

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

# PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in G major*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

Karolyn Rice, organ

# WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Sarabande, from Cello Suite No. 6*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joan Firmin

One: Come, neighbors and strangers, prophets and seekers of justice,  
those who need a helping hand, and those who have something to offer.

**All:**    **Whether our faith is weak or strong, come:**  
             **let us be neighbors in this place and in all places**  
             **and let us worship God together.**

\*PRAYER +

God of love and compassion, you call us to be people of compassion, too:  
to experience in our living the lives of others,  
to laugh with their joys and cry with their sorrows.

In this time of worship, speak to us again your words of love  
and remind us again of what it means to be a neighbor.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the ultimate neighbor. **Amen**

\*HYMN 749

***Come! Live in the Light***

*WE ARE CALLED*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of grace: when we hear prophets calling us to measure up,  
and we ignore them, forgive us.

**All:** When we see our neighbors in need, whoever and wherever they are,  
and we turn away, forgive us.

One: When we assume we are too busy or too important to get involved, forgive us.

**All:** When we hoard your resources or treat them with neglect, forgive us.

One: When we fail to measure up to being your people . . .

**All:**       **forgive us.**

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

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

God offers us more than we need, for God's forgiveness is endless,  
God's love is infinite, God's care is vast,  
God's compassion is beyond all measure.  
Receive these gifts of God for a new way of living.  
Go and shape the world in love and be at peace. **Amen**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

Pew Bible page 67

SERMON

*Go and Do Likewise*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY *Langsam, mit melancholischem Ausdruck*, from 'Märchenbilder'

*Robert Schumann*

\*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 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**

\*HYMN 767

*Together We Serve*

*SAN ANSELMO*

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in F*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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

Violist **Leah Widmaier** hails from Chicago. She attended the Cleveland Institute of Music where she studied with Lynne Ramsey and Jeffrey Irvine. Leah has previously performed with the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan and various Chicago-area ensembles. Her non-musical interests include animals, books by Stephen King, crocheting, and napping with her cat.

**The Chancel Flowers are given today by Roy Haynes  
in loving memory of his wife, Ruth (2023), and his son, Keith (2025).**

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 AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Sunday Greeters:	July 13 – Bob & Mary Ann Wellington	July 20 – Clara Ann Fain
Sunday Ushers:	July 13 – Jack & Julie Miller, Steve & Susie Slack	
Sunday Sexton:	July 13 – Calin Baxstrom	July 20 – Lydia Dunlap
Sunday, July 13	10:00 am Worship	1:00 pm FPC Church Picnic – Prairie Lane Park
Monday, July 14	10:00 am Bible Study – Parlor	12:00 pm Rotary     1:30 pm Staff
Tuesday, July 15	9:30 am Bible Study	4:00 pm Inkies     6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday, July 16	Jr. High to Montreat through July 20	10:00 am Life Memory Café
Thursday, July 17	Jr. High at Montreat	
Friday, July 18	Jr. High at Montreat	
Saturday, July 19	Jr. High at Montreat	9:30 am Al-Anon
Sunday, July 20	Jr. High Return from Montreat	10:00 am Worship

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 today  
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 keep the following youth and chaperones  
in your prayers as they embark on their summer  
middle school conference in Tennessee  
July 16-20.

Amy Baxstrom  
Hope Shaffer  
Ella Reith  
Eliza Davis

Aniyah Odenkirk  
Zoey Easterday