

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Carillon

Myron J. Roberts

Eric J. Gastier, organ

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Carol Gates

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

CHORAL INTROIT

O Sing a New Song to the Lord (text: Psalm 96)

Hal H. Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Joan Firmin

One: The God of new beginnings begins with us here in this place.

All: The God of re-creation re-creates dead ends into new ways of living.

One: The God of profound dreams, dreams in us a new world.

All: The God of vision envisions new possibilities in us.

One: The God of wholeness brings a new harmony to the world.

All: The God of love loves our lives and is ever bringing them to newness.

Come, let us worship our wondrous God.

*PRAYER +

Re-visioning God, open our eyes to see what you are doing, open our ears to hear your words that create your new thing, and open our hearts to the re-creation that begins for us here in this community. As we offer ourselves in worship today, may we trust in your good news now among us. **Amen**

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION +

**All: O God, in a world where there is always suffering,
it can be hard to believe in some grand vision of Shalom.
We catch glimpses of community, fairness, justice, and kindness.
But these are like lightning flashes in a night-time storm
that quickly fade into the shadows of reality.
When we become discouraged,
we often give up trying to live into the dream of a new way.**

**In those times, when friendship is possible, we withdraw.
When compassion is possible, we withhold.
When effort is needed, we shrink back.
Forgive us, welcome us home, and renew your vision within us, O God.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

God's word to us today is this: I am renewing heaven and earth and I shall be with you.
Even now, I forgive. Even now, I re-create. Even now, I call you into something new.
I am renewing heaven and earth, and I am beginning with you, today.
Thanks be to God! Amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sarah Davis

ANTHEM

It Is Well with My Soul (text: Hymn 840)

arr. John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible page 654

SERMON

Tomorrow's Dream

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Valerie Lippert

**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**

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

We come forward with our Pledge Cards and Offerings.

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

OFFERTORY

Aria

Dale Wood

*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**

*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

(Litany written by Rev. Teri Peterson)

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

**All: You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—
and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.**

With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

One: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**All: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours.
We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church,
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen**

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune**David German** Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand. + Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the 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: November 16 – Youth

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Sunday Ushers: November 16 – Pam Giffin, Mark Gooch, Jenny Moyseenko, Jack Rogers

Sunday Sexton: November 16 – Elli Gordon

November 23 – Aiden Hiner

Sunday, Nov. 16	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship
	2:00 pm FPC goes to see “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” – Wooster H.S.		
	3:00 pm Wooster Chamber Music Series – Gault Recital Hall, Scheide CoW		
Monday, Nov. 17	10:00 am Amy’s Bible Study	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Staff
	5:30 pm Faith & Worship		

Tuesday, Nov. 18	9:30 am Bible Study	12:30 pm Travelers Club
	4:00 pm Inkies Card Group	7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Nov. 19	8:00 am Personnel	10:00 am Memory Café
	7:00 pm Faith & Structure	11:30 am Wooster Safety
Thursday, Nov. 20	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday, Nov. 22	9:30 am Al-Anon	11:00 am Wooster Advocacy
	12:00 pm Cub Scouts	
	1:00-4:00 pm Fix N Swap - Wooster Advocacy Group Community Event at FPC	
	7:00 pm "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" – Wooster High School	
Sunday, Nov. 23	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School
	2:00 pm "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" – Wooster High School	10:30 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



Today is Pledge Sunday. If you haven't received your pledge card, please call the church office and Donna will mail a card out to you or just stop by and pick one up. There is also a supply of cards in the gathering area, and on the table in the Sanctuary. Together we can all combine our monetary and non-monetary resources to make a difference in our local, national, and world communities through our programming, missions, and structure. Thank you!



People Caring For People

