

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## TRINITY SUNDAY

June 12, 2022

10:00 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

*Duetto*

*Josef Rheinberger*

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

PRELUDE

*Romance, from 'Five Bagatelles'*

*Gerald Finzi*

MINISTRY FOCUS

*A Minute from the Session*

Dave Earley

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Carol McKiernan

One: We are called from the ends of the earth.

**All: We are called from the dead centers of our lives.**

One: We are called to praise God and serve others.

**All: God has breathed into us the Spirit of new life.**

**Come let us worship with joy the creative mystery at the heart of all things.**

PRAYER +

Gracious God, Source of Life, Word of Love, Spirit of Truth,  
we rejoice that we are a part of your creation.

You are as near to us as the air we breathe, and yet beyond our understanding.

Show us the way to live in community, and the way to live in creation.

Help us to care for others as you care, so as to make our living a sacrifice of praise to you.

**Amen**

HYMN 9h

*The Play of the Godhead*

*PERICHORESIS*

CONFESSION +

One: In the shadow of your faithfulness, we confess the confused witness of our own living.

**All: Sometimes we prefer to be conquerors instead of caretakers.**

One: We know that we have wounded creation.

We acknowledge we have not always supported community life.

**All: Forgive us, Divine Creator.**

**Restore us to the Way of Jesus through your Spirit of Truth.**

*Here 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 Psalm 8 John 16:12-15 Romans 5:1-5

SERMON *Beyond Trinity*

MUSICAL OFFERING *Allegretto, from 'Clarinet Sonata'* *Camille Saint-Saëns*

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDER AND DEACON CLASSES OF 2025  
(Please turn to the following pages.)

HYMN 716 ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*** *BEACH SPRING*

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fanfare-Trumpet Tune* *Franklin D. Ashdown*

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

Clarinetist **Jeffrey Anderson** is beginning his seventh season with the Ohio Light Opera Orchestra. He serves as a full-time music instructor at Allen Community College in Iola, Kansas. Jeffrey holds a doctorate in Clarinet Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory with a cognate in Piano Performance. His principal teachers have been Theodore Oien, Caroline Hartig, Kevin Schempf, and Ixi Chen.

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 the Matthew 25 Church:** 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.

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters:	June 12 – Carol Gates	June 19 – Pam Giffin
Sunday Sextons:	June 12 – Olivia Hiner	June 19 – Sophia Baxstrom
Sunday, June 12	10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary	
Monday, June 13	10:00 a.m. Admin Staff	12:00 p.m. Rotary
Tuesday, June 14	8:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Library	7:00 p.m. Scouts
Wednesday, June 15	10:00 a.m. Celebrating Sabbath Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Memory Café
	7:00 p.m. Faith & Structure	
Saturday, June 18	9:30 a.m. Al-Anon	
Sunday, June 19	10:00 a.m. Worship at Oak Hill Park Pavilion	

## LITURGY OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

### STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Teaching Elders.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

### PRESENTATION OF THE RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

Lisa Rumbaugh, Clerk of Session

Ruling Elders:

Class of 2025 – Paula Abrecht, Dave Earley, Bobbi Jentes-Mason, Mimi Lewellen

Class of 2024 – Mark Gordon

Class of 2023 – Kris Evans, Sophia Baxstrom, Hannah LoGiudice, Seth Miller

Deacons:

Class of 2025 – Jean Knorr, Deb Maxwell, Carol Miller, Lisa Rumbaugh, Kathy Turning

### THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?  
Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
  
- i. Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service?  
Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
  
- i. Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

#### THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Lisa Rumbaugh, Clerk of Session

Do we, the members of the church, accept Paula, Sophia, Dave, Kris, Mark, Bobbi, Hannah, Mimi, and Seth as Ruling Elders, and Jean, Deb, Carol, Lisa, and Kathy as Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

One: God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on these your servants, that they may be faithful ruling elders and deacons in the church.

**All: Give them openness to the Holy Spirit's leading that they may see and serve wherever there is need.**

One: Train them in the school of prayer that they may express the compassion of Christ for the poor and friendless, the sick, the grieving, and the troubled.

**All: Equip them with courage to bear the gospel into the halls of power, and communicate your presence and might among those who are powerless.**

One: Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.

**All: In everything, give them the mind of Christ, who did not grasp at greatness but emptied himself, to become a servant of your reign.**

One: Give them joy in their walk of faith and a sure sense of your abiding presence for their work of ministry.

**All: And make us all strong in Christ to live as your people and show forth your saving love in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

#### DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION