

The Purple Table is offering resources for you to share Godly Play stories at home! Email Lisa (lisa@fpcmiddletown.com) to sign up to borrow a story kit. Story videos are easily accessible online (<https://www.storiesofgodathome.com/events>).

Join the Purple Table online gathering via Zoom at 7:00 on May 10 for a time of fellowship and activities. (Zoom Meeting ID: 357 756 9746) The Purple Table is a pop-up welcome space, online and in-person, that builds community, affirms, and supports healing. Let us encourage one another as we play, share stories, listen, and find a way through, together! Connect instantly with The Purple Table by visiting the website: <https://the-purple-table.mn.co>.

“I Am...” Sermon Series: During the seven weeks of Eastertide, we are going to consider the resurrection through seven images given to us by Jesus. Sometimes, the best way to consider big, unwieldy ideas is to begin with small pieces. Jesus gives us seven images when he says “I am the...” In the coming weeks, we will take time to ponder each of these images: I am the resurrection, I am the door, I am the good shepherd, I am the bread, I am the vine, I am the road, and I am the light.

Prayer list

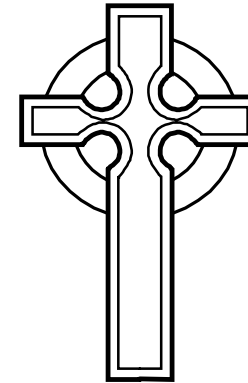
Please submit any prayer requests for today’s service to Michael before the worship service begins, the submitted requests will be included here next week.

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

www.fpcmiddletown.com

May 9, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.



Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* J. S. Bach

Call to Worship Psalm 36:5-9

Your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies;
your faithfulness reaches the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains;
your justice is like the deepest sea.
Lord, you save both humans and animals.
Your faithful love is priceless, God!
Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the bounty of your house;
you let them drink from your river of pure joy.
Within you is the spring of life.
In your light, we see light.

Hymn 749 *Come! Live in the Light!* We Are Called
Tina Newlin, soprano

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness 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.

Circle Time for Young Disciples

Lisa Kaufer

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

John 18:12-20

Sermon

“I Am the Light”

Michael Isaacs

Solo

When the Lamb Becomes the Light Arr. Tom Fettke
Tina Newlin, soprano

Affirmation of Faith

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Welcome and Announcements

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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King Arr. Kenneth Varner



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Tina Newlin, Soloist; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

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

COVID-19 Updates

- **Fellowship Hour is returning!** Fellowship Hour will be hosted outside and will be limited to coffee and lemonade. We will need “baristas” for each Sunday to pour drinks and limit the number of people handling the cups and drinks. Fellowship Hour is weather-permitting.
- A small **vocal ensemble** will sing on Pentecost, May 23. We hope to have additional small vocal ensembles following.
- **Fellowship Hall and Youth Room** are available for use, including for outside groups. We ask that a window be opened when these spaces are in use and that best practices regarding masking and social distancing be followed.
- Please **continue to be diligent** about masking and social distancing during in-person worship.

Announcements

Mission Opportunity for you! Each year we coordinate with Highview Sixth Grade Center to provide school supplies and STEAM materials. The Mission Committee is recruiting a new coordinator(s) to get the supply list from the school and work with the congregations to get the needed supplies to the school.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study on May 11 at 10:00. We will be meeting by Zoom. This week we will be reading from Revelation 13.