

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Prayer of St. Gregory

Alan Hovhaness

WELCOME

Lisa Rumbaugh

MINISTRY FOCUS

Update from the GAP (God Always Present) Planning Team

Mark Gooch

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Susie Slack

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Allegro, from 'Bassoon Sonata'

Johann Friedrich Fasch

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Susie Slack

One: We gather in this worship space, welcomed by God.

All: Let us gladly welcome the Holy One into our worship and our lives.

One: God provides room for all to find a place, a calling in community.

All: Let us make room for the Holy One

to move graciously among and through us.

One: If we truly welcome God here,

how can we not welcome all who are made in God's image?

All: Come, let us welcome the Holy One, who embraces us all with love.

*PRAYER +

You welcome us, O God, with abundant grace.

Your welcome comes in community and forgiveness, in creation's beauty and love's joy.

So may we welcome others through our relationships,

in our forgiving and accepting forgiveness,

in the joy of love's offering and receiving. **Amen**

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

CONFESSION +

One: In your house, there is room for all; at your table, we find a place set for us.

Yet we admit, Inviting God, that we find it difficult to be as accepting as you,

and we find it easy to shoulder others away from your feast.

**All: You fling wide the doors to your kingdom, Welcoming God,
but we are quick to try to shut them to those who are different from us.**

One: Your heart is open so that all might experience your grace,
and we reluctantly remember our ungracious words and deeds.

**All: By your grace, enable us to live in relationship with one another:
grounded in life-giving community, formed by truth-telling stories,
knit with spirit-renewing fellowship.**

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

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

One: Here in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of Gentleness moves in our midst.
Mercy, hope, and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

**All: No longer lost, we have found our way home,
surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21

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SERMON

Reverend Chris Stewart

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

Aria

Flor Peeters

*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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

Lisa Rumbaugh, Clerk of Session

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Slow, then moderate, from 'Bassoon Sonata' David Maslanka

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

Trumpeter **Lauren Hinkle** is in her fourth season with the OLO. She is based in Cleveland, and plays with a variety of local groups. Lauren also has her own teaching studio. She holds a BM front Kent State University and an MM from Cleveland State University. Lauren is a big fan of knitting, great coffee, and birdwatching.

Bassoonist **Spencer Wilson** is in his eighth season with the OLO. He was born in Virginia, but has lived in Dallas for the past decade. Spencer has played with the Dallas Winds, and the Rapides and Fort Smith Symphonies. He is a graduate of James Madison University and the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana 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: August 2 – Roy Haynes August 9 – Jim & Cindy Webster
Sunday Ushers: August 2 – Kris Evans, April Gamble, Mimi Lewellen, Doug Smith
Sunday Sexton: August 2 – Calin & Hudson Baxstrom August 9 – Lydia Dunlap
Serving Communion: August 2 – Kim Ogle, Jack Rogers, Jim Webster

Sunday, August 2	9:30 am Pastor Nominating Com. Consult	10:00 am Worship
Monday, August 3	10:00 am Women's Bible Study 11:30 am Men's Lunch	12:00 pm
	Rotary 1:30 pm Staff Mtg.	
	6:00 pm Pastor Nominating	7:00 pm Scouts
Tuesday, August 4	10:00 am Bible Study	6:00 pm WACPAC
Wed., August 5	10:00 am Memory Café	7:00 pm Faith & Nurture
Thursday, August 6	6:00 pm WACPAC	
Friday, August 7	11:30 am WC Parkinson's Network	
Saturday, August 8	9:30 am Al-Anon	
Sunday, August 9	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

Pastor Nominating Committee



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 – sincere thanks to everyone who has stopped by. Our PNC Office Hours continue from 9:30 am to 10 am during our summer schedule. We truly encourage members and friends to visit us and give us your comments, questions, well wishes, and prayers. 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 email is fpcwoopnc@gmail.com.