

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 8, 2026

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Adagio, from 'Symphony VI'* *Charles-Marie Widor*  
Eric J. Gastier, organ

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

WELCOME *Reverend David Rice*

MINISTRY FOCUS *Souper Bowl of Caring* *Eliza Davis*

CHORAL INTROIT *Great God of Every Blessing* *AURELIA*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP + *Susie Slack*

One: What is the fast that our God chooses?

All: **To loose the bonds of injustice, to bring the homeless poor into our houses,  
to cover the naked, to let the oppressed go free,  
and to share our bread with the hungry.**

One: When you do these things, then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you,  
and the Glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. *Isaiah 58:6-8*

All: **May God bring justice and mercy and peace through us for all creation.  
Come let us worship the God who would make all things new.**

\*PRAYER +

In the silence of this sacred moment, O God, may we give full attention to your law of love,  
the ways of which are always before us.

May we not turn away when love's demand is great but be persistent.

May we be salt of the earth and lights in our world. **Amen**

\*HYMN 733

*We All Are One in Mission*

*ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*

CONFSSION +

One: God of light and love, we are called to see and reflect your light.

All: **But so often we live in the darkness, swallowed by the shadows of greed, fear,  
resentment, jealousy, anger, and violence.**

One: We have hurt each other and spoiled your wonderful creation.

All: **Restore to us the courage to be bold in action as we reflect your wonderful mercies.  
Let us be your salt of the earth, your light in the dark shadows of the world.**

*Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.*

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with the world.  
May the God of hope fill us with joy. May we live in unity together as the Body of Christ.  
May we abound in hope and live in peace with one another and all creation. **Amen**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

ANTHEM

*This Little Light of Mine*

*arr. Moses Hogan*

Gabby Hoo & Elizabeth Partee – soloists

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-10

Matthew 5:13-16

Pew Bible page 647, 4

SERMON

*Be Salt . . . Be Light*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

*Prière*

*René Vierne*

\*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 THE LORD'S PRAYER

April Gamble

**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**

\*HYMN (see back page)

*O Day of God, Draw Nigh*

*ST. MICHAEL*

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata*

*F.C. Théodore Dubois*

\* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand.

+ 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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## WEEKLY CALENDAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sunday Ushers: February 8 – Jack & Julie Miller, Steve & Susie Slack

Sunday, February 8    8:45 am ARISE            9:15 am Sunday School            10:30 am Worship  
                          9:15 am Congregation Conversation – Classroom 1

Monday, February 9 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 12:00 pm Rotary 1:30 pm Staff  
5:00 pm Nominating Mtg. 7:00 pm Scouts 7:15 pm Clear Fork Trout

Tuesday, February 10 9:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday, Feb. 11 10:00 am Memory Café      11:00 am Caregivers      7:00 pm Faith & Practice  
6:00 pm WACPAC

Thursday, Feb. 12 6:00 pm WACPAC 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 13 11:30 am WC Parkinson's Network

Saturday, February 14 9:30 am Al-Anon 11:00 am Wooster Advocacy Group

Donna Bye – Office Administrator

Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries

Rachel King – Dir. of Children's Music: Media Coordinator

Tim Hall – Building Supervisor

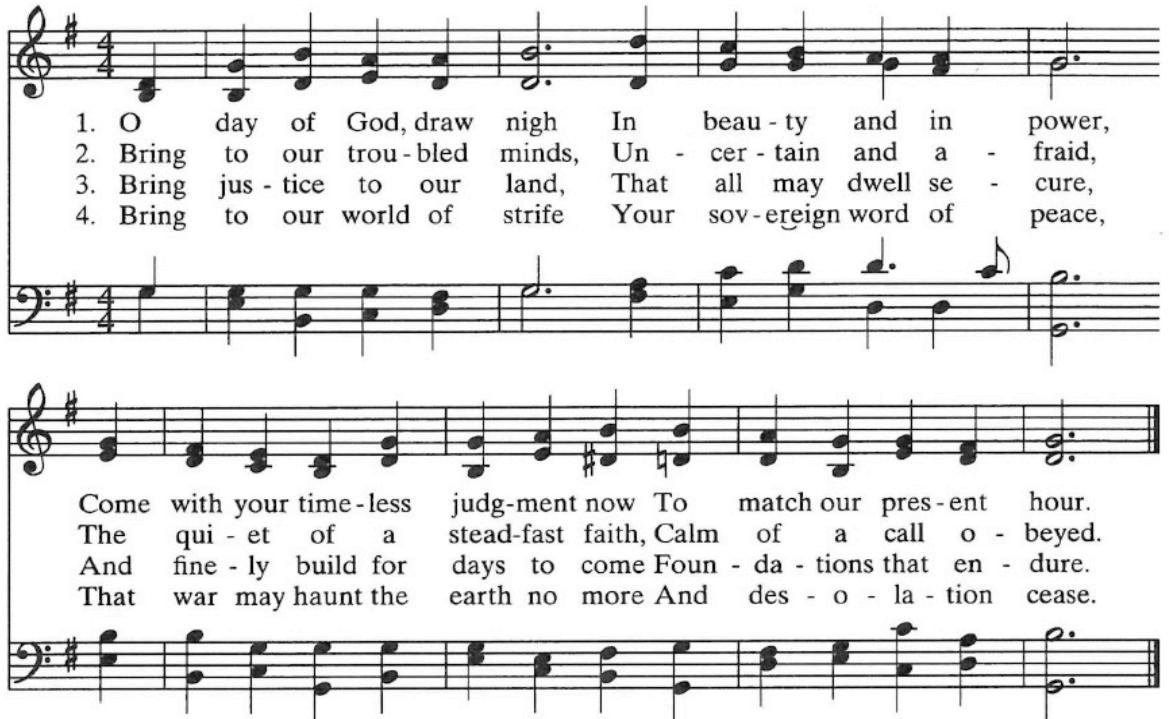
# O Day of God, Draw Nigh

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ST. MICHAEL SM

Robert B. Y. Scott, 1937, 1939; alt. 1972

Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Adapt. William Crotch, 1836



5. O day of God, draw nigh  
As at creation's birth;  
Let there be light again, and set  
Your judgments in the earth.

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## Schedule of Congregational Discussions

**Sunday, February 8, 2026; 9:15 a.m. Classroom 1**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026; 9:15 a.m. Bruch Hall**

**You are welcome to request a phone call or an in-person discussion with Session members.**

**We look forward to meaningful conversations together.**

### Session members:

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