

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

Elegy & Aria

Noel Rawsthorne

Eric J. Gastier, organ

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

Youth Italian Dinner

CHORAL INTROIT

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (text: Psalm 121)

DUNDEE

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Val Fulton

One: Wind of God, blow through us
and dislodge all that holds back your Spirit from our lives.

**All: Fire of God, burn through us
and cleanse us from all that rages against your Spirit in our lives.**

One: Water of God, wash over us and bring us again to the deep pools of your Spirit.

**All: God of mystery and mercy, grant us new life with you
as we draw near and receive your Spirit during this journey of Lent.
Receive us now as we worship you this day.**

*PRAYER +

God our Guardian, whose presence blesses us on our journeys,
be with us as we venture into worship this day.

And through our worship, keep us as we venture into your world.

Wrap us in love, deepen our trust. Protect and watch over us wherever we go. **Amen**

*HYMN 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

CONFESSION +

One: Gracious God, you give us every reason to have confidence in you.
Yet still, we are burdened by questions:

**All: Where are you calling us to go?
From where will our help come?
How can your promises be fulfilled?**

One: Patient God, we confess our fear and lack of faith in you.
We admit our confusion and resistance to your teachings.

All: **Open our minds, O God, and open our hearts,
that we may know you are faithful and may trust your gracious care for us.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

God's grace is sufficient and is freely given: for God's forgiveness is sure,
God's love is infinite, God's care is vast, God's compassion is endless.
Receive these gifts of God for a new way of living.
Go and shape the word 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

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World (text: John 3:16)

John Stainer

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:1-10

Pew Bible page 181

SERMON

Living as God's 'poiēma'

Rev. Dr. Chan Sok Park

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

Prelude

Henry Coleman

*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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondeau, from 'Abdelazer'

Henry Purcell

* 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.



Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God. QR (Quick Response) Code for Direct Donations and Contributions – the Code can be read by your smartphone and will land you on the giving page of our website where you can “Give Now” or set up a recurring donation.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sunday Greeters:	March 1 – Carol McKiernan	March 8 – Rick & Deb Zeiters-Maxwell	
Sunday Ushers:	March 1 –		
Sunday Sexton:	March 1 – Andrew James	March 8 – Lydia Dunlap	
Sunday, March 1	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship
Monday, March 2	10:00 am Women's Bible Study	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Staff
	7:00 pm Scouts		
Tuesday, March 3	9:30 am Bible Study		
Wednesday, March 4	10:00 am Memory Café	11:00 am Café Caregivers	6:00 pm WACPAC
Thursday, March 5	6:00 pm WACPAC	7:00 pm Choir	
Friday, March 6	11:30 am WC Parkinsons Network		
Saturday, March 7	9:30 am Al-Anon	5:00 pm Youth Italian Dinner	
Sunday, March 8	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday 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



🍝 Youth Italian Dinner Fundraiser 🍝

March 7 | 5:00–7:00 PM

Join us for a delicious evening of food, community, and purpose! Our youth are hosting a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for upcoming service learning opportunities — experiences that help them grow in empathy, leadership, and faith in action.

For just **\$15 donation per ticket** (children under 5 eat free!), you'll enjoy a hearty meal while supporting young people as they step into meaningful work beyond our walls. These trips allow youth to build relationships across differences, serve with compassion, and discover that they can make a real impact right now — not someday.

Come hungry. Leave encouraged.

Every plate served helps shape the leaders they are becoming. 🙏💡

See any youth to purchase a ticket or follow this link-

<https://forms.gle/BT8QAUWtGRvuzE7f8>



CAMO BABY BUNDLES

CAMO is a non-denominational, Christian-based, humanitarian organization that brings life-saving medical services, education and community development to Central America. CAMO provides more than 140, 000 life-saving services each year to impoverished people who otherwise would not have access to aid.

Please join Faith & Practice on Sunday, March 8 at 9:15 in the Parlor to learn more about a project to collect baby items for the CAMO hospital in Honduras. Hearing FPC member Mary Saylor, who will have just returned from another week volunteering there, talk about her 20 years of experience teaching neonatal care to the Honduran staff in the CAMO hospital is truly inspiring.

We hope you'll join us!