



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF WOOSTER

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**

621 College Ave, Wooster, Ohio
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January 16, 2022 9:00 First Word

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAVID RICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

MIMI LEWELLEN

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness all the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and God's glory will appear over you.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

See and be radiant.

Let your heart thrill and rejoice.

Let us worship God.

— adapted from Isaiah 60:1–5

Prayer of Confession

MIMI LEWELLEN

Confessing is like walking into a dark cave, seeing nothing, hearing nothing— We do not know what we will find there. Maybe we will find the bones of things long dead. Maybe we will find the silence not at all quiet, but full of unknown rustles. Maybe we will find ourselves, and find old hurts or desires that are long dead, and find some urge or temptation that could carry us away in a heartbeat. But it is only in the deepest dark that we can see the tiny light that is always present, that sliver that comes from an unknown place, that sliver of light that give us hope, that sliver of light that looks a bit like grace. It is only in the stillest silence that we can hear the whisper of mercy. Let us enter into silence. (a time of silent confession) Friends. Sisters, Brothers: hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

— adapted from Beth Merrill Neel, www.holdfasttowhatgood.com

MUSICAL RESPONSE- "WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME"

While we are waiting, come;

While we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,

While we are waiting, come.

REFLECTION

JEFF FRANKS

HYMN- "COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!" PLEASE STAND SEE ATTACHMENT

Feel free to sing, hum, follow along or meditate on the words during this time.

BLESSING

MIMI LEWELLEN

Go with the blessing of God that you may find light in your darkness, strength in your weakness, grace when you stumble, joy when you least expect it, peace in the midst of chaos, and hope in the promises of God. **Amen.**

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 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).

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 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16	9:00 am	First Word
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday Sexton-Mattie Dunlap
Monday, January 17		Church Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day MLK Celebration NAACP (time and link to be announced)
	8:00 am	Zoom Virtual Interfaith Prayer Gathering-CoW
	12:00 pm	Rotary-Bruch Hall
	6:00 pm	BSA/Cub Scout Pack #4066
Tuesday, January 18	8:30 am	Bible Study-Parlor
	1:15 pm	Traveler's Club
	4:00 pm	Social Justice
	7:00 pm	Bayberry Cove Condo Assoc.
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 66
	7:00 pm	Zoom Personnel Meeting
Wednesday, January 19	10:00 am	Life Memory Café-Parlor
	11:00 am	Bible Story – Creative Academy
	7:00 pm	Faith & Practice Meeting
Friday, January 21	9:30 pm	WSO Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 22	9:30 am	Al-Anon
	12:00 pm	BSA-Cub Scout #4066
Sunday, January 23	9:00 am	First Word
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday Sexton-Ashton Dunlap
	2:00 pm	Academy of Religion

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
vio - lence will be no more.
broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"