



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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March 17, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This

Zach Unke

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 126

Those who sow with tears

Will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping

Will return home with shouts of joy.

*** Hymn #305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

*** Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Gracious God, you have chosen us to be your people and to praise your glory; but we confess that we have overlooked the presence of Jesus Christ in our midst, neglected the poor, and placed our confidence in the flesh. Forgive us, O God, for the selfish gains we have accrued are nothing compared to knowing Christ. Do not remember our former sins or consider the things of old. Restore the fortunes of your people, that we, with your whole creation, may declare your praise.

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jeremiah 31:34

We have been promised that God's law has been written on our hearts, from the least to the greatest, says the LORD; for God will forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.

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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

Scripture John 12:20-33

Sermon Justin Miller

* **Hymn #724** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Angel's Story

* **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 *The Shepherd Became a Lamb* Mark Hayes
Tara Downie, soprano

* **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.

* **Hymn #833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* St. Margaret

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *As the Deer Runs to the River* C. Uehlein

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Justin Miller, Pastor; Marty Hensler, Worship Assistant; Janet Scott, Organist/Pianist; Tara Downie, Soloist/Song Leader; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Lynne Wiley, Barista.

The deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Raylene Pelfrey**, who died on March 13. Raylene's Memorial Service will be on Monday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m. A committal will follow the service in the Memorial Garden.

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

The Book Study (formerly Bible Study) will meet on Monday in the Memorial Room at 9:30 a.m. The group has been reading a book, suggested by a member, *THE THIRD SIDE: Why We Fight and How We Can Stop*. Copies have been ordered and can be picked up at the church office.

Easter Egg Hunt: We will have an Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday, March 24, following worship. Invite families you know who have children.

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

We are still collecting items for Hope House. The mission currently serves more than 50,000 meals per year. The three main needs for the mission continue to be shower shoes (rubber flip flops) and reusable water bottles.

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.

John & Judy Andrews	Mike Hamlin	Larry Price
Sue Barner	Evelyn Hensler	Danny Raleigh
Peg Bosch	Becky Hillshafer	Thelma & Julie Ramsey
Brianna Boyle	Tom & Suzanne LaFayette	Lynne Rentschler
Mary Brehm	Corrin Maure	Geneva Shea
Clare	Paul McNulty	Brian T.
John Cloud	Neal & Leslie Mindrum	Bill & Lynn Thomas
Mary Sue Edwards	Family of Raylene Pelfrey	Joyce Zigler
Helen Haass	Phyllis	

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CALENDAR

Sunday	17	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	18	9:30 a.m.	Book Study
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Session
Tuesday	19	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		4:00 p.m.	Middletown Teachers
		5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	20	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship at Triple Moon
		6:30 p.m.	Renaissance Ringers
		7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	21	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Palm Sunday	24	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt