

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025

10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

CHORAL INTROIT

Praising Song

Marvin Curtis

CALL TO WORSHIP +

Aiden Hiner

One: On this day, we gather in the oneness of sisters and brothers to celebrate God's gifts.

**All: We hear the call to rekindle our spirits
and to receive strength for our common tasks.**

One: On this day we will share the bread and the cup,
these symbols of God's self-giving love and grace.

**All: Let us open our hearts to accept these gifts,
seeking the grace to walk in God's ways.**

Come, let us worship together.

PRAYER +

God beyond all names, you have drawn us from deep within ourselves into your loving net of grace. Strengthen us to cast such a net of justice and mercy and love into the depths of this community and the world, that all might be enfolded in your realm. **Amen**

HYMN 170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

CONFESSION +

One: In the midst of our business as usual, you come close to us, O God;
you draw us in and invite us to go deep.

You assure us that in the deep places we will find new life in abundance.

You ask us to trust and to take risks — to cast ourselves fully into the depths
of community where we will find our true selves and be empowered to serve.

All: We hear your invitation, but we do not always respond in faith.

**Because of fear, habit, and closed hearts, we hold back and do not follow your lead.
What you offer is exactly what we need, yet we often reject your love.**

God of endless grace, search for us again, we pray.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Franz Schubert

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

Pew Bible page 58

SERMON

Into Deep Water

OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

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

OFFERTORY *The Peace May Be Exchanged, from 'Rubrics'*

Dan Locklair

*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 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare-Trumpet Tune

Franklin D. Ashdown

* 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 9 – Tom & Lisa Rumbaugh	February 16 – Doug & Deb Smith	
Sunday Ushers:	February 9 – Pam Giffin, Jack & Julie Miller, Susie Slack		
Sunday Sexton:	February 9 – Aiden Hiner	February 16 – Calin Baxstrom	
Sunday, February 9	8:45 am ARISE	9:15 am Sunday School	10:30 am Worship
Monday, Feb. 10	12:00 pm Rotary	1:30 pm Admin Staff	5:00 pm Nominating
	7:15 pm Clear Fork River Trout Unlimited		
Tuesday, February 11	9:30 am Bible Study		6:00 pm Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Feb. 12	10:00 am Life Memory Café		7:00 pm Faith & Practice
Thursday, Feb. 13	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal		
Friday, February 14	10:00 am WC Parkinson's Network		
Saturday, February 15	9:30 am Al-Anon	10:00 am Wooster Advocacy Network	
Sunday, February 16	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

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