

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

Carillon
Eric J. Gastier, organ

Myron J. Roberts

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Calin Baxstrom

One: We come together as children of God.

All: Fill us, creative God, with joy!

One: We come together to claim freedom.

All: Set us free, gracious God!

One: We come together to experience God's love.

All: As we worship this day, show us how to love as you love, O God!

*PRAYER +

Transforming God, may you move us from where we are to where you would like us to be:
from our past into your future, from our hurts into your healing,
from our silence into your song.

May you move us with your grace that acknowledges all we are and longs for who we shall be.
May you move us into life, into love, into worship. **Amen**

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

CONFESSION +

One: Searching God, you come for us like a shepherd searching for lost sheep.

**All: We hide and we run, sometimes knowing we have strayed,
but other times completely unaware that we are on the wrong path.**

One: Regardless, you come after us.

With love and compassion and mercy you come after us.

**All: So, we make our confession with hope that you might find us again,
and wipe away our fears and our failings, and return us to your fold,
in the name of the Good Shepherd we see in Jesus.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

Gracious God, hear our prayers. **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

Hear this good news, my friends: God comes searching for us, calling us by name,
leading us into the peaceable kingdom.

In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found;
forsaken, we are restored to new life. **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 Luke 15:1-10

SERMON *How Can We Keep from Singing?*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.

OFFERTORY *Aria* *Dale Wood*

*DOXOLOGY 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER April Gamble

**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 749 *Come! Live in the Light!* *WE ARE CALLED*

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune* *David German*

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand. + Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*

**The flowers today are given by Doris Stammer in memory of
the wedding anniversary on September 20, of Doris and Harold Stammer.**

First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love
through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters:	September 18 – Clara Ann Fain	September 25 – Mark Gooch
Sunday Sextons:	September 18 – Emily James	September 25 – Hannah LoGiudice
Sunday, Sept. 18	9:00 a.m. Sunday School	10:15 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Cookout
Monday, Sept. 19	9:30 a.m. Staff /Intercessory Prayer	12:00 p.m. Rotary 6:00 p.m. Scouts
Tuesday, Sept. 20	7:45 a.m. Personnel	8:30 a.m. Bible Study 1:15 p.m. Traveler's Club
	6:00 p.m. Inkies	7:00 p.m. Bayberry Cove 7:00 p.m. Scouts
Wednesday, Sept. 21	10:00 a.m. Memory Café	11:00 a.m. Wooster Chamber of Commerce
	5:30 p.m. Congregational Fellowship Dinner	7:00 p.m. Faith & Structure
	7:30 p.m. Fall Academy of Religion	
Thursday, Sept. 22	6:00 p.m. Powering a Clean Ohio	6:30 p.m. WACPAC 7:00 p.m. Choir
Saturday, Sept. 24	9:30 a.m. Al-Anon in the Youth Center	12:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
Sunday, Sept. 25	9:00 a.m. Sunday School	9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Worship