

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – ALL-SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Elegy
Eric J. Gastier, organ

George Thalben-Ball

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

WELCOME

Lisa Rumbaugh, Clerk of Session

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

The 2026 Pledge Campaign

Mark Gordon

CHORAL INTROIT

Deep River

African-American spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

O, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? O deep river.

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Joan Firmin

One: As we gather this day, we remember with thanksgiving all those who are dear to us.
Our ancestors in faith have laid the foundation for this day.

**All: We remember with appreciation those who paved the way for us:
teachers, leaders, grandmothers, grandfathers, parents, siblings,
spouses, partners, and friends.**

One: We remember with gratitude God's gifts of people —
the gifts of so many people that have made us who we are.

**All: We remember with love and honor the people who blessed us with their lives.
God brings newness — so let us live with great hope.
As we worship together, we look to the future, even as we remember the past.**

*PRAYER +

You, O Sacred Presence, are always and everywhere.

We may be blown around by winds of change and uncertainty, but you keep faith,
as shown by the testimonies of the lives of the faithful who have gone before us.

You are a steady companion on the way, and we find rest and peace in you. **Amen**

CONFESSION +

**All: Hope of all who have gone before us, you have called us to be your holy people,
part of that great company that has lived and died in faith.
But we have not always kept the faith: we have been silent when we
should have proclaimed your love, and we have been idle when we
should have been working for your peace and justice.
Our lives have been shaped more by fear than by faith. Forgive us, and renew
within us your great Hope that seeks to heal and bring to wholeness all things.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

Thanks be to God for the Spirit that lives in us.
Praise be to God who is working things together for good.
We are loved. We are forgiven.
God is beyond us. God is between us. God is within us. **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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (Pew Bible page 581)

Nancy Young

ANTHEM

In Zion

Lupembe tune, arr. John L. Bell

*In Zion, Lord, with you we'll abide. Heaven is our home though untried.
No more doubt, we must decide. Hear the Savior calling us; he wants us by his side.
While still here, there is work to be done: the good news to share with each one.
Day departs with setting sun. It is urgent that all know the great gift, God's own Son.
Be ready and await that great day when we meet the Lord in dawn's ray.
Purest joy, without dismay. The warm welcome in heaven: it's for this that we pray.
Behold them, countless hosts dressed in white. Songs are on our lips in the height.
Boundless throngs praising his might. From each nation all ages praise the Lamb: what a sight!*
(text: Jonathan Chambile & F. de Zwart, trans. Harlod S. Olson)
Gabby Hoo and Elizabeth Partee, soprano

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Nancy Young

ANTHEM

Everyone Suddenly Burst Out Singing (text: Siegfried Sassoon)

Peter Wilsher

*Everyone suddenly burst out singing; and I was filled with such delight
As prisoned birds must find in freedom, winging wildly across the white
Orchards and dark-green fields; on - on - and out of sight.
Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted; and beauty came like the setting sun:
My heart was shaken with tears; and horror drifted away ...
O, but Everyone was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing will never be done.*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

Meditation, from 'Thaïs'

Jules Massenet

Gabby Hoo, violin

*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**

A PRAYER MEDITATION FOR ALL SAINTS DAY (*Discipleship Ministries*)

Nancy Young

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands
Raised as offerings across the land.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Amen

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION (*Bruce Prewer*)

Nancy Young

POSTLUDE

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand.

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*

**The flowers today are given by Kathleen Kearney in memory of Carolyn Kearney,
and in remembrance of All Saints Day.**



All Saints' Day – November 2, 2025

Tom Battles

Mark Beckler

Ed Blake

Stephen Joseph Boardner, VI

James Burrill

Roberta Curry

Ralph Fogal

John Fleming

Pearl Grosjean

Keith A. Haynes

Patsy Ann Himes

Elizabeth Hooker

Lois Immel

Bob Johnson

Anne LaMotte

Colette Meadows

Sandra K. McMillen

Tom Perley

Susan Russell

Carl Schmid

George Spencer

Marilyn Tanner

Vallie Tew

Mina Van Cleef

Carol Flessel Young

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**

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 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). The Covenant Network of Presbyterians calls the church to bear a unified witness to generous hospitality and faithful justice.

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 (LGBTQIA+) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

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:	November 2 – Youth	November 9 – Youth	
Sunday Ushers:	November 2 – Kris Evans, April Gamble, Mimi Lewellen, Doug Smith		
Sunday Sexton:	November 2 – Andrew James	November 9 – Lydia Dunlap	
Sunday, Nov. 2	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship
Monday, Nov. 3	10:00 am Amy's Bible Study	11:30 am Men's Lunch	12:00 pm Rotary
	1:30 pm Staff	4:00 pm Board of Elections Setup – Bruch Hall	
Tuesday, Nov. 4	7:00 am Board of Elections – Voting	9:30 am Bible Study	
	6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #66		
Wednesday, Nov. 5	10:00 am Memory Café	11:00 am Caregivers	7:00 pm Faith & Nurture
Thursday, Nov. 6	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal		
Saturday, Nov. 8	9:00 am April Gamble Soup-making	9:30 am Al-Anon	
Sunday, Nov. 9	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

YOUTH SUNDAY

Join us November 9th at 10:30am for our annual Youth Sunday.
Through music, storytelling, scripture and more,
they will lead you in a morning of
reflection, awareness, and worship.



Cantate Singers will be singing at Trinity United Church of Christ on Sunday, November 2 at 5:00. We will be doing the Rutter Requiem along with several other songs. First Pres people singing that day are Sue Froelich, Claudia Thompson, Pat Miles, David Wilkin and Jon Swank.



There will be a Men's Luncheon at the
Green Leaf Restaurant on Monday, November 3, at 11:30am.