

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Prélude, Fugue et Variation
Eric J. Gastier, organ

César Franck

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Laura Neill

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Laura Neill

One: Before the mystery that is God, and in the sacred presence of one another,
we gather in faith and celebrate the love of God we share.

**All: Known and called as Christ's friends,
and drawn to the vision of a new way for the world,
we gather in faith and celebrate the love of God we share.**

One: Filled with the Spirit of peace, and reborn to share the joy of life,

All: we gather in faith and celebrate the love of God we share.

*PRAYER +

Everywhere we find you, O God: in every face small or large; in every hand young or old;
in every word loud or soft; in every thought deep or shallow.

Speak our names, O God: hold us close, shape our living, and make us yours. **Amen**

*HYMN 9

The Play of the Godhead

PERICHORESIS

CONFESSION +

One: In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness;
yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger.

**All: In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us;
yet all too often we turn our back on you.**

One: In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our nature;
yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

**All: In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our brokenness,
that we might embrace others.**

In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others.

**In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family,
sisters and brothers who are forgiven and freed to serve others.**

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

Rachel King

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible page 32

SERMON

Commissioned

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

Offertory

Petite Pièce

Joseph Jongen

*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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Andante, from 'Symphony I'

Louis Vierne

Eric Gastier, organ

*HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Marche Solennelle de Procession

Charles Gounod

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

The sanctuary flowers today are given by Shannon Foster.

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 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. For May 31st, Sarah Davis will be representing PNC and on June 7th Carol Gates 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.



**There will be a Men's Luncheon on
Monday, June 1st at the Green Leaf Restaurant.
Be there at 11:30! Great food and fellowship to be had!
Come and experience it for yourself, with others :)**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
THE PRIME-TIME PICNIC**

Volunteers are needed to help with meal prep, serving, and clean-up for the Prime-Time Picnic, which will be held June 11 at 11:30 a.m. in Bruch Hall. This event honors those in our congregation over 80 for their many contributions to our church life. Several volunteers are also needed to make a 13"x9" pan of mac n' cheese at home. Youth are welcome to sign up, especially for serving, and all volunteers are invited to enjoy the meal and entertainment. Thank you!