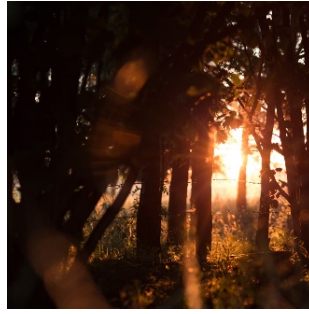


First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Minuet & Air Tendre

Jean-Baptiste Lully

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Diana Rice

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Allemande, from 'Partita No. 2 in d-minor'

Johann Sebastian Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Diana Rice

One: We stand on the shore of God's new day and look ahead to what is yet to be.
We hold close the precious treasures of biblical stories, past experiences of God,
and the wisdom of our ancestors in faith.

**All: Yet we move in God's Spirit to experience something new.
May old and new blend in the way we respond to God's surprises
as well as God's steady hand.
Come, let us worship our God who comes to us in newness each day.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY +

One: Such love you have for us, O God: revealed in creation,
embodied in redemption, poured out in Spirit.

**All: By the light of such love would we love, by the power of such love would we hope,
by the grace of such love would we serve you and others. Amen**

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION +

One: Gracious God, when words of welcome and openness
have not been matched by our practices, forgive us and make us whole.

**All: When we have been a stumbling block to another's journey
rather than a trustworthy companion, forgive us and make us whole.**

One: When we are afraid of change and neglect the gift and privilege of love,
forgive us and make us whole.

**All: You hear our prayers, O God, even when words fail us. But you do not fail us.
Your love holds steady and welcomes us into greater love.**

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 13:31-33, 44-48, 51-53

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SERMON

At Home in the Kingdom

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDER AND DEACON CLASSES OF 2029

Elder Class: Kim Ogle, Jason Reith, Jim Webster

Deacon Class: Emily Armour, Carrie Gordon, Candace Harrington, Troy and Emily McMillen,
Jenny Moysenko, Mary Saylor

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

Offertory

Tempo di Minuetto

Fritz Kreisler

*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

Reverend Dick Wereley

**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

Karolyn Rice

*HYMN (see back page)

Now Praise the Hidden God of Love

DICKINSON COLLEGE

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro vivace, from Sonata

Giovanni Battista Sammartini

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

Violinist **Lev Roshal** is serving as concertmaster during this, his 5th season with the OLO Orchestra. He recently completed his doctoral coursework at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, where he is pursuing simultaneous degrees in violin performance (DM) and music theory (PhD). Lev is also a member of the Carmel and Terre Haute Symphony Orchestras. When not performing or writing about music, he enjoys a good board or soccer game.

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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Sunday Greeters:	July 26 – Pat Miles	August 2 – Roy Haynes
Sunday Ushers:	July 26 – Emily & Luke Armour, Shannon Foster, Mark Gooch	
Sunday Sexton:	July 26 – Elli Gordon	August 2 – Calin & Hudson Baxstrom
Sunday, July 26	9:30 am Pastor Nominating Com. Consult	10:00 am Worship
Monday, July 27	8:00 am Buckeye Book Camp	10:00 am Women's Bible Study
	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Staff Mtg.
	6:00 pm Pastor Nominating	5:30 pm Meals for All
		7:00 pm Scouts
Tuesday, July 28	8:00 am Buckeye Book Camp	10:00 am Bible Study
Wed., July 29	8:00 am Book Camp	6:00 pm WACPAC
	10:00 am Memory Café	11:00 am Café Caregivers
Thursday, July 30	8:00 am Book Camp	6:00 pm WACPAC
Friday, July 31	8:00 am Book Camp	
Saturday, August 1	9:30 am Al-Anon	12:00 pm Cub Scouts
Sunday, August 2	9:30 am Pastor Nominating Com. Consult	10:00 am Worship

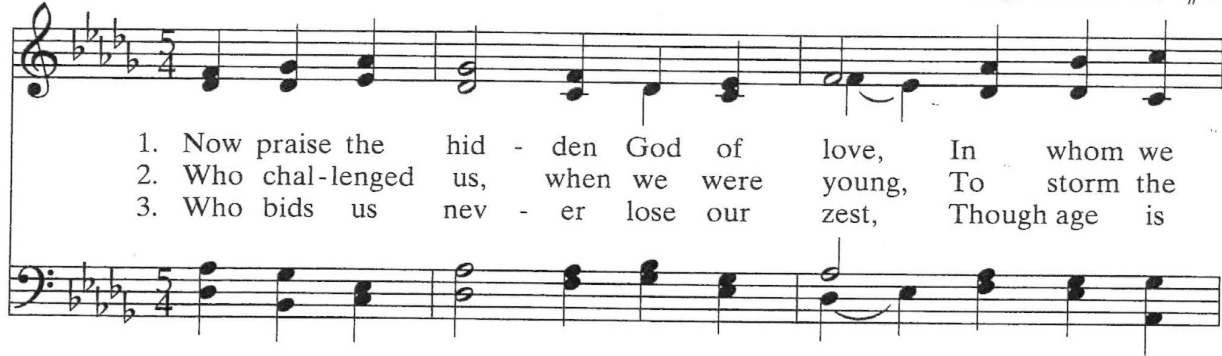
Donna Bye – Office Administrator	Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries
Rachel King – Dir. of Children's Music; Media Coordinator	Tim Hall – Building Supervisor

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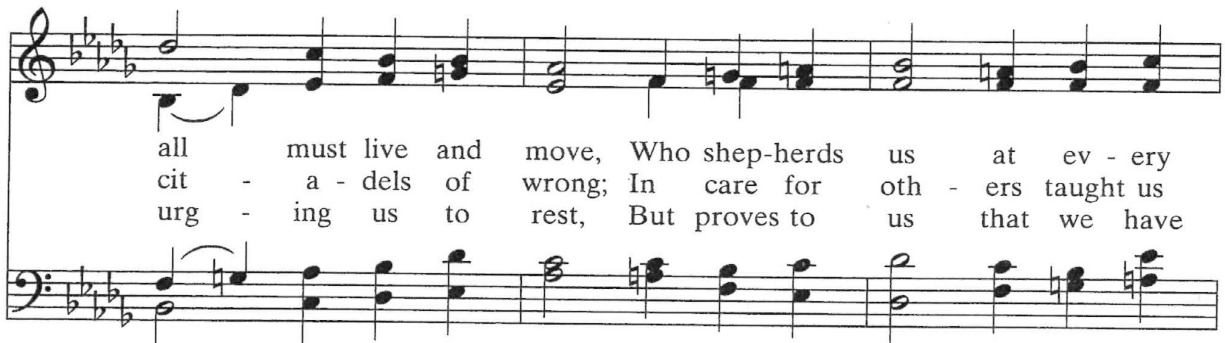
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Fred Pratt Green, 1975

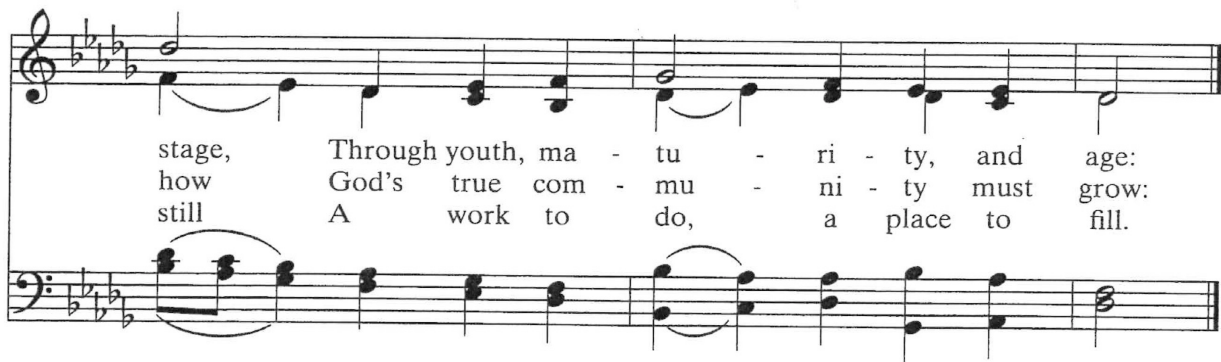
Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr., 1962



1. Now praise the hid - den God of love, In whom we
 2. Who chal-lenged us, when we were young, To storm the
 3. Who bids us nev - er lose our zest, Though age is



all must live and move, Who shep-herds us at ev - ery
 cit - a - dels of wrong; In care for oth - ers taught us
 urg - ing us to rest, But proves to us that we have



stage, Through youth, ma - tu - ri - ty, and age:
 how God's true com - mu - ni - ty must grow:
 still A work to do, a place to fill.

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