

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2025

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Adagio in E*

*Frank Bridge*

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

*PC(USA) Disaster Relief – California Fires*

Diana Rice

CHORAL INTROIT

*Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord (Psalm 36)*

*Thomas Tallis*

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Janet Calhoun

One: Who are we, gathered in this place?

**All: We are a people called from scarcity to abundance.**

One: What are we challenged to do?

**All: We are called to leave our own self-centered ways and walk in the Way of Jesus.  
We are called from fear to love and from grief to joy.**

One: We are here to worship God and to be empowered as God's people  
for God's mission in the world.

PRAYER +

God of the prophets of old and of our own time, this weekend as we remember and celebrate  
the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., may we step up to the challenge  
of prophetic witness and action to your radically inclusive love.

Help us to have courage to stand with the oppressed, to lift up the poor,  
to live into your Divine ways of peace demonstrated in the life of Jesus.

Give us the strength to build a better future for all your children. **Amen**

HYMN 81

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*AUSTRIAN HYMN*

CONFESSION +

**All: Creator God, you make us a net to gather the lost; you open a doorway  
to welcome the stranger.**

**You make us a light to summon those who live in the shadows.**

**But too often, we have not gathered, we have not welcomed, we have not summoned  
those persons and those places within our own hearts that long for your warmth.**

**Forgive our resistance, our reluctance, and our self-centered spirits.**

**Help us to trust in your presence and power.**

**Send us forth to be your people who embody the Way of Jesus.**

*Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.*

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

When we lay down our fears and defenses, there is room for forgiveness and love.  
The former ways of resistance crumble and we are shaped into a community  
of creative freedom, of spirited living, of peace. **Alleluia! Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Baxstrom

ANTHEM

*Light Divine*

*Alexander Archangelsky*

Scripture

John 2:1-11

Pew Bible page 87

SERMON

*Drawing the Water and Filling the Jars*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

*Tranquillo ma con moto*

*Herbert Howells*

\*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 300

*We Are One in the Spirit*

*THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS*

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Epilogue*

*Norman Gilbert*

\* 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:	January 19 – Nancy Young	January 26 – Mickey Asleson	
Sunday Ushers:	January 19 – Pam Giffin, Sue Hermon, Mimi Lewellen, Nancy Young		
Sunday Sexton:	January 19 – Lydia Dunlap	January 26 – Megan Armour	
Sunday, January 19	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship
	1:00 – 4:00 pm MLK Celebration Oratorio Rehearsal		
Monday, January 20	Offices Closed for MLK Day	12:00 pm Rotary	5:30 pm Faith & Worship
	5:45 pm Reception for MLK Essay Winners	7:00 pm MLK Celebration	
Tuesday, January 21	9:30 am Bible Study (CANCELLED)		4:00 pm Inkies Cards
	6:00 pm Boy Scouts		
Wednesday, Jan. 22	8:00 am Personnel	10:00 am Life Memory Café	7:00 pm Session
	7:30 pm <i>Borderland</i> film in the Gault Recital Hall in the Scheide Music Center		
Thursday, January 23	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal		
Saturday, January 25	9:30 am Al-Anon	10:00 am George Spencer Memorial Calling Hours	
	12:00 pm George Spencer Memorial Service	1:00 pm Memorial Lunch	
Sunday, January 26	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SERVICE**



**Featuring *The Movement Revisited: A Musical Portrait of Four Icons* directed by J.D. Steele with 4 Narrators, the College of Wooster Jazz Ensemble and Gospel Choir.**

**The Dr. Martin Luther King Essay Contest Winners for 2025**  
will be presented with their awards.

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 20, 2025-7pm**

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