

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## TRINITY SUNDAY

June 15, 2025

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Pastorale, from '24 Pieces en style libre'*

*Louis Vierne*

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Cantilena, from 'Sonata for Flute and Piano'*

*Francis Poulenc*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (John van de Laar, South Africa)

Cadie Webb

One: In a world dry and thirsty

**All: Living Water flows;**

One: In a world fainting and breathless

**All: Divine Wind blows;**

One: In a world cold and dark

**All: Spirit's Flame glows;**

One: Spirit has always been here,

and we open our awareness to perceive her and receive her.

**All: Spirit is here! We give thanks and celebrate!**

\*PRAYER +

Gracious God, Source of Life, Word of Love, Spirit of Truth,  
we rejoice that we are a part of your creation.

You are as near to us as the air we breathe, and yet beyond our understanding.

Show us the way to live in community, and the way to live in creation.

Help us to care for others as you care, and to make our living a sacrifice of praise to you.

**Amen**

\*HYMN 9

*The Play of the Godhead*

*PERICHORESIS*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (John van de Laar, South Africa)

One: Divine Mystery, your breath fills the universe and makes it alive;

**All: We praise you, Divine Life, for the gift of Spirit.**

One: Your love blows through all creation and makes it one;

**All: We praise you, Divine Love, for the gift of Spirit.**

One: Your presence fills every corner, your voice fills every silence,  
and your heartbeat lives within every living thing;

**All: We praise you, Divine Presence, for the gift of Spirit.**

One: But we have failed to value the life of other people, other creatures,  
and the world you have given to be our home.

We have failed to recognize the connectedness of all things,  
and have brought pain through division and exclusion.  
We have denied your presence, ignored your voice,  
and forgotten your love for us and all that you have made.

**All: Forgive us, Divine Life. Forgive us, Divine Love. Forgive us, Divine Presence.  
Divine Spirit, we recognize the ways we have brought pain to you,  
to others, and to ourselves.**

**For Christ's sake we ask you to breathe new life into us, wash us clean,  
and ignite the fire of love in our hearts again.**

*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

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

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

SCRIPTURE              John 16:12-15      Romans 5:1-5      Psalm 8      Pew Bible pages 104, 145, 466

SERMON                              *Mystery Is Enough*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE                      Today we are receiving the Pentecost Offering.  
Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.

OFFERTORY                      *June, from 'The Seasons'*                      *Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky*

#### \*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 817                      *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

*DUNLAP'S CREEK*

#### \*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *Marche Solennelle de Procession*

*Charles Gounod*

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

Flautist **Laura Kellogg** is in her tenth season with the OLO Orchestra. She is a private flute instructor, freelance performer, and substitute teacher in South Dakota. Laura has performed with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Jackson Symphony Orchestra, Cimarron Opera, and Fort Smith Symphony. Spending far too much time in college, she has a BM from Michigan State University, an MM from Wright State University, and a DMA from the University of Oklahoma.

**The Chancel Flowers are given today by a gardener, remembering Pentecost Spirit.**

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:	June 15 – Jon & Edith Swank Family	June 22 – Sue Froelich
Sunday Ushers:	June 15 – Pam Giffin, Sue Herman, Mimi Lewellen, Nancy Young	
Sunday Sexton:	June 15 – Lydia Dunlap	June 22 – Megan Armour
Sunday, June 15	10:00 am Sanctuary Worship	
Monday, June 16	10:00 am Bible Study	1:30 pm Staff Meeting
Tuesday, June 17	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Family Art Night
Wed., June 18	8:00 am Personnel	10:00 am Memory Café 11:00 am Café Caregivers
	7:00 pm FPC Family Hike – Wooster Memorial Park	
Thursday, June 19	11:30 am Over-80's Lunch	3:00 pm Juneteenth Cookout – Christmas Run
Saturday, June 21	9:30 am Al-Anon	
Sunday, June 22	10:00 am Sanctuary Worship	

Donna Bye – Office Administrator

Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries

Rachel King – Dir. of Children's Music, Media Coordinator

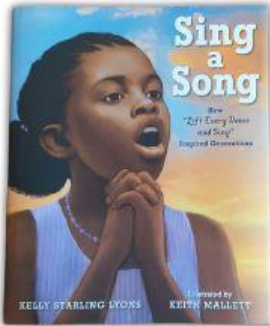
Tim Hall – Building Supervisor



Thursday, June 19, 2025

### 12–2p Library Wooster Branch

#### Book Giveaway\*



Join us at the library for our annual Juneteenth celebration and community art project! Enjoy a special reading of "Sing a Song" by Kelly Starling Lyons.

### 3–5p Christmas Run Park



#### Juneteenth Cookout

Enjoy a cookout in honor of Juneteenth

- Fellowship
- Games
- Music
- Delicious food prepared by Lyfe Choices

Come celebrate!

**NAACP**  
Wooster/Orrville



\*while supplies last