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper			
	7:00 pm Session				
Thursday, March 23	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal				
Friday, March 24	Friday, March 24 11:30 am Mixed Company at Pine Tree Barn				
Saturday, March 25	9:30 am Al-Anon	12:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 4066			
Sunday, March 26	9:00 am Sunday School	9:45 am Fellowship	10:15 am Worship		

Hymn 86 (from the Blue Hymnal) "When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son" will be printed on this page.