First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 6, 2025 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Interlude in C Walford Davies

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend Erin Guzmán

MUSICAL OFFERING La fille aux cheveux de lin Claude Debussy

*CALL TO WORSHIP + Aiden Hiner

One: Bound together by the Spirit of the Holy One, All: We endeavor to take care of one another.

One: Because we are baptized into the family of God,

All: We live in Sacred community: One: Bearing one another's burdens,

All: Rejoicing in each other's gladness,

One: and being transformed by the slow work of mutual accountability.

All: We give God thanks,

One: For we need not journey alone.

All: Amen.

*PRAYER +

Christ, our companion, we know that we need each other. We know that individualism and isolation are destructive. And still, it can be challenging to practice vulnerability, to hold one another accountable to love, and to stay present when inevitable conflicts arise. Be the hand that sustains us, encouraging us to move more deeply toward each other and the possibilities of living into a new creation, side by side. Amen.

*HYMN 761 Called As Partners In Christ's Service

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: So often we have need, but we don't want to admit it: we stand proud, unbending, unwilling to acknowledge that we need something we cannot create ourselves. We try to make do with substitutes for your truth and your grace, but they fail us. Holy One, help us to seek your path, your words, your leading, your peace. Forgive us for those paths we have followed when we trusted in the world's wisdom rather than yours. Help us to name our need for you.

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

Gracious God, hear our prayers. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Trust in the assurance that the One who creates is the One who redeems and the One who sustains in love. Trust the Good News that God is with us—we are not alone.

Love dwells within us, around us and through us, calling us to renewed hope and peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 6:1-16

SERMON Reverend Erin Guzmán

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

Offertory

Adagio, from "Clarinet Concerto in A"

W. A. Mozart

*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 +

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 509

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Hosannah Franz Liszt

The Chancel Flowers today are given by Joan Firmin to celebrate the life of Jim Firmin.

Clarinetist **Stephanie Bueche** is in their second season with the OLO Orchestra. Stephanie is an active musician and educator in Clarksville, Tennessee. Stephanie holds a master's degree from Austin Peay State University and is headed to Virginia to pursue a doctoral degree.

Trombonist **Cameron Randall** is in his third OLO season. He holds a BM from the Oberlin Conservatory and an MM from DePaul University. He performs on various instruments from bass trumpet to tuba. In addition to his freelance music work in and around Chicago, Cameron also works as a stage manager.

^{*} Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand. + Liturgy adapted from Enfleshed: Liturgy that Matters # Liturgy adapted from Seasons of the Spirit.

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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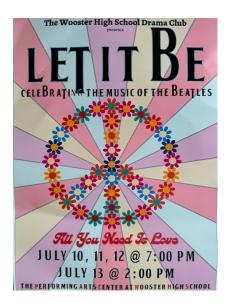
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WEEKLY CALENDAR and ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sunday Greeters: Sunday Ushers:	July 6 – Roy Haynes July 6 – Kris Evans, Tim Fair,	July 13 – Bob & Mary Ann Wellington April Gamble, Jack Rogers
Sunday Sexton:	July 6 – Aiden Hiner	July 13 – Calin Baxstrom
Sunday, July 6	10:00 am Sanctuary Worsl	nip
Monday, July 7	10:00 am Bible Study – Pa	rlor 11:30 am Men's Lunch
	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Staff Meeting
Tuesday, July 8	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday, July 9	9 10:00 am Life Memory Ca	fé 7:00 pm Faith & Practice
Thursday, July 10	7:00 pm Let It Be at Woo	ster High School
Friday, July 11	7:00 pm Let It Be at Woo	ster High School
Saturday, July 12	9:30 am Al-Anon	11:00 am Wooster Advocacy
	12:00 pm Valerie Lippert'	s 90 th Birthday Party – Bruch Hall
	7:00 pm Let It Be at Woo	ster High School
Sunday, July 13	10:00 am Worship	1:00 pm FPC Church Picnic - Prairie Lane Park
	2:00 pm Let It Be at Wooster High School	

Donna Bye – Office Administrator Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries Rachel King – Dir. of Children's Music, Media Coordinator Tim Hall – Building Supervisor



Let It Be Musical at Wooster High School

Come and support our FPC members and friends who are involved with the Wooster High School Drama Club's 100th Anniversary Alumni Show. They are performing Let it Be featuring music by The Beatles. There are four performances on July 10-13. Thursday, Friday & Saturday Evenings are at 7:00pm, Sunday afternoon is at 2:00pm.

You can get tickets online at https://ticketpeak.co/whsdrama/events or at the door. If you are a WHS Drama alumni who would like to join the final number for a performance or two, please let Brett or Kristi Hiner or Rachel King know and we can get you more info!

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@firspreswooster.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

