

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Méditation Religieuse* *Henri Mulet*
Eric J. Gastier, organ

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS Janet Calhoun and Virginia De Millan

WELCOME Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS Faith & Worship April Gamble

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS Financial Pledge Campaign for 2026 Dana Brooks

CHORAL INTROIT *Behold Now the House of God* *Richard Proulx*

*CALL TO WORSHIP + Calin Baxstrom

One: Praise is due to you, O God, for you have graciously cared for us.

All: By awesome deeds you delivered our ancestors, O God of our salvation.

One: You are the hope of the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

All: The whole world reflects the riches of your abundance. We sing together for joy!

Come, let us worship the God of all creation. from Psalm 65

*PRAYER +

Loving God, send your Spirit upon us in our worship today.

Send your Spirit of Love and Peace and Joy and Mercy.

Move us in our speaking and our doing, in our dreaming and in our praying,
as we seek to live out, with humility,

your hopes and dreams in our community and in our world. **Amen**

*HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* *TOULON*

CONFESSION +

One: There are times, O God, when our prayers come from our hearts, when we are open
and honest; and there are other times when we try to hide the truth of us.

**All: There are times when we open our hearts to listen to your guidance; and there are
other times when we close ourselves, believing we have all the answers.**

One: There are times when we approach you in humility;
and there are times when we are found in judgment of others.

**All: Hear us as we offer the confession of our hearts
and seek the reconciliation of our brothers and sisters.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

When we lay down our fears and defenses, there is room for forgiveness and love.
The former ways of resistance crumble and we are shaped into a community
of creative freedom, of spirited living, of peace. **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

ANTHEM

He Watching Over Israel

Felix Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:9-14

SERMON

Irresistible Grace

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

We continue to receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering

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

OFFERTORY

Méditation

Maurice Duruflé

*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

April Gamble

**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 795

Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare (Psalm 81:1-3)

John E. Cook

* 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.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sunday Greeters:	October 26 – Gary & Carol Miller		November 2 –			
Sunday Ushers:	October 26 – Pam Giffin, Carol McKiernan, Diana Rice, Kathy Turning					
Sunday Sexton:	October 26 – Calin Baxstrom		November 2 – Andrew James			
Sunday, Oct. 26	8:45 am	ARISE	9:15 am	Sunday School	10:30 am	Worship
Monday, Oct. 27	10:00 am	Amy’s Bible Study	12:00 pm	Rotary	1:30 pm	Staff
	5:30 pm	Meals for All				
Tuesday, Oct. 28	9:30 am	Bible Study	4:00 pm	Rummage Sale Setup	6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Oct. 29	9:00 am	Rummage Setup	10:00 am	Memory Café	11:00 am	Caregivers
Thursday, Oct. 30	9:00 am	Rummage Setup		7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal		
Friday, Oct. 31	9:00 am	Rummage Setup				
Saturday, Nov. 1	9:00 am	RUMMAGE SALE		9:30 am Al-Anon		
Sunday, Nov. 2	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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2025

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9 AM - 2 PM

\$5 BAG SALE STARTS 1 PM

Clothing, shoes, jewelry, kitchen and
household goods, holiday items, and more!

Proceeds allow Women's Fellowship to carry
out mission and church projects

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