First Presbyterian Church

All Saints' Sunday– November 1, 2026

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Prelude *Elegy* *George Thalben Ball*
Eric J. Gastier, organ

Welcome Tammy Brooks

Ministry Focus Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale Jennifer Moyseenko

Pouring the Baptismal Waters Name
In preparation for worship, we pour baptismal water to show we belong to the family of God.

Choral Introit *Kyrie, from "Messe Solennelle"* *Louis Vierne*
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

***Call to Worship** Carol Gates
One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
All: and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

***Prayer of the Day**
One: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one commission and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting.
All: Amen.

***Hymn 805** *Come Sing to God* *ELLACOMBE*

Call to Confession
One: Let us join in asking God for forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession
All: Eternal God, in every age you raised up women and men to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way, joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love.
May we inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

(Each worshipper may offer silent personal confession.)

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.
All: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ. So you must also consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

One: Now that we have received God's love, let us share this love with one another with signs of peace and friendship. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Moment Amy Baxstrom

Anthem *There'll Be Something in Heaven* *Gamal folk tune, arr. Karl-Erik Svedlund*
(text: trans. Bruce A. Bengtson)

Scripture Revelation 21:1-4

Hymn 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* *RESIGNATION*
(verse 1 sung by the Choir)

Reading from "The Book of Common Prayer"

Remembering Those Who Have Died Carol Gates

Anthem *The Road Home* *Stephen Paulus*
Elizabeth Partee – soprano soloist (text: Michael Dennis Browne)

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Offering and Substance of Life

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

Offertory *In Paradisum (excerpt), from "Esquisses Byzantine"* *Henri Mulet*

***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 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 326** *For All the Saints* *SINE NOMINE*

*** Blessing and Benediction** Ann Gastier

Postlude *Fantasie in G-dir (excerpt)* *J. S. Bach*
Eric J. Gastier, organ

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand.

The chancel flowers are given this day in memory of Carolyn Kearney and for All Souls Day from all of the Kearneys in MN, IL, WI and OH.

All Saints' Day 2026 – In Memoriam of those saints who have died within the past year:

Elaine Lannie Baker Bartter	Conrad Kennedy	John M. Russell
Jo Anne Beatty	Thomas John Landes, Jr.	Doris Stammer
Sid Cammer	Jeffrey A. McQuate	John Allan Strock
Kenneth Edward Crouch	Ruth Pershadi	Twyla Stroup
Joyce Gerber	Robert Nielson	Kay Helm Walton
Tom Allen Gross	Phillip Rice	Judith Ann Ives Wereley
Mark Alan Jameson	Donna RuLon	

FPC Staff:

Amy Baxstrom, Director of Family Ministries
Eric J. Gastier, Director of Music and Organist
Rachel King, Children's Music/Media Coordinator
Donna Bye, Office Administrator
Tim Hall, Building Supervisor

Clerk of Session: Lisa Rumbaugh

FPC Sunday Servers:

	Sunday, November 1	Sunday, November 8
Greeters:	April Gamble	April Gamble
Ushers:	Mark Gooch, Matt Call, Diana Rice, Candace Harrington	Emily Armour, Luke Armour Mark Gooch, Shannon Foster
Sexton:	Ellen Armour	Hudson Baxstrom

Pastoral Care Support

Please contact the office for any Pastoral Care needs. Call 330-264-9420 and leave a message for Donna Bye or email office@firstpreswooster.org or sessionclerk@firstpreswooster.org and someone will connect with you.

FPC Weekly Calendar:

Sunday 11/1	8:45am ARISE	9:15am Sunday School	10:30am Worship
Monday 11/2	10:00am Women's Bible Study	11:30 Men's Luncheon-Green Leaf	12:00pm Rotary
	1:30pm Staff Meeting	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #66	
Tuesday 11/3	Voting Set-Up in Bruch Hall	10:00am Bible Study	
Wednesday 11/4	9:00am Rummage Sale Set-Up	10:00am Life Memory Cafe	11:00am Caregivers
	7:00pm Faith & Nurture		
Thursday 11/5	9:00am Rummage Sale Set-Up	7:00pm FPC Fall Discussion Group	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday 11/6	9:00am Rummage Sale Set-Up		
Saturday 11/7	9:00am Rummage Sale	9:30am Al-Anon	6:30pm SS First Pres Games/Fun
Sunday 11/8	8:45am ARISE	9:15am Sunday School	10:30am Worship
	1:30pm WCCF Youth Foundation		

News and Upcoming Events from First Pres Wooster:

Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale – November 7 (Today's Ministry Focus)

It's time to RUMMAGE! You can start bringing in your items that will become someone else's treasures NOW. Please put them in the corner of the gathering area to the left of the sanctuary doors and next to the hall to the parlor. And it's time to get to work. Volunteer sign-ups are in the gathering area, or you can use the Sign-Up Genius link in the October 29 News Flash. Here's when we'll need workers:

- Wed. Nov. 4 from 9am-noon – set-up racks and tables in Bruch Hall; move stored sale items from gathering area and 2nd-floor storage to Bruch Hall
- Wed. Nov. 4, 1-4pm - arrange sale items on hanging racks and tables.
- Thu. Nov. 5, 9 am-noon – price items.
- Fri. Nov. 6, 9 am-noon – we'll finish up what needs to be done to take a day off!
- Sat. Nov. 7 - The sale will run from 9 am to 1:30 pm. Help will also be needed from 1:30 - 3 pm to place remaining items in Goodwill bins, tear down racks and tables, and cleanup.

Your participation in as many ways as possible will be greatly appreciated. This is a major fund raiser for Women's Fellowship – they use the proceeds for many church and mission projects. Feel free to contact Jenny Moyseenko (cell 330-201-4029, moyseenko.2@gmail.com) or Shannon Foster (cell 330-439-8376, shannonfoster4353@gmail.com) with questions.

ALL ABOARD THE S.S. FIRST PRES! Cruise Games Night — No Passport Required!
Saturday, November 7 from 6:30–8:30 PM

Port of Call: The LoGiudice's House, 1351 Logan Lane
Your Boarding Pass: Bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

Get ready to set sail for an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and fantastic fellowship! We're bringing the fun of cruise ship games to dry land for a night of silly challenges, unexpected surprises, and plenty of laughs!

Whether you're a seasoned cruiser or a first-time passenger, there's a place for everyone aboard the S.S. First Pres! Come for the games, stay for the fellowship, and prepare for a boatload of fun!



First Pres Gets FROZEN! Sunday, November 15 | 2:00 PM

Do You Want to Build a Snowman… or Just Hang Out with Your Church Friends? For the first time in forever… First Pres is heading to Arendelle! Join us for a snow-much fun afternoon at Wooster High School's production of Disney's Frozen!

And here's something even cooler: several of our very own First Pres members are helping bring Arendelle to life, both onstage in the cast and behind the scenes on the production team! What better reason to bundle up, show our support, and cheer on our church family?

We've got a special seating area reserved for First Pres members and friends, because some things are worth melting for… especially a little church fellowship!

Adults: $15 | Students/Children: $12 | Ages 8 & Under: $8

Don't be left out in the cold! Contact Steve LoGiudice to reserve your tickets before this opportunity slips away!

Let it go… let it go… Your Sunday afternoon plans are officially taken care of! The cold never bothered First Pres anyway.