

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Adagio in E-major*

*Frank Bridge*

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Mark Gooch

One: On this day, which is holy, we gather, not alone, but as Christ's body;

**All: called as a people of hope, we gather.**

One: On this day of wonder and renewal, we gather, not in isolation,  
but as a community of faith;

**All: called to care for one another, we gather.**

One: On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song, we gather,  
to prepare ourselves for joyful service;

**All: called and inspired by a vision of grace, we gather.**

PRAYER +

Loving God, we come together as a community, as the Body of Christ,  
as your people, to love you and serve others.

We thank you that you are here with us, even as you are always in us.

We offer ourselves as grateful agents of your Spirit.

As we strive to be ever more faithful, open our hearts to be joyful channels  
of your love, O God, so that we may live out that love in the world. **Amen**

HYMN 666

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

*PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

CONFESSION +

One: God of freedom, in Jesus we see one who came to bring good news,  
to mend and to heal, to release and to redeem, and to proclaim new life for all.

**All: And yet, too often we turn inward, focusing on our own wishes and wants,  
our own troubles and trials. Forgive us for our self-absorption.**

**Clear away the cobwebs that stretch across the lonely, empty caverns in our hearts.**

**Draw us into this loving community from which we sometimes fall away,  
so that together we can be your body of grace  
and healing and peace in a troubled world.**

*Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.*

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

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**

Sunday Greeters: January 23 – Pat and Wayne Bare			January 30 – Janet Calhoun		
Sunday Sextons: January 23 – Emily James			January 30 – Ashton Dunlap		
Sunday, January 23	9:00 a.m.	First Word – Bruch Hall	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages	
	10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship			
Monday, January 24	10:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg – Parlor	12:00 p.m.	Rotary	6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Faith & Structure Mtg.	7:00 p.m.	Personnel Mtg.	
Tuesday, January 25	8:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor	4:15 p.m.	RDM	
	6:00 p.m.	Session Planning Mtg.	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	
Wednesday, Jan. 26	10:00 a.m.	Life Memory Café – Parlor		7:00 p.m. Session	
Saturday, January 29	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon			
Sunday, January 30	9:00 a.m.	First Word – Bruch Hall	9:30 a.m.	Intergenerational Fellowship	
	10:45 a.m.	Sanctuary Worship			