

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Concerto for Two Violins, 2nd mvt. J. S. Bach, arr. Jerry Lanning
Karolyn Rice, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Elli Gordon

One: On this day, which is holy, we gather, not alone, but as the children of God:

All: called as a people of hope, we gather.

One: On this day of wonder and renewal, we gather, not in isolation,
but as a community of faith:

All: called to care for one another, we gather.

One: On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song, we gather,
to prepare ourselves for joyful service in God's name:

All: called and inspired by a vision of grace, we gather.

*PRAYER

Loving God, we come together as a community, as the Body of Christ,
as your people, to love you and serve others.

We thank you that you are here with us, even as you are always in us.

We offer ourselves as grateful agents of your Spirit.

As we strive to be ever more faithful, open our hearts to be joyful channels
of your love, O God, so that we may live out that love in the world. **Amen**

*HYMN 510

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

COME, SHARE THE LORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION +

One: God of freedom, in Jesus we see one who came to bring good news,
to mend and to heal, to release and to redeem, and to proclaim new life for all.

**All: And yet, too often we turn inward, focusing on our own wishes and wants,
our own troubles and trials. Forgive us for our self-absorption.**

Clear away the cobwebs that stretch across the lonely, empty caverns in our hearts.

**Draw us into this loving community from which we sometimes fall away,
so that together we can be your body of grace
and healing and peace in a troubled world.**

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Intermezzo, Opus 117, no. 1

Johannes Brahms

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:28-35

Pew Bible page 85

SERMON

You Are Cordially Invited to this Feast

Reverend Dr. Chan Sok Park, Associate Professor

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

Goldberg Variations, no. 18, 19

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in D Major

Georg Philipp Telemann

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

**The Chancel Flowers are given today in celebration of the marriage of
Helena Grace Gastier and Daniel Sinclair Rice.**

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:	May 18 – Carol McKiernan	May 25 – Jim & Cindy Webster	
Sunday Ushers:	May 18 – Pam Giffin, Mimi Lewellen, Jack Rogers, Nancy Young		
Sunday Sexton:	May 18 – Elli Gordon	May 25 – Aiden Hiner	
Sunday, May 18	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship	6:00 pm Mulch Party!
Monday, May 19	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Staff	5:30 pm Faith & Worship
	6:00 pm WACPAC		
Tuesday, May 20	9:30 am Bible Study	4:00 pm Inkies Cards	
	5:30 pm AAUW Annual Mtg	6:00 pm Boy Scouts	6:00 pm WACPAC
Wed., May 21	8:00 am Personnel	10:00 am Memory Café	
	11:00 am Memory Café Caregivers	7:00 pm Faith & Practice	
Thursday, May 22	6:00 pm WACPAC		
Saturday, May 24	9:30 am Al-Anon	10:00 am WACPAC	
	11:00 am Wooster Advocacy Group	12:00 pm Cub Scouts	
Sunday, May 25	10:0 am Sanctuary Worship – Summer Schedule		

Donna Bye – Office Administrator

Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries

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

Tim Hall – Building Supervisor



**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS IN THE SANCTUARY
BEGIN ON MAY 25TH AT 10:00 AM.
THE LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR WILL BE MAY 18TH.**



You're invited to a Mulch Party this Sunday, May 18, at 6:00 pm!!
Get your hands dirty in the best way in helping to beautify FPC's grounds!
Bring gardening gloves, a rake, shovel and wheelbarrow if you have one.