

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Interlude in C
Eric Gastier, organ

Walford Davies

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Joan Firmin

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Emmanuel

Michel Columbier

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Joan Firmin

One: God is great and does wondrous things!

All: **Teach us your way, O God.**

One: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and mercy.

All: **We give thanks to you, O God, with hearts and minds and voices.**

**Come let us worship our God, Father and Mother of us all,
in whose love and grace is our healing and wholeness.**

*PRAYER +

Holy God, who has fathered and mothered us and cared for us all the days of our lives,
who welcomes all people into your household,
we come to this time of worship thirsty for your love.

Welcome us, O God, and affirm in each of us the assurance that we are all your children,
whoever and wherever we may be. **Amen**

*HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

CONFESSION +

All: **Creator God, you breathed the breath of life into every one of your children.**

You know our every need and care for us faithfully.

Yet, we fail to follow your call and your guidance.

We lack courage to care for all people, those who differ from us,

those who demand too much, those who take up our time with petty concerns.

We are impatient with one another and carelessly harm each other

with quick and hurtful words.

**Forgive us for resisting new insights you offer and new challenges you give to us.
Enlarge our world to include all your children,
in the name of Jesus, who lived and loved fully.**

At this time, each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

May the God of steadfastness and grace grant us to live in harmony with the world.
May the God of hope fill us with joy. May the God of love grant us to abide in compassion,
so as to live in unity together as the Body of Christ.
May we abound in hope and live in peace with one another and all creation. **Amen**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:8-21

Pew Bible page 16

SERMON

God on Both Sides

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

Offertory *Lullaby, from 'Clarinet Sonata'* *Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco*

*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

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**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Am Here

Susan Shaffer

*HYMN 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

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

Clarinetist **Jeffrey Anderson** is back for his 10th season with the Ohio Light Opera Orchestra, playing clarinet, bass clarinet, and tenor saxophone. He serves as Music Instructor and Band Director at Wharton County Junior College in Texas. Jeffrey holds a doctorate in Clarinet Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory with a cognate in Piano Performance, in addition to degrees from Michigan State and Bowling Green State Universities. His principal teachers have been Theodore Oien, Caroline Hartig, Kevin Schempf, and Ixi Chen.

FPC FAMILY BACKYARD COOKOUT

Join us for a summer
cookout filled with great
food and good company!

We will grill hotdogs, hamburgers,
and chicken. Please bring a snack,
side or dessert to share!



Bring your appetite
and your friends!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 5:30PM

Rachel's House
1847 Christmas Run Blvd. Wooster
RSVP 330-464-9747 (text) or
rking@firstpreswooster.org (email)



This event is weather permitting.
We will contact those who RSVP if it looks like we have to cancel.

Pastor Nominating Committee



Office Hours

Have comments or
questions? Let us know!

Or email us at: FPCWooPNC@gmail.com

The PNC is appreciative of the thoughtful conversations and comments by members of the congregation during our weekly office hours - a sincere thanks to everyone who has stopped by. Our PNC Office Hours continue from 9:30am—10am during our Summer schedule. On June 21st Roy Haynes will be the PNC member at office hours. We truly encourage all members and friends to visit us and give us your comments, questions, well wishes, and prayers. Feel free to talk with any member of the PNC anytime you see one of us! Additionally, we have created a dedicated PNC e-mail account which you can use to send us any comments, thoughts or questions you have - directly (and only) to the nine members of the PNC. That e-mail is fpcwoopnc@gmail.com.