

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Prélude, from '24 Pièces en style libre'

Louis Vierne

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Susie Slack

One: Who are we, gathered in this place?

All: We are a people called from nothing to abundance.

One: What are we challenged to do?

**All: We are called to put away childish things and to grow in maturity;
we are called from fear to love and from grief to joy.**

One: We are here to worship God and to be empowered as God's people
for God's mission in the world.

PRAYER +

God of the prophets of old and of our own time, this weekend as we remember and celebrate
the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., may we step up to the challenge
of prophetic witness and action to your radically inclusive love.

Help us to have courage to stand with the oppressed, to lift up the poor,
to live into your Divine ways of peace demonstrated in the life of Jesus.

Give us the strength to build a better future for all of your children. **Amen**

HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION +

**All: Creator God, you make us a net to gather the lost; you open a doorway
to welcome the stranger.**

You make us a light to summon those who live in the shadows.

**But too often, we have not gathered, we have not welcomed, we have not summoned
those persons and those places within our own hearts that long for your warmth.**

Forgive our resistance, our reluctance, and our self-centered spirits.

Help us to trust in your presence and power.

Send us forth to be your people who embody the Way of Jesus.

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. **Alleluia! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

SERMON

Drawing Water

MUSICAL OFFERING

Etude 20, from 'Book 2'
Cameron Edmiston, piano

Philip Glass

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 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

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: 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.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters: January 16 – Mimi Lewellen

January 23 – Pat and Wayne Bare

Sunday Sextons: January 16 – Mattie Dunlap

January 23 – Ashton Dunlap

Sunday, January 16 9:00 a.m. First Word – Bruch Hall
10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

Monday, January 17 Church Closed for MLK Day: 8:00 a.m. CoW Zoom Interfaith Prayer Gathering
Virtual FPC/Trinity/NAACP MLK Celebration 12:00 p.m. Rotary 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 18 8:30 a.m. Bible Study – Parlor
7:00 p.m. Bayberry Cove Condo Assoc.

1:15 p.m. Traveler's Club

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, Jan. 19 10:00 a.m. Life Memory Café – Parlor

7:00 p.m. Faith & Practice Mtg.

Friday, January 21 9:30 a.m. Wooster Symphony Orchestra Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 22 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon

12:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

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