



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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May 15, 2022 9:00 First Word

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAVID RICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

AMY BAXSTROM

God has come among us. Let us rejoice.

Praise the Lord, all creation.

For God's name alone is exalted.

God's glory is above heaven and earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

AMY BAXSTROM

Please join me in prayer:

O God of goodness and light, illumine a path for us by which we may walk in faithfulness. Too often we have lost our way. Too often we have lived out of our pride and stubbornness and failed to turn to you in our times of need. You have given us all that we need to live in a right mind. Give us a more perfect knowledge of your divine way in the world. Help us accept the forgiveness you offer if we but only ask for it. Grant us the opportunity to celebrate this day with a faithfulness that we scarcely knew we had in us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

AMY BAXSTROM

Release the burdens of the past. Relinquish control from that which is only in God's hands. Allow the peace of God to dwell in you. You are forgiven. Accept the gift. Relax in the warmth of God's embrace. **AMEN.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

AMY BAXSTROM

Please stand if you are able and offer a gesture of peace to those around you. The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

AMY BAXSTROM

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

HYMN-

“LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY ” #7679

PLEASE STAND

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

BLESSING

AMY BAXSTROM

Go forth to love and serve God in all that you do. In God’s strength, comfort the afflicted, stand with those who weep, and defend the oppressed. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you, now and always, and unto ages of ages. **AMEN.**

Important Upcoming Events

May 15- Last First Word & Annual Meeting 9:30

May 22- Spring Celebration 10:45- One Service

May 22- Afternoon of Fun at Christmas Run Park 2:00- Community Outreach and Churchwide Fellowship

Mark Your Calendar Events

June 13-17 Youth Service Week-Local Missions and Agencies 9:30-11:00

June 27-30 Creation Justice Family Week 5:30-7:00

July 10-16 Youth Trip to Ghost Ranch