



First Presbyterian Church

Youth Sunday – October 25, 2026

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Prelude

Lied, from “24 pieces en style libre”

Louis Vierne

Eric J. Gastier, organ

Welcome

Amy Baxstrom

Ministry Focus

Stewardship

Tom Rumbaugh

Introit and Baptismal Waters Procession

Oceans

Acadia Webb with Susan Shaffer

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

*Call to Worship

Hope Shaffer

One: When the world around us feels uncertain, where do we find our strength?

All: Our help and strength come from God, our refuge in times of trouble.

One: When fear and confusion fill our hearts, what are we called to do?

All: Be still and know that God is with us.

One: Who fills us with peace as we place our trust in Him?

All: The God of hope fills us with joy and peace through our faith.

One: Let us set aside our worries and turn our hearts toward the Lord.

All: We come to worship, to find hope in His presence, and to share His love with the world.

Let us worship God!

*Prayer of the Day

Nora Davis

Lord, in times of sorrow and discourse, we fall back to your love and light for guidance.

Suffering and trouble does not define us, instead our faith leads us.

Help us to recognize the great love and spirit you have instilled in us.

May we continue to grow and live in the light of God! **Amen**

*Hymn 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Prayer of Confession

Ian Webb

One: Gracious God, in a world filled with uncertainty, division, and fear, we confess that we have sometimes lost sight of Your love and guidance.

All: Forgive us, Lord, and renew our hope in You.

One: When we have judged others, ignored those in need, or chosen anger over understanding, we confess that we have fallen short of Your calling.

All: Forgive us, Lord, and help us to love our neighbors as You have loved us.

One: Let us come before God with humble hearts, trusting in his mercy and the promise of new beginnings.

All: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit with us.

One: May God's grace guide us toward forgiveness, compassion, and hope in a complicated world.

All: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

Mae Kelly

God does not withhold forgiveness from us, but fills us with hope, with joy, with peace.

We are being reconciled to one another, even as we are being called to be reconcilers and peacemakers in our world. Go and shape the world in love and be at peace. **Amen**

*Passing of the Peace

Eliza Davis

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

Children's Moment

Ellen Armour, Addy Hiner, Olivia Kelly

Musical Offering

Deep River

Traditional Spiritual

Lydia Dunlap with Rachel King, piano

Scripture

Romans 8:18-21
(Pew Bible page 148)

Lillee Webb

Senior Reflection

Acadia Webb

Scripture

Romans 8:22-27
(Pew Bible page 148)

Hudson Baxstrom

Senior Reflection

Lydia Dunlap

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11-13
(Pew Bible page 687-8)

Tyler Gordon

Senior Reflection

Olivia Kelly

*Hymn 819

Be Still My Soul

FINLANDIA

Presentation of Confirmation Bibles

Amy Baxstrom

Offering and Substance of Life

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

Offertory

Gravity of Love

Mae Kelly, Kailana James, Hope Shaffer with Susan Shaffer, guitar

*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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Gabe Reith

We ask that you bless these gifts we have brought forth today. We ask that our small gift can help to make an impact in our community. We thank you for presenting us with the opportunity to be able to share our resources and gifts with the community around us.

Candle Lighting Meditation

We invite you to come to the center aisle and light a candle in prayer and meditation.

Meditation Music

One Thing Remains

Hope Shaffer with Susan Shaffer, guitar and vocals

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sawyer Conrad and Noah Shaffer

Hope filled God, as cold falls upon our community, we pray that those less fortunate find warmth in each other and in shelter. As our nation faces a time of separation and difference, may we come together in the light of God. May the rough waters that separate the children of God calm in His presence and may we take this world as our home and celebrate God through preserving and restoring this earth. Thank you for the ancient words you taught us.

**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.**

***Hymn 765**

May the God of Hope Go With Us

ARGENTINA

***Blessing and Benediction**

Romans 15:13

Kailana James

Postlude

Minuet Gothique, from "Suite Gothique"
Eric J. Gastier, organ

Leon Boëllmann

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand.

Bulletin Artwork by Audrey Covey.

Thanks to all of our youth and their families who have helped to make this service happen!

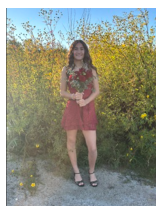
Meet our FPC Youth:



Ellen Armour is a junior at Wooster High School where she is a member of Best Buddies and National Honor Society. She is also a varsity member of the volleyball and lacrosse teams. Her interests include spending time with friends, baking, reading, shopping, and babysitting.



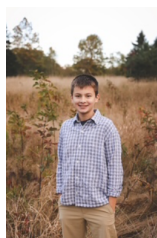
Hudson Baxstrom is a sophomore student-athlete at Wooster High School where he plays football and basketball. When not in school, Hudson loves being outdoors hunting and fishing and playing video games. He is a nature lover and hopes to work with marine animals when he grows up.



Addy Conrad is a freshman at Waynedale high school where she enjoys cross country swimming and track. She enjoys spending time with friends and family.



Makena Conrad is a Junior at Waynedale High School. She is the junior class president and a member of the cross-country, track, and swimming teams. She loves to read and share quality time with her family.



Sawyer Conrad goes to Waynedale Middle School. He runs cross-country and swims for Orville YMCA. He likes to hang out with his friends and family in his spare time.



Audrey Covey is a ninth grader at Triway local schools. She enjoys writing, knitting/crocheting and being outdoors.



Eliza Davis is a 9th grader at Wooster High School. She likes playing volleyball and lacrosse. Eliza enjoys spending time at her Bowen family farm working with her 4-H steers, pigs and lambs and checking on her beloved chickens. Growing up at First Presbyterian, she is grateful for her church family and especially enjoyed her time at Ghost Ranch and helping in the nursery and Godly Play.



Nora Davis is a junior at Wooster High School. She's active in 4-H cattle, pigs and sheep at the Wayne County Fair. She's a member of The Blade Newspaper Staff, Volleyball Team, Best Buddies, NAACP, Wayne County Community Youth Foundation, and handles all things backstage for the WHS musical Frozen. Nora enjoys helping at Meals for All, Youth Group parties at Miss Paula's and the Ghost Ranch trips.



Lydia Dunlap is a senior at Wooster High School, where she is a member of the cross-country team and actively participates in Drama Club, STAND, Green Club, and the Student Leadership Team. She looks forward to attending college next year and discovering where her next adventure will take her!



Tyler Gordon is a sophomore at Wooster high School. He plays on the high school soccer team and basketball teams. He is also on a travel AAU team for basketball in the spring. In his free time, he likes to hang out with family and friends, fish, ski, play pickleball and frisbee golf.



Addison Hiner is a junior at Wooster High School. She is currently serving as co-editor of the high school magazine, and front page and arts editor of the Wooster Blade. She was recently inducted into the National Honors Society and is a member of NAACP. In the winter sports season, she plays basketball for Wooster High; most of her "off" time she can be seen working at Chik-Fil-A.



Andrew James is a junior at Wooster Hight School and enjoys playing tennis on the Varsity team. Additionally, he spends his time as President of the youth NAACP chapter in Wooster; volunteering and promoting inclusion and equality in the community. He also acts as the Vice President of the Green Club and is a member of the WHS Key Club. His favorite part of the day is teaching kids tennis at Aspen Racquet Club.



Kailana James is an eighth grader at Wooster High School. She is a member of the Wooster cross country and track teams. Kailana also is a competitive swimmer for the Wooster YMCA. She enjoys singing in the eight-grade choir. Kailana is thankful for her friends at First Presbyterian.



Everett Kelly is a freshman at Wooster High School. He is a varsity cross country runner and will soon start his high school swim career. Everett enjoys hanging out with his friends. Everett is grateful for the many people who help him and other youth at First Presbyterian.



Mae Kelly is a seventh grader at Edgewood Middle School. Mae just finished playing volleyball with the 7th grade team, and she is already back in the pool for her next swim season. Mae plays the cello in the orchestra. Mae is grateful for the friendships she has made at First Presbyterian.



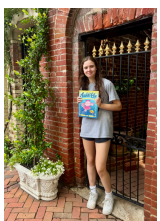
Olivia Kelly is a senior at Wooster High School. She is a varsity swimmer and tennis player as well as an honor roll student. This year she is making her theatrical debut as the front end of Sven the reindeer in Frozen, the musical! Olivia is grateful for the many memories of First Presbyterian.



Hope Shaffer is a freshman at Waynedale High School who loves staying active and involved! She plays basketball, soccer, cross country, and track. Off the field and court, Hope enjoys baking, spending time with friends, and participating in our youth group events.



Noah Shaffer is a junior at Waynedale High School. He runs cross country, track, and is trying out swimming this year. In his free time, he likes to play video games.



Ella Reith is a freshman at Triway High School. She runs cross-country track and is on the basketball team. She loves drawing, hanging out with friends, and reading.



Gabriel Reith is a junior at Triway High School. He plays baseball and is on the robotics team. He is a member of the Wayne County Community Youth Foundation and has served as a counselor for Outdoor Education and Camp Invention. He loves the Guardians and is interested in engineering and architecture.



Cadie Webb is a senior at Wooster High School. She's passionate about justice and does more than her part to try to push politicians toward it. Theatre is her other main love; if she could spend all day every day with Ohio Light Opera, she probably would (no disrespect to WHS Drama Club or Advanced Theatre Class!). Next year, she's hoping to go to college somewhere northern (Bates is the current favorite) and will likely major in... you guessed it, Theatre and Political Science.



Ian Webb is in 8th grade at Wooster High School. While his opinions on TV shows and movies can be pretty narrow (witty action produced after ~2010...), he's otherwise pretty diverse in his interests and skills. He enjoys Fortnite and Minecraft and is testing the waters of being a YouTube content creator (please subscribe). In Academic Challenge, he specializes in math, religion, baseball, and mythology. He can carry on a pretty deep conversation as well as crack some jokes that are funny even to adults!



Lilee Webb is a sophomore at Wooster High School. She's a pretty eclectic person and is willing to try out almost anything, especially if she likes the people who are part of it. Right now, that means Band (flute), Speech & Debate, Academic Challenge and Key Club. If her parents were more generous, she'd also be in ski club and figure skating, which are her actual favorite activities right now. She's a smart, curious kid who can enjoy learning almost anything if it's well taught (except physics. Sorry to any physics profs out there!)



JR Wright is a sophomore student-athlete at Wooster High School, where he plays football, basketball, and baseball. A strong student with a particular interest in the sciences, he balances academics and athletics with a love for the outdoors and staying active. He enjoys fishing, golfing, and playing pickleball in his "free" time. Kind-hearted, full of energy, and always eager to make the most of every opportunity, he approaches life with enthusiasm, a zest for adventure, and an infectious smile that brightens every room he enters.

FPC Affiliations:



**More Light
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**Earth Care
Congregation**



**Matthew 25
Church**

Spotlight on 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.

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:

	<u>Sunday, October 25</u>	<u>Sunday, November 1</u>
Greeters:	Audrey Covey, Hudson Baxstrom, Tyler Gordon	April Gamble
Ushers:	JR Wright, Noah Shaffer Hope Shaffer, Sawyer Conrad	Kathy Turning, Matt Call, Diana Rice, Candace Harrington

Sexton: Addy Hiner

Ellen Armour

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.

Prayer and Care for each Other during Worship

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to have read during the Prayers of the People, please fill out a card (found in the pew racks or on the table with the bulletins) and place into the tray up front before or during Passing of the Peace.

Please use short messages; taking care that it is permissible to share info if using names.

FPC Weekly Calendar:

Sunday 10/25	9:15am Sunday School	10:30am Worship–Youth Sunday	
Monday 10/26	10:00am Women’s Bible Study	12:00pm Rotary	1:30pm Staff Meeting
	5:30pm Meals For All	7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #66	7:00pm PNC Meeting
Tuesday 10/27	10:00am Bible Study	6:00pm RDM Meeting	
Wednesday 10/28	10:00am Life Memory Cafe	11:00am Caregivers	11:30am Wooster Safety Council
	7:00pm Session Meeting		
Thursday 10/29	7:00pm Fall Discussion Group	7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday, 10/31	9:30am Al-Anon		
Sunday, 11/1	8:45am ARISE	9:15am Sunday School	10:30am Worship-All Saint’s

News and Upcoming Events:

Mixed Company will meet Friday, October 30th at 11:30 for lunch at the Basil Asian Bistro.

Please telephone or email Elaine Arnold by Wednesday, October 28th if you are planning to attend.

"For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest"

During the All Saints’ Day service in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 1, First Presbyterian Church will recognize those saints who have died within the past year. Names will be read and a white rose will be given to a family member or friend. If you would like a loved one of yours to be included, please contact the church office (330-264-9420) by October 22nd.

For Such a Time as This: An Invitation to a Sunday morning class being held November 1 and November 8 at 9:15AM in Bruch Hall.

Come for a cup of coffee (support our youth's café!) and chat with members of the Resource Development Ministry team about this year’s stewardship campaign and the financial needs of the church.

We live in a world that often feels fractured, hurried, and uncertain. Yet, scripture reminds us that God does not place us in a specific time and location by accident. This year, our congregation is embarking on our annual stewardship season under the theme “For Such a Time as This.”

True stewardship is far more than balancing a church budget or meeting a financial obligation. It is a vital spiritual discipline and a joyful act of storytelling. Through our shared resources, we tell the story of God’s abundance, transforming our money, time, and talent into tangible instruments of grace and justice.

When you make a commitment to support our ministry, your gifts extend far beyond these walls.

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!

Out with the old, in with the new – Stuff!
Our annual Thrift and Gift Rummage sale
will be held Saturday, November 7.

But you don't need to wait till then to clean house! Old school clothes? Items you haven't used in years? Donated items will be collected on the first Sunday of each month.

Bring your items next Sunday and leave them in the gathering area near the coat racks by the Parlor hallway.

There will also be help needed the following week to sort, price, and sell items as well as set-up and tear-down.

Any questions, please contact Carla Hall, 614-761-3906, or Carol Gates, 708-218-7398, or the church office.



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!

