

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21, 2024

10:15 a.m.

VOLUNTARY

Pastorale, from 'Sonata I'

F. Alexandre Guilmant

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Ann Gastier

PRELUDE

Gavotte

André Grétry

*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Susie Slack

One: We gather as a human community, ordinary in all things yet extraordinary in this:
in God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

**All: We are business people and artisans, teachers and healthcare professionals,
shop owners and office workers, parents, children, siblings, and partners.**

In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

One: We bring a variety of expressions and beliefs, ethnicities and traditions,
backgrounds and orientations. In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.

**All: We delight in one another, work together, disagree at times,
and support each other always. In God's Spirit, we become the Body of Christ.
Come, let us worship together.**

*PRAYER +

We come, O God, from our individual worlds and all the life they hold into this shared space and time. Here we catch a glimpse of a vision beyond ourselves; in eyes met, hands held, and words spoken we see the Body of Christ. May this community take on the shape of your gracious love and sincere forgiveness as we live as the Body of Christ in your world. **Amen**

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 12:1-6

Psalms 147 :1-7

Pew Bible page 603, 549

CONFESSION +

One: Living God, being together gives time to reflect on our presence in your world.
We confess that sometimes our lives do not reflect the abundance of your love.
Forgive us, God, and make us whole.

**All: We confess that sometimes our living does not reflect our gratitude
for all you give so freely.**

**When we do not live as neighbors, when anger controls our actions,
when we walk away from hard conversations, when we avoid our own guilt
and fail to build up the Body of Christ, forgive us, God, and make us whole.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

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

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me; Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me**

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 never-failing love. Thanks be to God! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Susan Shaffer

SERMON

Making It Personal

Ann Gastier

*HYMN (bulletin insert)

In the Garden

GARDEN

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:73-77

Psalm 63:1-4

Pew Bible page 536, 498

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

*Morceau de Concours**Gabriel Fauré*

*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 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**HERE I AM (Schutte)*

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Pew Bible page 581

*HYMN 306 verses 1 and 4

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare, from 'LaPéri'**Paul Dukas*

* Asterisk indicates places in the service to stand. + Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*.

The flowers today are given to Susie Slack from Steve Slack: Happy 54th Anniversary!

Flutist **Catherine Butler** is a Michigan native. In May she completed her master's degree in flute performance at Boston University. She holds a bachelor's in instrumental instruction and flute performance from Wayne State University in Detroit. Catherine was recently a finalist in the James Pappoutsakis Memorial Flute Competition in Boston. She enjoys serving as assistant music director for the BU Catholic Center where she sings and plays piano.

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:	July 21 – Jon & Edith Swank	July 28 – Mark & Cheryl Gooch	
Sunday Ushers:	July 21 – Pam Giffin, Mimi Lewellen, Kathy Turning, Nancy Young		
Sunday Sexton:	July 21 – Lydia Dunlap	July 28 – Megan Armour	
Sunday, July 21	9:45 am Fellowship	10:15 am Worship	7:30 pm OLO Concert
Monday, July 22	8:00 am Buckeye Book Fair – Lower Level		
	9:30 am Staff Mtg.	10:30 am Women's Bible Study	12:00 pm Rotary
Tuesday, July 23	8:00 am Book Fair	9:30 am Bible Study	10:00 am Walk and Talk
	6:00 pm Boy Scouts	7:00 pm God's Trailblazers	
Wednesday, July 24	8:00 am Buckeye Book Fair – Lower Level		
	10:00 am Life Memory Café	11:30 am Wooster Chamber of Commerce	
Thursday, July 25	8:00 am Buckeye Book Fair – Lower Level		
Friday, July 26	8:00 am Buckeye Book Fair – Lower Level		
Saturday, July 27	9:30 am Al-Anon	12:00 pm Cub Scouts	
Sunday, July 28	9:30 am Deacon Parish Conversation in Parlor		
	9:45 am Fellowship	10:15 am Worship Service	



Sunday Night Summer Concert on July 21

Come and enjoy “An Evening of Chamber Music” presented by members of the Ohio Light Opera Orchestra. A yearly tradition, “An Evening of Chamber Music” gives audience members the opportunity to delight in a wide variety of chamber music specially prepared by OLO orchestra members.

Concert time is 7:30 pm on Sunday, July 21st. The concert venue will be the Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 353 E. Pine Street on the College of Wooster campus. A free will offering will be received (admission is free). Come and treat yourself to a wonderful evening of music!



GOD'S TRAILBLAZERS

This group paused for a little bit, but we're excited to be back for some fellowship to enjoy the beauty of nature and all of the wonderful benefits it provides. Please join us for an opportunity in July, weather permitting. We will walk for about an hour, but you are welcome to leave earlier if needed.

-Tuesday, July 23rd at 7 pm-Wooster Memorial Park-5197 Silver Rd, Wooster.

***We will meet in the first paved parking lot by the open field and paths.**

Questions? Contact Carrie Gordon at (614) 565-3541 or email

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