

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Praeludium in G-dur & Siciliano

Johann Sebastian Bach

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Ann Gastier

CHORAL INTROIT

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

David N. Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Emily McMillen

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

One: Your steadfast love is better than life, and our lips will praise you, O God.
In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy.

**All: We will bless you, O God, as long as we live;
we will lift up our hands and call on your name.**

(Psalms 63 & 95)

Come, people of God, let us worship together.

*PRAYER

Gracious and generous God, we seek you and our souls thirst for you.

Wash away the dryness and weariness in our lives and revive us with your renewing presence.

Lead us from our worship together into daily lives of love and service for your glory
and the good of your Creation. **Amen**

*HYMN 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

CONFESSION +

**All: We continue to be tempted, Faithful God.
We are blessed with gifts to use for others,
but we want to keep them for ourselves.
We easily notice the mistakes of those around us,
but do not want to look in the mirror at our lives.
We turn our desires into idols,
so we do not have recognize how they can damage us.
Forgive us, Steadfast God.**

**Fill the poverty of our spirits with the richness of your grace;
feed our selfish hunger with the bread of your compassion for the world;
pour the living waters of Jesus Christ into our parched hearts
until they overflow with love.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

RESPONSIVE HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

arr. Marie Pooler

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 27:6-14

Pew Bible page 476

SERMON

Ann Gastier

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

Aria, from Cantata 106

J. S. Bach, trans. Steven Stanfill

Claudia Thompson & Eric Gastier, pianists

*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 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro, from 'Concerto in a-moll'

J. S. Bach (after Vivaldi)

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand.

**The Chancel Flowers are given today by Nicholette and Jack Rogers
in memory of Nicholette's mother, Patty Bends, who died on February 24.**

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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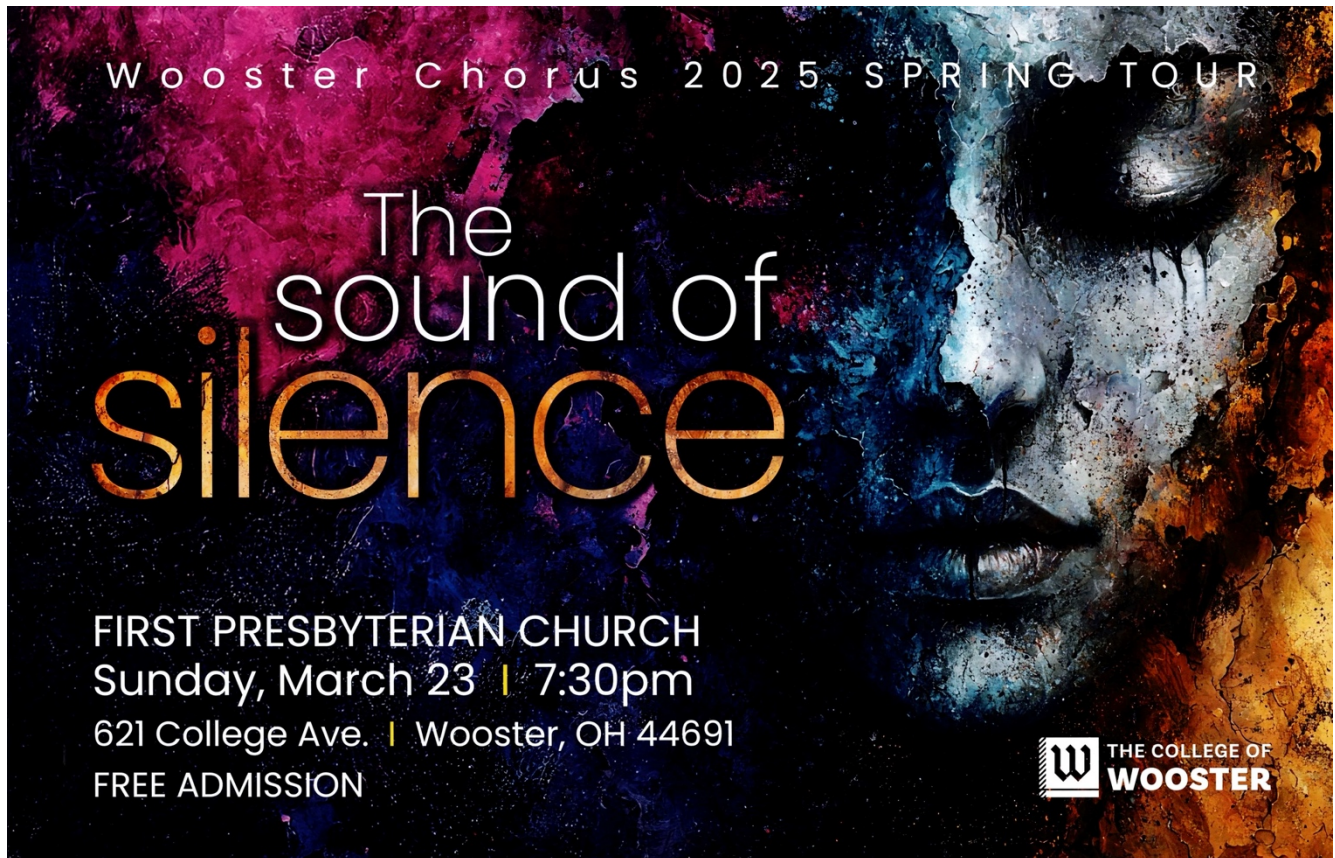
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Greeters:	March 23 – Kim Ogle	March 30 – Gary & Carol Miller
Sunday Ushers:	March 23 – Rick Maxwell & Deb Zeiters, Carol McKiernan, Diana Rice	
Sunday Sexton:	March 23 – Calin Baxstrom	March 30 – Lydia Dunlap
Sunday, March 23	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School
	7:30 pm Wooster Chorus Concert in Sanctuary	10:30 am Worship
Monday, March 24	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Admin Staff
Tuesday, March 25	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Scouts
Wed., March 26	10:00 am Memory Café	11:30 am Wooster Chamber Safety Mtg.
Thursday, March 27	7:00 pm Choir	7:00 pm Book Discussion Group in Parlor
Saturday, March 29	9:30 am Al-Anon	
Sunday, March 30	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School
		10:30 am Worship


Join us this evening for a special concert by the Wooster Chorus at FPC!



Wooster Chorus 2025 SPRING TOUR

The
sound of
silence

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, March 23 | 7:30pm
621 College Ave. | Wooster, OH 44691
FREE ADMISSION

 THE COLLEGE OF
WOOSTER



OPEN ARMS
HISPANIC MINISTRIES

You are cordially invited to attend

Banquet fundraiser

6:00pm | March 27, 2025
Kidron Community Center
4434 Kidron Road
Kidron, Ohio 44636

RSVP TO 330.988.5142
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You are invited to the Open Arms
Hispanic Ministries' Banquet
Fundraiser on Thursday, March 27th,
6:00 p.m. at the Kidron Community
Center in Kidron, Ohio.

This evening of good food and
fellowship with free-will offering
will be a great opportunity to show
our support for our Latino
community. We will receive updates
and current information about the
work Open Arms is doing. Our care
for our immigrant brothers and sisters
is much needed and appreciated.