

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Pastorale

César Franck

Eric Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Lisa Rumbaugh

In preparation for worship, we pour baptismal water as a sign of our engrafting into the Body of Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Johann Sebastian Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Lisa Rumbaugh

One: We enter worship through doors that have been opened for us:
opened by God's grace that welcomes all,
opened by a community that welcomes everyone.

**All: Let us open the doors of our minds and spirits to Sacred Presence.
Let us open the doors of our community to all.
Let us open the doors to our kinship with each other and all creation.
Come, let us worship the Gracious God
who has called us into this community of faith.**

*PRAYER +

Gracious God, you cast your love upon the earth with a generous hand,
into places where it will grow easily and abundantly;
into places where it will struggle to put down roots;
and into places where it risks being trampled or destroyed.

We seek to be your love in places of comfort and ease,
in places of pain and hurt, in places of violence and injustice.

Grant us the courage and the faith to be your love in the many places we find ourselves. **Amen**

*HYMN 42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

WINCHESTER NEW

CONFESSION +

One: How do we approach you, God Beyond All Names, with our confessions?
We make you weary with our inability to do justice for the poor and outcast.
We gossip about those who are close to us, instead of being their loving friend.
We make promises and then go back on our word.
We fashion laws that alienate and demean those who are vulnerable.

**All: Forgive us, God of Hope, and bless us with your continuing care.
By your peace, we can do justice.
By your love, we can act kindly.
By your grace, we can walk with you as humbly and hopefully,
as did the one whose Way we seek to follow, Jesus the Christ.**

At this time, each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

Hear this good news of grace: 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

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rachel King

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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SERMON

God's Garden

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

Offertory

Liebesleid

Fritz Kreisler

*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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CANDLE LIGHTING MEDITATION

written by 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**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Susan Shaffer

*HYMN 22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare, from 'La Péri'

Paul Dukas

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

The sanctuary flowers today are given by Joan Firmin, celebrating the life of Jim Firmin.

Violinist **Abreal Whitman** is enjoying her fourth year with the OLO Orchestra, serving again as assistant concertmaster. She received her bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music and her master's from Louisiana State University. Abreal has served as assistant concertmaster of the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra, and toured Poland with them in 2024. She is pursuing her doctorate at Texas Tech School of Music.

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:	July 12 – Sue Froelich	July 19 – April Gamble
Sunday Ushers:	July 12 – Pam Giffin, Mark Gooch, Jennifer Moyseenko, Jack Rogers	
Sunday Sexton:	July 12 – Andrew James	July 19 – Aiden & Addy Hiner
Sunday, July 12	9:30 am Pastor Nominating Com. Consult	10:00 am Worship in Sanctuary
Monday, July 13	12:00 pm Rotary	6:00 pm Pastor Nominating 7:00 pm Scouts
Tuesday, July 14	10:00 am Bible Study	6:00 pm WACPAC
Wed., July 15	10:00 am Life Memory Café	11:00 am Memory Caregivers
Thursday, July 16	6:00 pm WACPAC	
Saturday, July 18	9:30 am Al-Anon	6:00 pm WACPAC
Sunday, July 19	9:00 am Deacon Parish Gathering	9:30 am Pastor Nominating Com. Consult
	10:00 am Worship	12:30 pm Church Picnic at Prairie Lane Lake Park

Donna Bye – Office Administrator	Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries
Rachel King – Dir. of Children's Music; Media Coordinator	Tim Hall – Building Supervisor



Please plan to join our family picnic on July 19th from 12:30-2:00 at Prairie Lane Park. Jack and Julie Miller have graciously opened their park to host us! Bring a dish to share, your own table service (plates and silverware) and drinks. Swimming, fishing, fellowship, and sunshine provided! Please RSVP to Amy Baxstrom.



Save The Date!

First Pres is happy to join Westminster in a joint "VBS" this summer called Kids Connect Camp!

Kids Connect Camp- Where kids connect with friends, family, generations, community, and Jesus!

August 3-6

10:00am-12:00pm

Location- First Presbyterian Church in partnership with Westminster Presbyterian Church

Ages- 4 years through 4th grade

Join us for #KidsConnectCamp! Each day we will connect with each other and God through a variety of fun activities, thoughtful stories, engaging music, and creative art projects.

Pastor Nominating Committee



Office Hours
Have comments or questions? Let us know!

Or email us at: FPCWooPNC@gmail.com