



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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May 12, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

There's a Land that is Fairer than Day Arr. John Purifoy
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Arr. D. E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Psalm 1:1-3

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,

and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

* Hymn #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and Gracious God, We confess that we often seek our own path, following the advice of the world rather than your wisdom. Forgive us when we fail to delight in your law, and instead, find our joy in fleeting pleasures. We confess that we have not always been like trees, planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in season. Instead, we have been like chaff, blown about by the winds of life, uncertain and unsteady in our faith. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Help us to turn back to you, to seek your ways, and to trust in your guidance.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news: God's love for us is greater than our failures. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Let us walk in the light of his love, knowing that we are redeemed and restored.

* Response

We Are Forgiven

Hymnal #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*** Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Scripture

John 17:6-19

Sermon

Rev. Justin Miller

*** Hymn #735**

I Need Thee Every Hour

Need

*** 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

Healer of My Heart
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.

Prayer Cards

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 #775 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* *Walk with Me*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* A. L. Page

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Justin Miller, Pastor; Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Chris Baird, Director/Organist; Susan Beagle, Pianist; Parker Shablak; Sound Technician; Lynne Wiley, Barista.

The deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Joyce Zigler**, who died on May 6. Joyce's Memorial Service will be on Saturday, May 18, at 11:00 a.m. with a light reception in the Gathering Area following the service.

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

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.

On Sunday, May 19 we will celebrate Pentecost. This is the Sunday that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world. *We invite you to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.* The Sanctuary Choir will present an exciting new anthem, "Song of Pentecost" accompanied by piano, flute and conga drums.

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.

Mary Brehm	Rev. Ed McNulty	Thelma Ramsey
John Cloud	Paul McNulty	Craig Rudd
Paula Cohen	Ashton Muskopf	Geneva Shea
Tara Downie	Chad Muskopf	Brian T.
Yolanda Fitzpatrick	Diane Norton	Bill & Lynn Thomas
Helen Haass	Phyllis	Barbara Webner
Mike Hamlin	Danny Raleigh	Family of Joyce Zigler
Dorothy Hare		

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