

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 24, 2025

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Minuet & Air Tendre

Jean-Baptiste Lully

Eric Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sicilienne

Maria Teresia von Paradies

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Miller

One: Our hunger for something beyond ourselves, a faith that gives us hope,
brings us together this day.

All: By faith, our ancestors learned to trust in God.

One: By faith, people have dared to journey into unknown places.

**All: By faith, we are gathered together as God's people
and then sent out into God's world.**

Come let us worship with joy!

*PRAYER +

We come before you this day, O God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

As you have been with your people in all times and places,

so we know you are with us even now.

In this time of worship, help us to celebrate your presence among us,

and strengthen us to continue the work you have begun. **Amen**

*HYMN 51

To Abraham and Sarah

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Merciful God, you love us into being and call us to fullness of life,
but we can see around us and within us the brokenness of the world and our ways.

Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy;

our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing.

**All: Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs
of your world, our failure to feed your spirit that is within us.**

Draw us to the great hope of tomorrow

by strengthening us to walk and to work in your ways this day.

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

Hear this good news, my friends: 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

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1, 8-12, 29-34; 12:1-2a

Pew Bible page 211

SERMON

On the Run

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

Offertory

Air

Giuseppe Tartini

*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 372

O for a World

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon, from 'Idoménée'

André Campra

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

**The Chancel Flowers this morning are given by Mimi Lewellen
with Gratitude for the Beauty of the Earth.**

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:	August 24 – Ted & Karen Short	August 31 – Janet Calhoun
Sunday Ushers:	August 24 – Pam Giffin, Carol McKiernan, Diana Rice, Kathy Turning	
Sunday Sexton:	August 24 – Andrew James	August 31 – Lydia Dunlap
Sunday, August 24	10:00 am Sanctuary Worship	
Monday, August 25	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Staff
		5:30 pm Meals for All
	7:00 pm League of Women Voters Event on Human Trafficking – Best Western	
Tuesday, August 26	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Resource Development Ministry
	6:00 pm Scouts	6:00 pm WACPAC Rehearsal
Wed., August 27	10:00 am Life Memory Café	11:00 am Café Caregivers
	11:30 am Wooster Area Safety Council	5:30 pm New Elder Orientation
	7:00 pm Session	
Thurs., August 28	6:00 pm WACPAC	7:00 pm First Choir Rehearsal – All Are Welcome!
Saturday, August 30	9:30 am Al-Anon	
Sunday, August 31	10:00 am Sanctuary Worship	

Donna Bye – Office Administrator

Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries

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

Tim Hall – Building Supervisor



**THE FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL WILL BE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH AT 7:00 PM.
ALL SINGERS WELCOME!**

Food & Fellowship
a free community meal



**MEALS FOR ALL
Monday, August 25, 5:30 p.m.**



**SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 7TH
FOR AN ENGAGING START
TO OUR PROGRAM YEAR!**

Beginning at 9:00 am, we will have a light breakfast and connecting activities to draw attention to the new and exciting programs and ministries we have set this year.

These activities will flow right into worship at 10:30 am, so please plan to come at 9:00 am and stay for the duration.