



First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 2025

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Andante sostenuto, from "Symphony Gothique"

Charles-Marie Widor

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Ann Gastier

MUSICAL OFFERING

Morning Opens, from "Trumpet Songs"

Jennifer Higdon

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Calin Baxstrom

One: Through prophets, teachers, and leaders, God passes on the story to the world.

All: Through disciples and apostles and followers, God passes on the story to the world.

One: Through saint and reformer and mystic, God passes on the story to the world.

All: Through you and me and us, God passes on the story to the world.

Come, let us worship God and continue the story.

*PRAYER +

God of wisdom and wonder, we gather in this place as disciples and seekers,
as people led by your spirit, and as humble followers striving to do your will.

Called here by your love, we come to be renewed in our faith

and to go from here ready to serve you and your world again.

Open us to your Spirit, we pray. **Amen**

*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: For freedom God set us free.

Yet, at times we use our freedom for self-indulgence. Forgive us, God.

All: You have called us to love one another,

and yet sometimes it seems we would rather be angry at one another.

Forgive us, God.

One: Often, we would rather be guided by what we want rather than what you want.

Forgive us, God.

All: Transform us by our Spirit and make us new, we pray in Christ's name.

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

God offers us more than we need, for God's forgiveness is endless,

God's love is infinite, God's care is vast,

God's compassion is beyond all measure.

Receive these gifts of God for a new way of living.

Go and shape the world in love and be at peace. **Amen**

*RESPONSE TO CONFESSION (HYMN 720)

Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

MESSAGE

Singing for the Soul

Ann Gastier

Please join us in singing the first and last verse of each hymn:

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

*HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*HYMN 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

Sonata in D

Henry Purcell

*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 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Overture to "Occasional Oratorio"

George Frideric Handel

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

**The Chancel Flowers are given today in memory of Donald A Knowlton
by the Knowlton Family.**

Trumpeter Lauren Hinkle is in her third season with the OLO Orchestra. She is based in Cleveland, and performs with a variety of musical groups. She also has a small studio of enthusiastic trumpet students. Lauren holds a BM from Kent State University and a MM from Cleveland State University.

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:	June 29 – Mark & Cheryl Gooch	July 6 – Roy Haynes
Sunday Ushers:	June 29 – Kris Evans, Tim Fair, April Gamble, Mimi Lewellen	
Sunday Sexton:	June 29 – Calin Baxstrom	July 6 – Aiden Hiner
Sunday, June 29	10:00 am Sanctuary Worship	
Monday, June 30	10:00 am Bible Study – Parlor	12:00 pm Rotary
	1:30 pm Staff Meeting	5:30 pm Meals for All
Tuesday, July 1	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wed., July 2	7:00 pm Faith & Nurture	
Friday, July 4	Offices Closed	
Saturday, July 5	9:30 am Al-Anon	
Sunday, July 6	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 Ohio Light Opera POPS Concert

Enjoy a FREE concert of show & patriotic tunes on the 4th of July!

The Ohio Light Opera POPS Concert is a FUN family friendly event!

This concert is ONE HOUR, so you will have plenty of time to head to Kinney Fields for the fireworks.

Let's Celebrate!

There will be a 90th Birthday Party for Valerie Lippert in Bruch Hall on July 12, 2025 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Show your Birthday Cheer for Valerie by wearing a Shawl that she made, if you have one.

Please RSVP to Becky Cox at: bsc811@aol.com or call 330-262-7667



You're Invited!

You are invited to a church picnic at Prairie Lane Park on July 13th from 12:00-2:00. Please bring a dish to share, your own table service (plates, cutlery, napkins and drink). There will be swimming available and lots of laughter. Lawn chairs encouraged. Please see Amy Baxstrom for more information- abaxstrom@firstpreswooster.org.

FPC Family Game Night

July 22nd from 6:30-7:30 in Bruch Hall

Join us for a fun game night with family, friends, and neighbors. Activities Include card & board games, puzzles, and more! Snacks provided! RSVP to Amy Baxstrom at abaxstrom@firstpreswooster.org

