



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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April 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Robert Elmore

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship (responsive)**

God is the Alpha and Omega,

the One who is, who was, and who is to come.

The Lord has set us free from our sins.

Glory and dominion belong to Christ, now and forever. Let us worship God.

*** Hymn #236**

The Strife is O'er

Victory

*** Prayer of Confession (unison)**

O God of our ancestors, we confess that we are too easily intimidated by human authority; we have been slow to receive the gift of repentance and to render you the obedience to which your Spirit calls us. Forgive our sins, and give us courage to testify to your risen Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his victory over death. Fashion us into the people you have called us to be, even in this very act of confession.

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

*** 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

Psalm 133:1-3

Scripture

1 John 1:1-2:2

Sermon

Justin Miller

*** Hymn #306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; 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

Because He Lives William & Gloria Gaither
Tony Susco, baritone

Prayer Cards

Nancy Peterson

*** 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.

*** Hymn #460**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Bread of Life

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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.

* **Hymn #268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Diademata

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *The Strife is O'er* Gordon Young

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.

Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Justin Miller, Pastor; Rev. Ed McNulty, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Tony Susco, Soloist/Song Leader; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, 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

Monday 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 Monday 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 Monday at 9:45 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, April 9**. 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.

Abby & baby	Mike Hamlin	Family of Skip Salome
Doug Alder	Becky Hillshafer	Richard Sandefur
Briana Boyle	Mary Hiteshew	Gene Schaefer
Mary Brehm	Corrin Maure	Geneva Shea
John Cloud	Paul McNulty	Rob Sickling
Carol Croake	Leslie & Neal Mindrum	Mary Ellen Stilianos
Mary Sue Edwards	Andrew Muskopf	The Swope Family
The Edwards family	Phyllis	Brian T.
Lynne Getter	Larry Price	Bill & Lynn Thomas
Helen Haass	Danny Raleigh	Dustin Vincent
The Hale family	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	Connie Willis

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