

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



DAY OF PENTECOST

May 28, 2023

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

Adagio, from 'Symphony III'

Louis Vierne

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

Pentecost Offering

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

April Gamble

One: Gentle Spirit of God, breath of life which touches each face with love,
you are with us and within us.

**All: You are the melody of joy in all creation,
poured out in notes of hope and healing around us all,
you are with us and within us.**

One: Passionate Spirit, warming our hearts with the bright flame of your caring:
Divine Dreamer, who casts a glimpse of beauty
in the imaginations of all your children, you are with us and within us.

**All: Holy One, who is with us and within us in all ways,
we give you thanks and praise.**

*PRAYER +

Gather us in as those who wait to know you more deeply, Holy Spirit.
Speak to us in ways that reach each heart and mind and light the fires of your life in us.
Encircle us with your grace and gather in all that we are and all we will become, we pray.
Then scatter us into the world, as bearers of your sacred presence
and a joy that cannot be contained within these walls. **Amen**

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

CONFESSION +

One: O Holy Spirit, our inspiration and our hope,
too often we look for you only in smooth, clear words and calm places.

All: When the sounds are complex or unfamiliar, it is too easy for us to close our ears.

One: Sometimes we find the world and its issues too overwhelming and settle for leaving
matters of justice and truth to others, failing to do our part to right ancient wrongs.

**All: When we are tempted to stay in comfortable and familiar places of faith,
forgive us and scatter us abroad,
that you may open us to your wider vision of healing and wholeness for all.**

At this time, each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

When we lay down our fears and defenses, there is room for forgiveness and love.
The former ways of resistance crumble and we are shaped into a community
of creative freedom, of spirited living, of peace. **Thanks be to God! Amen**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *Please take care to maintain some physical distance as we share 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 with Amy to Joy Worship.

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-23 Acts 2:1-17, 21 Pew Bible pages 108, 111

SERMON *Spirit on the Loose*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE Today and next Sunday we will receive the Pentecost Offering
Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.

OFFERTORY *Adagio, from 'Chorale III'* César Franck

*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 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marche Solennelle de Procession

Charles Gounod

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

**The sanctuary flowers today are given by Rachel King and Scott Demko
in celebration of their marriage.**

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.



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

Sunday Greeters:	May 28 – Russ & Karen McQuate	June 4 – Iva Byler
Sunday Ushers:	May 28 – Kris Evans, Kathy Turning, Pam Giffin, Diana Rice, Tim Fair	
Sunday Sextons:	May 28 – Emily James	June 4 – Mattie Dunlap
Sunday, May 28	9:45 am Fellowship Hour	10:15 am Worship
	7:00 pm Concert – Susan Shaw, flute and Ken Shafer, piano	
Monday, May 29	OFFICE CLOSED – Memorial Day	
		5:30 pm Meals for All
Tuesday, May 30	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm WACPAC
		7:00 pm Scouts
Wed. May 31	10:00 am Life Memory Café	
Thursday, June 1	6:00 pm WACPAC	
Friday, June 2	10:45 am Parkinson's Network	6:30 pm PTP Volunteer Annual Banquet
Saturday, June 3	9:30 am Al-Anon	10:00 am WACPAC
Sunday, June 4	9:45 am Fellowship Hour	10:15 am Worship



**PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS



every time we
break divisions
in the work of unity,

every time we act
with courage,
setting hopes
and visions free,
and every time

we teach our children
of the world
God longs to see,

*In our living,
in our giving,
we are there.*

We are there

We are there to create opportunities for young people to grow, thrive and take part in building up the body of Christ through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering.

40%

stays with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults.

25%

supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25%

supports Ministries with Youth especially the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

10%

is devoted to children at-risk and supports to improve education and provide safe havens.

Won't you join us?

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY...
FOR IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**