

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 7, 2026

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Grave & Adagio, from 'Sonata II in c-minor'*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

This morning we welcome Jodi Hannan and Jon and Pam Rose into church membership.

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

*Gabriel's Oboe, from 'The Mission'*

*Ennio Morricone*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Susie Slack

One: God called Abraham and Sarah to leave their old home for a new land,  
and God calls us to go forward in faith.

**All: Jesus called Matthew to leave his old work for a new discipleship,  
and Jesus calls us to be disciples, too.**

One: The Spirit calls us to leave old hurts for new healing, and to heal one another.

**All: The calling God also calls us here to leave our past and become our future.  
Answering that call, let us worship our God.**

\*PRAYER +

Holy God, you who call us to be your family,  
daughters and sons to care for your world and your creatures,  
teach us how to work with you to heal what is hurt and to bring new life where there is grief,  
so that your creation can rise up to sing with joy and dance with overflowing life. **Amen**

\*HYMN 51

*To Abraham and Sarah*

*LLANFYLLIN*

CONFESSION +

One: God works in us, through us, and with us,

**All: to heal the pain we cause one another when we turn away,  
when we shove aside, when we do not listen, when we do not share,  
when we judge one another, when we reject the other.**

One: God works in us, through us, and with us, to be the faith that makes all things well.

**All: When we confess our failings, God forgives us and works with us  
to heal our hurts and those of the world.**

**Let us rejoice in the steadfast love of God and join together in holy worship.**

*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

Ann Gastier

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-9

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SERMON

*To Be a Blessing*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE We continue receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.  
Through our monetary gifts, we offer something of our work and ourselves to God.

OFFERTORY *Morning Opens & Threaded*, from 'Trumpet Songs' Jennifer Higdon

\*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.

**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

*Adagio*, from 'Oboe Concerto in c-minor'

Alessandro Marcello

\*HYMN 766

***The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound***

MC KEE

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

Giambattista Martini

**The sanctuary flowers today are given by Leigh Oaks.**

Trumpeter **Isaac Morton** recently completed his Master's degree at Indiana University, having previously received his performance degree from IU; there he was fortunate to study with John Rommel and Joey Tartell. Highlights from his college years include a premiere of Graeme Culpepper's *Trumpet Concerto*, Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben*, and Holst's *The Planets*. Isaac has diverse musical experience, playing in everything from big bands to brass quintets to large orchestras.

Oboist **Ger Vang** is pleased to be back for his fourth summer with the OLO. Currently based in Greensboro, NC, he performs chamber works with his group, the Cardinal Sound Collective. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in music performance of multiple woodwinds (oboe, flute, clarinet, saxophone, and bassoon) at the University of North Carolina. Ger is looking forward to the Wooster Farmers' Market this summer.

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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Sunday Greeters:	June 7 – Elaine Arnold	June 14 – Oak Hill Park Service
Sunday Ushers:	June 7 – Pam Giffin, Mark Gooch, Mimi Lewellen, Jack Rogers	
Sunday Sexton:	June 7 – Aiden & Addy Hiner	June 14 – Oak Hill Park Service
Sunday, June 7	Sr. High Youth Nashville Trip	9:30 am PNC Office Hrs. 10:00 am Worship
Monday, June 8	Youth Trip	10:00 am Bible Study 12:00 pm Rotary 1:30 pm Staff
	6:00 pm PtoP Banquet	6:00 pm Pastor Nominating 7:00 pm Scouts
Tuesday, June 9	Youth Nashville Trip	9:30 am Bible Study
Wed., June 10	10:00 am Life Memory	2:00 pm Prime Time Set-up 7:00 pm F&P
Thursday, June 11	Youth Nashville Trip	11:30 am Prime Time Picnic – Bruch Hall
	12:30 pm Prime Time Music Performance with Karolyn Rice and Ken Shafer	
Friday, June 12	Youth Nashville Trip	11:30 am WC Parkinsons
Saturday, June 13	9:30 am Al-Anon	11:00 am Wooster Advocacy Group
Sunday, June 14	10:00 am Worship at Oak Hill Park	4:00 pm Youth Group at Paula's Place
Donna Bye – Office Administrator		Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries
Rachel King – Dir. of Children's Music; Media Coordinator		Tim Hall – Building Supervisor



## **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!

## **Pastor Nominating Committee**



**Office Hours**  
Have comments or questions? Let us know!

Or email us at: [FPCWooPNC@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:fpcwoopnc@gmail.com).