# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohío



## EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

Prelude

Festal Flourish Prelude to 'Te Deum' Pastoral Dance on 'Bunessan' Chorale & Finale Gordon Jacob Marc-Antoine Charpentier Andrew Clarke Johannes Brahms, arr. Garner

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY	Focus	Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Potluck Lunch	Amy Baxstrom
CHORAL I	NTROIT	Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!	GELOBT SEI GOTT
CALL TO WORSHIP +			Val Fulton
One: In the steadfast love of God, in the presence that never leaves us, in the community that strengthens us, in the deepest moments of living, in facing our places of life and of death, we have traveled together.			
All:	From isolation to common ground, from dying to living,		
One:		<b>grief to mystery, from fear to joy, we have traveled together.</b> rning's light, we set out to travel a new path:	

from the tombs of anxiety and despair toward the resurrections of our hope.

#### All: Let us walk together into this new day. Come, let us worship our God of healing and wholeness and newness.

#### PRAYER +

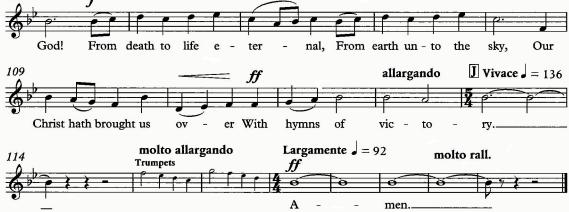
We give thanks to you, O God, that from generation to generation you continue to be our strength and our song. Open our hearts to the gift of your redeeming love that we celebrate this Easter Day, and enable us to be bearers of that love to the hurting places of your world. **Amen** 

Hymn 232	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	EASTER HYMN
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CONFESSION +

One: On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of Tombs.

All:	<ul> <li>We have not done great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance.</li> <li>We have not intentionally hurt anyone, but neither have we always offered healing to the broken.</li> <li>We accept the witness of angels at the tomb, but find it difficult to live the lives of compassion and reconciliation that this hope demands.</li> <li>Bring us new life, Dazzling God.</li> <li>Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done to others and to your creation, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit.</li> </ul>
	Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.
	Gracious God, hear our prayers. Amen
On	s is the Good News, my friends: God remembers us and forgives us and calls us, so that we might live as people of love and hope for the sake of all creation. this once again remembered First New Day, let us journey together as a people healed and made whole. <b>Thanks be to God! Amen</b> G OF THE PEACE Peace of Christ be with you <b>And also with you.</b>
CHILDR	EN'S MOMENT Amy Baxstrom
ANTHEN <b>Plea</b>	M Most Glorious Lord of Life (text: Edmund Spenser, 16 <sup>th</sup> century) John Rutter ase join the Choir in singing the concluding section of the anthem:
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SCRIPTURE	Luke 24:1-12			
SERMON	Looking for Jesus			
Hymn 238	Thine Is the Glory!	JUDAS MACCABEUS		
OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE Today, we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.				
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	When Mary Through the Garden Went	Charles V. Stanford		
*Doxology 607				
	from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, who			
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY	Communion +			
INVITATION				
The Lord be with y	ou. And also with	you.		
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to	the Lord.		

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hymn 248	Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!	ODE TO JOY
BLESSING AND BENEDICTION		
Postlude	The Heavens Are Telling	Benedetto Marcello

+ Liturgy adapted from Seasons of the Spirit.

Chancel Flowers are given today by Val Fulton in memory of Hal Fulton.

#### Service Participants

The Sanctuary Choir Luca Ivagnes & Ellis Buettner – trumpets Esther Orlov-Mayer – French horn Abe Frato – trombone Charles Chapman – tuba Eric J. Gastier, Director of Music and Organist

We extend a special welcome to our brass players from the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College. Thanks also to the Sanctuary Choir and the Choral Scholars for their contributions to today's service. 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

**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 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).

**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 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.

e Slack April 27 – Chris Hyser					
Sunday Ushers: April 20 – Pam Giffin, Mimi Lewellen, Jack Rogers, Nancy Young					
April 27 – Calin Baxstrom					
Lisa Rumbaugh, Tammy Brooks					
chool/Easter Egg Hunt					
Brass Prelude 10:30 am Easter Worship					
12:00 pm Rotary 6:00 pm WACPAC					
dy 1:30 pm Staff 6:00 pm RDM Meeting					
C 6:00 pm Boy Scouts					
Café 11:30 am Wooster Chamber Safety Meeting					
mes Service 6:00 pm WACPAC 7:00 pm Choir					
10:00 am WACPAC 11:00 am Wooster Advocacy					
2:00 pm Montessori School Program & Auction					
chool 10:30 am Earth Day Worship in the Sanctuary					
11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck Lunch					

Donna Bye – Office AdministratorAmy Baxstrom – Director of Family MinistriesRachel King – Dir. of Children's Music, Church Media CoordinatorTim Hall – Building Supervisor

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