



First Presbyterian
Church

Middletown, Ohio
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May 23, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude *Loving Spirit* Anne Krentz Organ

Introit *Spirit of the Living God* Arr. Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Quartet

Call to Worship

Response: Come, Holy Spirit!

Hymn #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymnal #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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Circle Time

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Michael Isaacs

Anthem *Whirlwind Spirit* J. Martin/J. Raney
Sanctuary Quartet

Affirmation of Faith

From *The Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Welcome and Announcements

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.

*** Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

Setting by Joel Raney



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott, Worship Pianist/Director of Handbells; Brian Shepard, Pianist; Sanctuary Quartet; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

Sanctuary Quartet: Tara Downie, Lara Moon, Mick Susco, Tony Susco

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

Join us after worship outside the Gathering Area doors for Fellowship Hour. (This is weather-permitting.)

Please continue to be diligent about wearing a mask and social distancing during in-person worship. Session will consider the implications of the latest CDC guidance on May 25.

Announcements

Today's postlude, "Lift High the Cross," was commissioned by Joyce, Janet and Brian as a musical gift for this congregation. We pray that the music has lifted you up or inspired you. We have certainly loved playing it for you.

Save the dates! We are excited to be scheduling worship services throughout 2021. The Phil DeGreg Jazz Trio will join us for worship on August 29. The Central State University Choir will join us for worship on November 14. More exciting dates are pending!

Next Sunday we will be installing and ordaining new elders and deacons. These new elders and deacons will be sharing the statements of faith during worship.

We give a special thank you to **Diana McVay** for creating and installing the beautiful Pentecost decorations.

Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **June 8**, the meeting will be at The Clubhouse Sports Grille, 250 N. Main St., Monroe, at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

Kirkmont Summer Camp scholarships are available. Kirkmont's goal is to provide participants with a renewing camp, outdoor education, or retreat experience. Our church supports Kirkmont in a variety of ways, including scholarships that enable campers to participate. Scholarship applications are available in the church office, due by June 1. Visit <https://www.kirkmontcenter.org> or contact Lisa Kaufer for more information.

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.