



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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April 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Come, let us go forth, guided by the Spirit,
to the places where God calls us.

**We come as seekers on the journey,
eager to find the waters of life.**

From every corner of the earth,
let us remember and turn to the Lord.

**We gather to worship before Him, to proclaim His
deliverance, and to celebrate His presence among us.**

May our hearts live forever in the
praise of the One who calls us together.

**Together we will tell of His works,
for He has done great things!**

* Hymn #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that too often our love fails. We do not love one another as you have loved us. We hold back your love from those who need it most and close our hearts where we should open them wide. We ignore your command, neglecting to love our brothers and sisters whom we see daily, yet profess to love You whom we have not seen. Forgive us, Lord, for not living as you live and for letting fear overcome our call to love. Cleanse us from selfishness and renew a right spirit within us, so that we may love as you love, without fear or hesitation.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Every branch within us that bears no fruit, God has removed.
We have been cleansed by the Word that has been spoken to us.

Those who abide in the Lord are restored and renewed.

Thanks be to God!

*** Gloria Patri**

Hymnal #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen!

*** Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon

Rev. Justin Miller

*** Hymn #519**

You Are My All in All

Jernican

*** Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

Apostles' Creed

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Amazing Grace
(My Chains Are Gone)
Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Tom Fettke

*** Doxology**

Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

* **Hymn #300** *They'll Know We are Christians* They'll Know

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Lani Smith

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Justin Miller, Pastor; Marti Kelley, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Director/Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Parker Shablak; Sound Technician; Debbie Cover, Barista.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

Wiggle bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance to help children feel included and engaged during the worship service.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

Announcements

New Members: Have you been thinking about joining this church that you have come to enjoy and love so much? If so, please contact the office (513-422-6365) so we can put together a group of new members.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study "If you are interested in diving deeper into God's Word in a different, more casual, setting as compared to Sunday morning, join us for the Tuesday Morning Bible Study. It is a time to gather, discuss, and learn from one another how God's Word is speaking to and through each of us. We will be hosting Bible studies at the church, meeting tentatively each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. For the next several weeks we will be going through the book of Ruth. If you are interested in receiving weekly email reminders send an email to justin@fpcmiddletown.com and you will get added to the Bible Study list. We look forward to seeing you there!"

Sanctuary Choir will rehearse on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

M&M (Men & More) Monthly Outing: Everyone is invited to join this group for dinner and fellowship at Wildwood Golf Club, 601 Aberdeen Dr. on **Tuesday, May 14**. Fellowship begins approximately at 5:00 and we usually order dinner around 5:30. We hope to see you there.

Prayer list

To submit prayer requests, please use the prayer card found in the pew in front of you. These may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. The submitted requests will be included here next week.

Family of Sue	Paul McNulty	Nettie Washington
Bowling	Chuck & Carol Minge	Family of Wanda
Mary Brehm	Adam Montgomery	Williams
Paula Cohen	Bill & Lynn Price	Joy: Justin was
Mary Sue Edwards	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	ordained on
Helen Haass	Geneva Shea	Wednesday. Our
Mike Hamlin	Darryl Spansky	thoughts and prayers
Dorothy Hare	Bill & Lynn Thomas	are with him.
Corrin Maure		

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