

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Partita on 'I Come, Dear Savior, to Thy Table'*

*Thomas S. Canning*

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

CHORAL INTROIT

*The Lord Is Beautiful*    *Tanzanian & Silesian melodies, arr. Michael Burkhardt*  
*We have seen the Lord, and he is beautiful.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Susie Slack

One: In the midst of our busy lives, God calls us into community.

**All: In the rush of work and family and friends, God calls us into community.**

One: With those who are lovely and those who are difficult, God calls us into community.

**All: With those who are known and with those who are strangers,  
God calls us into community.**

One: With people all around the world, God calls us into community.

Come let us share worship and communion together.

\*PRAYER +

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you invite us and all people into your presence,  
to feast at your table, to share together as equals, and to welcome one another.

We pray that the design of your great love may bring peace to our church,  
peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts,  
according to the Way of Jesus we seek to follow. **Amen**

\*HYMN 318

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

*ST. PETER*

CONFESSION +

One: Gracious God, you created the whole world and called it good,  
but we look out at your world and see division and suffering.

**All: You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace,  
but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility,  
conflict over peace born from justice.**

One: You call us to love the least of these among us,  
but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort.

We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors.

**All: Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as your children.  
Rekindle in us your gifts – the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline –  
that with faith, we might be made new  
and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom.**

*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

*On Communion Sunday, our children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary and receive the sacrament*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:5-10

SERMON

*Servants at the Table*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Today we receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

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

\*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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ++

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*O Sacrum Convivium*

*James Biery*

*O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed,  
the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory to us is given. Alleluia*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 378

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

*MERLE'S TUNE*

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Expression 30*

*Naji Hakim*

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

++ Liturgy adapted from Rev. Laura Mariko Cheifetz and Rev. Jose Francisco Morales

**The flowers today are given by Pat and Wayne Bare in honor of our Sanctuary Choir  
and the gratitude we have for its beautiful music that so enhances our worship.**

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 More Light Presbyterians:** Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

**The Mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace. We are called to achieve this goal by furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, and by working for the unity of the PC(USA).

**Earth Care Pledge:** Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people the special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

**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:	October 2 – Nancy Young	October 9 – Carol McKiernan
Sunday Sextons:	October 2 – Sophia Baxstrom	October 9 – Mattie Dunlap
Sunday, October 2	9:00 a.m. Sunday School	9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Worship
Monday, October 3	9:30 a.m. Staff /Intercessory Prayer	11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch at Green Leaf
	12:00 p.m. Rotary	6:00 p.m. Scouts
Tuesday, October 4	8:30 a.m. Bible Study	7:00 p.m. Scouts
Wednesday, Oct. 5	10:00 a.m. Memory Café	5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 7:00 p.m. F&N
Thursday, October 6	6:30 p.m. WACPAC	7:00 p.m. Choir
Saturday, October 8	9:30 a.m. Al-Anon in the Youth Center	
Sunday, October 9	9:00 a.m. Sunday School	9:45 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Worship
	4:00 – 6:00 p.m. FALL FEST	