

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Vesper Voluntaries (excerpts)

Edward Elgar

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

Sunday Morning Schedule Task Force

Jill Kelly

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Susie Slack

One: God calls us out of our isolation to join hands with our sisters and brothers
in this community of faith.

**All: God calls us out of our confusion to speak to us in Word
and to inspire us through Spirit.**

One: God calls us out of complacency to enhance our lives with beauty and usefulness.

**All: Come let us worship the God who calls us to be here today
and in the world for others in every tomorrow.**

PRAYER +

Giver of every good promise, you have been with your people in all times and places.

You have called us, and we have responded. Open us to your life-giving grace.

Empower us with faith that supports us when we feel unsure, that dares to challenge

things that need to change, and that always reminds us that you are never far away. **Amen**

HYMN 19

God of Great and God of Small

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

CONFESSION +

One: Faithful God, you call us to paths unknown, inviting us to trust your Spirit's leading,
even when we cannot see the destination.

Countless generations have borne witness that you keep your covenant promises;
yet we often shrink back from your call, trusting more in our own limited wisdom
than in your boundless faithfulness.

**All: Forgive our unbelief in your promises.
Give us willing hearts to follow your call wherever it leads;
grant that we be counted among the faithful,
ever testifying to your rich goodness for all who trust in you.**

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 Sundays, our children are invited to remain in worship and participate in communion.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:32-40

SERMON

Staying Alert

MUSICAL OFFERING

There Is a Happy Land

arr. George Shearing

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN (Bulletin page 3)

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

ST. MICHAEL

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

Eric Thiman

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

**The flowers today are given by Kris Evans in honor of Connie, Liza, Mary, and Tom
and to "23 and Me" who brought us together.**

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through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters:	August 7 – Pat Miles & Don Beane	August 14 – Bob & Mary Ann Wellington
Sunday Sextons:	August 7 – Emily James	August 14 – Mattie Dunlap
Sunday, August 7	9:00 a.m. Deacon Gathering	10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Monday, August 8	9:30 a.m. Intercessory Prayer in the Chapel	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
	12:00 p.m. Rotary	6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
Tuesday, August 9	8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Library	6:30 p.m. WACPAC 7:00 p.m. Scouts
Wednesday, Aug. 10	10:00 a.m. Celebrating Sabbath Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Memory Café/Parlor
	6:30 p.m. WACPAC	7:00 p.m. Faith & Nurture Meeting
Thursday, August 11	6:30 p.m. WACPAC	
Saturday, August 13	9:30 a.m. Al-Anon 2:00 p.m. Walter Grosjean Memorial Service/Reception	
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