

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 2024

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE *Praeludium und Fuge in g-moll* *Dieterich Buxtehude*
Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS *Peace and Global Witness Offering* Susie Slack

CHORAL INTROIT *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* ENGELBERG

*CALL TO WORSHIP + Lydia Dunlap

One: We are gathered here with all our hopes and longings.

All: We are gathered here with all our dreams and disappointments.

One: We are gathered here to play our part in this community's call for justice and peace.

All: O God, we call—from deep inside we yearn for you.

Come, let us worship our God of Healing and Wholeness.

*PRAYER +

God of all our hopes and longings, you nurture us to have the courage to live life to its fullest.

You are the breath of our sighing, the prayer of our longing, the song of our praise.

Help us, to recognize the times in which we live and to choose to live faithfully.

Grant us courage to stand with and speak for those at risk. As we are able,

help us to preserve community and redeem the time you entrust into our hands. **Amen**

*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION +

One: Loving and gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves.

All: You know our hurts and fears and discouragements.

One: Forgive us when our actions and non-actions hurt others and ourselves.

All: Heal us when we give up hope and allow fear to determine our choices.

One: Help us when we forget our deeper selves and allow shallow self-interest to rule the day.

All: Empower us to follow your grace wherever it may be found.

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

The Heavens Are Telling, from 'The Creation'
soloists: Gabby Hoo, Ethan Yoder, Paul Zito

Franz Josef Haydn

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible page 42

SERMON

Carrying Water

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

Andante tranquillo, from 'Sonata III'

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fuge in g-moll ('Little')

Johann Sebastian Bach

* 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

Sunday Greeters:	September 29 – Herman Gibbs	October 6 – Ted & Karen Short
Sunday Ushers:	September 29 – Kris Evans, April Gamble, Mark Gooch, Susie Slack	
Sunday Sexton:	September 29 – Lydia Dunlap	October 6 – Megan Armour
Sunday, Sept. 29	8:45 am ARISE – Chapel	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
	2:30 pm Celebration of the Life of Nancy Anderson – CoW McGaw Hall	
	4:00 pm Youth Party at Paula's	5:30 pm Blessing Animals – Christmas Run
Monday, Sept. 30	9:00 am Staff Mtg.	12:00 pm Rotary 5:30 pm Meals for All
Tuesday, Oct. 1	9:30 am Bible Study	6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Oct. 2	10:00 am Life Memory Café	7:00 pm Faith & Nurture
Thursday, Oct. 3	7:00 pm WACPAC – Upstairs' Classroom	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm First Presbyterian Fall Book Discussion Group – Parlor	
	6:30 pm Home Energy Savings presentation at UU Fellowship	
Friday, Oct. 4	9:00 am Coats for Kids Set-up in Bruch Hall	
	10:00 am Friends of WSO – Chapel	10:45 am Parkinson's Network
	5:30 pm Mixed Company at Broken Rocks	7:00 pm WACPAC
Saturday, Oct. 5	9:30 am Al-Anon	7:00 pm WACPAC
Sunday, Oct. 6	8:45 am ARISE – Chapel	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
	4:00 pm Fall Festival in the FPC parking lot	



Mixed Company will meet Friday, October 4th at 5:30 PM at Broken Rocks Cafe in downtown Wooster. We will be in the back room. Please let Kathy Turning know by October 1st if you will be joining us. Her telephone number is 330-347-6620.



Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

Our annual Fall Festival is Sunday, October 6 from 4:00pm-6:00pm. This event reaches over 200 people in our community. I am always appreciative of your donations that help make this event happen. Donations of candy, time, car trunks, money, and volunteers are necessary to facilitate this event. If you want to help, please click below and sign-up!

Thank you!
Amy Baxstrom