



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 23, 2022    9:00 First Word

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DAVID RICE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**TOM AND JANE BUCH**

The story begins with hope for a child—

**A child, born of woman, like us;**

A child who will lead us,

**A child who will inspire us.**

A child who will be our living hope.

**We give thanks for the coming child, Jesus.**

Let us worship God.

—Beth Merrill Neel, [www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com](http://www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**TOM AND JANE BUCH**

Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth, and teach us.

**Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it.**

Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.

**Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose, and move us forward into your future.**

**Amen.**

—Teri Peterson, [www.liturgylink.com](http://www.liturgylink.com)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus has taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's Kingdom. We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end, and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day "all tears will be wiped away" and "the lamb will lie down with the lion." True peace and true reconciliation are not only desirable, they are assured and guaranteed. This is our faith, and our hope.

—Liturgy, Justice and the Reign of God Integrating Vision and Practice by J. Frank Henderson  
[Paulist Press, 1989]

**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

**HYMN- "JESUS, SAVIOUR, LORD NOW TO YOU I COME!" PLEASE STAND**

**SEE ATTACHMENT**

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

**BLESSING**

**TOM AND JANE BUCH**

Be people of hope. Let hope live in your heart and share the hope of Christ with all you meet. Share hope by noticing someone else's humanity. Share hope by listening to someone's story. Share hope by praying for our world. In this season, we need to see, feel, and share hope. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share hope with those you meet. Amen.

Adapted from—Susannah DeBenedetto, [www.liturgylink.net](http://www.liturgylink.net)

**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 23	9:00 am	First Word
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Worship in the Sanctuary
		Sunday Sexton-Ashton Dunlap
Monday, January 24	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	12:00 pm	Rotary-Bruch Hall
	6:00 pm	BSA/Cub Scout Pack #4066
	7:00 pm	Zoom Faith & Structure
Tuesday, January 25	8:30 am	Bible Study-Parlor
	4:15 pm	Zoom RDM
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 66
Wednesday, January 26	10:00 am	Life Memory Café-Parlor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop #66
	7:00 pm	Zoom Session Meeting
Saturday, January 29	9:30 am	Al-Anon
Sunday, January 30	9:00 am	First Word
	9:30 am	Intergenerational Sunday
	10:45 am	Worship in the Sanctuary
		Sunday Sexton-Sophia Baxstrom

# 789 Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come

Refrain

*Saranam, saranam*

Je - sus, Sav - ior, Lord, now to you I come. Sa - ra -  
You're my rock, my ref - uge, my heaven - ly home. Sa - ra -

*Fine*  
nam, sa-ra-nam, sa-ra - nam. 1 From the earth wher-ev-er I may be,  
2 In your heart give me a hid-ing place,  
3 Then with joy to you my vows I'll pay,

out of des - per - a - tion and through ag - o - ny, I cry in  
and be - neath your wings let me find shel-tering grace; O let me  
and give thanks for all your mer - cy ev - ery day. I'll hum - bly

*to Refrain*  
help-less-ness: O an - swer me. Sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam.  
see the sun-shine of your face. Sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam.  
fol - low in your per - fect way. Sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam, sa-ra - nam.

Claimed by both Pakistanis and Indians, this is one of the most popular South Asian hymns. The text represents a Christian adaptation of Psalm 61, and the psalm's theme is reinforced by the mantra-like repetition of the word "saranam," meaning "I take refuge" or "surrender."

TEXT: D. T. Niles, 1963, rev.  
MUSIC: Punjabi melody; arr. Geoff Weaver, 1995  
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Music Arr. © 1995 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

SARANAM  
Irregular