

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Andante cantabile*, from 'String Quartet in D' *Pyotr Ilyitch Tchaikovsky*
Eric Gastier, organ

WELCOME Reverend David Rice

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS Julie Miller

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

MUSICAL OFFERING *Andante*, from 'Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat' *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

*CALL TO WORSHIP + Julie Miller

One: We trust that God invites us to gather.

All: We worship the Holy One who is present in all.

One: The Spirit of God invites us to come as we are for the sake of who we may yet become.

All: We worship the Holy One who calls us to new ways of being and doing.

One: We are invited on a sacred journey of deepening trust and spiritual awakening.

**All: We worship the Holy One in our midst who blesses and commissions us
for the good of all.**

*PRAYER +

We come to worship you, Holy One, with confidence and with doubts.

Shape us again into community with you and one another in worship.

Give us ears to hear and hearts to experience your challenge and mercy
in the stories we share together. **Amen**

*HYMN 346 *For the Healing of the Nations* *ST. THOMAS (Wade)*

CONFESSION +

All: We live in a broken world, O God:

a world that too often ignores you,

a world that too often judges too quickly,

a world of impatience and mistrust.

**It is a world more concerned with self-satisfaction
than with serving others and serving you.**

And we confess that often we are part of the problem and not the solution.

**Forgive us. Transform us. Bring us to new birth as your people,
empowered to proclaim your presence and your truth in our present age.**

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

Amy Baxstrom

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:24-30, 43b

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SERMON

Of Weeds and Wheat

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

Offertory *Rondo, from 'Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat'* *W. A. Mozart*

*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

**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 372

O for a World

AZMON

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Herbert Murrill

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

The sanctuary flowers this morning are a gift of Leigh Oaks, whose wish is Hope to All.

Wooster native **Jacob Bodnar** is enjoying his third season playing French horn with the OLO Orchestra. He has a BA in music and business from Ashland University and an MM from the University of Akron. Jacob has performed with the Mansfield, Central Ohio, and Wooster Symphonies and the Tuscarawas Philharmonic.

**More Light Church and Member of Covenant Network
Earth Care Congregation and Matthew 25 Church**

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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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!



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