

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 2024

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>Partita on 'Simple Gifts'</i> Eric J. Gastier, organ	Noel Goemanne
WELCOME		Ann Gastier
STEWARDSHIP FOCUS	The 2025 Pledge Campaign	Lisa Rumbaugh
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>God Made All Things Good (by Cindy Berry)</i>	Godly Play and Bible Town

\*CALL TO WORSHIP + Joan Firmin

One: As children of God, we can trust that we are loved.

**All: With all our questions we can trust that we are accepted.**

One: Let us gather boldly in this place to love and serve God,  
so that we may go boldly into the world to love and serve others.

**All: And may the blessing of God—birth-giver, pain-bearer, and life-bringer—  
be with us now and always.**

**Come, let us worship our God of healing and wholeness.**

\*PRAYER +

Gracious God, you are the hope of all the earth. Everywhere we turn, you are there,  
loving your creation in the midst of all our struggles, in the face of all our violence.  
You have given us hearts that question suffering and minds that resist easy answers.  
Be with us now as we ponder the mysteries of existence  
and the part we are to play in your world. **Amen**

\*HYMN 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CONFESSION +

**All: Searching God, we have heard you calling in the night.  
Your Spirit calls each of us, but we are often reluctant to heed that call.  
The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward.  
Yet we cling to the fragile familiarities, to securities, and to safety.  
Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people.  
Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be your church.**

*Here 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

Amy Baxstrom

ANTHEM *For He Shall give His Angels Charge Over Thee*, from 'Elijah' *Felix Mendelssohn*  
(text" Psalm 91"11-12)

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

Ann Gastier

\*HYMN 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Today, we continue receiving the Peacemaking Offering.

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

OFFERTORY

*Aria*

*Flor Peeters*

\*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

**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 336

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God (Marche Triomphale)*

*Sigfrid Karl-Elert*

\* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand.

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

**The flowers today: Congratulations on your birthday, Susie Slack! Love, Steve.**

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

Sunday Greeters:	October 20 – Mark & Cheryl Gooch	October 27 – Valerie Lippert
Sunday Ushers:	October 20 – Pam Giffin, Rick & Deb Maxwell Zeiters, Susie Slack	
Sunday Sexton:	October 20 – Aiden Hiner	October 27 – Calin Baxstrom
Sunday, Oct. 20	8:45 am ARISE – Chapel	9:15 am Sunday School    10:30 am Worship
Monday, Oct. 21	9:00 am Staff Mtg.	12:00 pm Rotary
Tuesday, Oct. 22	9:30 am Bible Study	4:00 pm People to People Financial Literacy
	6:00 pm RDM Meeting	6:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 66
Wednesday, Oct. 23	10:00 am Memory Café	11:30 am Wooster Chamber    7:00 pm Session
Thursday, Oct. 24	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm Fall Book Discussion Group – Parlor
Saturday, Oct. 26	9:30 am Al-Anon	12:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 66
Sunday, Oct. 27	8:45 am ARISE – Chapel	9:15 am Sunday School    10:30 am Worship
	12:00 pm FPC Chili Bowl Tailgate Potluck – Bruch Fellowship Hall	



## You're Invited to a First Presbyterian Chili Bowl Tailgate Potluck

Get ready to kick off the fun with a delicious spread and a friendly chili cook-off!

Whether you're a chili champion or just excited to sample the tailgate options, there's something for everyone. You don't even need to like football!



### Details:

Date: Sunday, October 27

Time: Right after the 10:30am service

Location: Bruch Hall

What to Bring: Your favorite tailgate dish or a pot of your best chili!

If you'd like, come dressed in your favorite team's gear and definitely bring your appetite!

Let's make this a game winning fellowship event for everyone in our church!

Please sign up to bring chili or another a dish to share. Make it your goal to be there!

Sign-up on the gathering area counter!



The date for Adopt a Highway clean-up will be October 24th from 11:00am-1:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Carla Hall at [carlahall2000@gmail.com](mailto:carlahall2000@gmail.com)



### Fall Rummage Sale - Saturday, November 2, 2024

The Rummage Sale is an *all-hands-on-deck* project which earns funds for FPC Women's Fellowship. The proceeds are used to support FPC youth programming and scholarships, community outreach, mission, kitchen maintenance, and building improvements.

This is a great way to get involved, get to know others in the congregation, and fellowship with old friends. Please consider volunteering for this worthy project. Able bodied helpers are especially needed Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning, and late Saturday afternoon for clean-up. Many hands make light work.

The Rummage Sale is an opportunity for the entire congregation to have those unwanted items in your home moved along. Before recycling, consider reducing and reusing. Your *no-longer-wanted* items will be treasures to others. Feel free to ask friends, family members, and *anyone* to contribute stuff.

Starting Sunday, Oct. 27, feel free to drop off sale items in the gathering area near the hallway to the parlor. We will need help the week before the sale to set-up, and help the day of the sale to tear down.

Your participation in as many ways as possible will be greatly appreciated. Contact Carla Hall (cell 614-761-3906, [carlahall2000@gmail.com](mailto:carlahall2000@gmail.com) or Shannon Foster (cell 330-439-8376, [birdgarden@sssnet.com](mailto:birdgarden@sssnet.com)) if you have any questions.



Ringers wanted! Handbells are starting! Anyone fifth grade through adults are welcome, whether you have experience or not. We will meet weekly on Sundays from 8:30-9:00am in Classroom 2 starting October 27 to prepare for Advent.

Let Rachel know if you have any questions at [rking@firstpreswooster.org](mailto:rking@firstpreswooster.org)

### ***"For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest"***

During the All Saints Day service on November 3, 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**.