

# First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Gavotte & Aria*  
Eric J. Gastier, organ

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

MINISTRY FOCUS

*Souper Bowl of Caring*

Elli Gordon

CHORAL INTROIT

*Ubi Caritas*

*Jacques Berthier*

Where charity and love are, God is there.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP +

Kim Ogle

One: On this day, which is holy, we gather, not alone, but as Christ's body;

**All: called as a people of hope, we gather.**

One: On this day of wonder and renewal, we gather, not in isolation,  
but as a community of faith;

**All: called to care for one another, we gather.**

One: On this day of prayer and praise, of silence and song, we gather,  
to prepare ourselves for joyful service;

**All: called and inspired by a vision of grace, we gather.**

\*PRAYER +

Loving God, we come together as a community, as the Body of Christ, as your people, to love you and serve others. We thank you for being here with us, even as you are always in us. We offer ourselves as grateful agents of your Spirit. As we strive to be ever more faithful, open our hearts to be joyful channels of your love, O God, so that we may live out that love in the world. **Amen**

\*HYMN 346

*For the Healing of the Nations*

*ST. THOMAS (Wade)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION +

**All: God of steadfast love, we are united by you as members of Christ's one body,  
through the work of your Spirit.**

**Yet there are times when we disown one another.**

**We reject those whom you accept,**

**cutting ourselves off from those whom we need and who need us.**

**Forgive us, gracious God, and help us forgive others.**

**Heal our quarrelsome natures and our warring madness; grant us grace  
to embrace one another and work together as sons and daughters  
of your redeeming love for the good of all creation.**

*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

*Ave Verum Corpus (Hail, True Body)*

Colin Mawby

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible pages 164, 656

SERMON

*Words to Say . . . Words to Do*

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY

*Andante tranquillo, from 'Capriol Suite'*

Peter Warlock

\*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**

\*HYMN 529

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

UNION SEMINARY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING 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**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 379

*We Shall Overcome*

WE SHALL OVERCOME

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Postlude in d-minor*

Eric H. Thiman

\* 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 and ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Sunday Greeters: February 2 – Don & Karen James                      February 9 – Tom & Lisa Rumbaugh  
Sunday Ushers:    February 2 – Kris Evans, Tim Fair, April Gamble, Mimi Lewellen  
Sunday Sexton:    February 2 – Elli Gordon    February 9 – Aiden Hiner  
Communion Servers: Paula Abrecht, Nora Davis, Wes Davis, Mimi Lewellen

Sunday, February 2	8:45 am	ARISE	9:15 am	Sunday School	10:30 am	Worship
					3:00 pm	Wooster Chamber Music in Gault Recital Hall – Borromeo Quartet
Monday, February 3	11:30 am	Men's Lunch	12:00 pm	Rotary	1:30 pm	Admin Staff
Tuesday, February 4	9:30 am	Bible Study			6:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Feb. 5	10:00 am	Life Memory Café			7:00 pm	Faith & Nurture
Thursday, Feb. 6	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm	<i>Great Decisions</i> at the College		
Friday, February 7	10:00 am	WC Parkinson's Network				
Saturday, February 8	9:30 am	Al-Anon				
Sunday, February 9	8:45 am	ARISE	9:15 am	Sunday School	10:30 am	Worship

Donna Bye – Office Administrator  
Amy Baxstrom – Director of Family Ministries  
Rachel King – Director of Children's Music and Church Media Coordinator  
Tim Hall – Building Supervisor



LECTURE SERIES



# Energy Transition & Global Geopolitics

All events at 7:30 p.m.  
Free and open to the public

Gault Recital Hall in Scheide Music Center  
525 E. University St., Wooster

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## The Geopolitics of the Energy Transition

**Dan Scholten** Visiting scholar at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota and an expert on the global geopolitics of energy transition.

THURSDAY

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## Film + Q&A with Director: *Powerlands*

Directed by **Ivey Camille Manybeads Tso**  
Trailer: [powerlands.org](http://powerlands.org)  
Run time: 75 minutes

A young Navajo filmmaker investigates the displacement of Indigenous people and the devastation of the environment caused by the same chemical companies that have exploited the land where she was born.

TUESDAY

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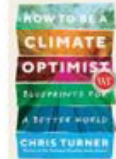
## Why Should Christians Care about an Energy Transition?

**Jessica Moerman** Environmental scientist, pastor, and president of the Evangelical Environmental Network.

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## Global Energy and the Case for Climate Optimism

**Chris Turner** Expert on the economics of the global energy transition and author of the book *How To Be A Climate Optimist*, which tells a story of a planet in peril and a global effort already beginning to save it.

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