

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio www.fpcmiddletown.com

November 14, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude God of Grace and God of Glory

Arr. Joel Raney

Introit My Lord's Getting' Us Ready
Central State University Chorus

Uzee Brown, Jr.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

* Hymn #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength.

* 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!

Invitation to Sunday School

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Mark 13:1-8

Anthem Bless the Lord Oh My Soul Glenn Burleigh

Scripture 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Sermon Michael Isaacs

Anthem We Are Surrounded Joseph M. Martin

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, $% \left(\mathbf{r}\right) =\left(\mathbf{r}\right)$

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem Great Day Arr. Moses Hogan

Ja'Nel Ishmel, soprano soloist

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 Hallelujah Chorus George F. Handel

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Pianist; CSU Chorus; Dr. Carlos Brown, Director of the CSU Chorus; Jim Harris, 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.

Sensory toys are available outside of the nursery for children who may wish to use them during worship.

Announcements

COVID-19 Reminders: As a general reminder, our COVID provisions include:

- Masks are encouraged for the inclusion of the immunocompromised and children in worship.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- The length of the worship services be forty-five minutes and not include the passing of any materials.

Renaissance Ringers will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Youth will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:45 p.m.

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. This week we are studying texts related to "Christ the King."

The Star of Bethlehem Memorial Ornaments can be purchased after worship today in the Gathering Area from Julie Ramsey.

Let's Celebrate! There is place for you at First Presbyterian Church. We are blessed because of you—your presence, your time, your talent, your joy, your faith, your gifts. On November 21 at 11:00 a.m., join the Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall for a celebration of God's generosity.

Help us plan for 2022 by completing and returning your estimated giving cards for next year.

Children's Ministry

Nursery Care is available for infants and children up to 5 years old <u>every Sunday</u>, located next to Room 110. **Sunday School** (children ages 6-12) is offered <u>most Sundays</u> in the Godly Play Room following the Gloria Patri, at which time leaders will escort children to Sunday School. (See PresbyNews for Sunday School schedule.) When worship concludes, parents/guardians will need to come to the Godly Play Room to pick up their child(ren). We are following the CDC's recommendation by requiring universal indoor masking in these classrooms by all individuals (age 2 and older), regardless of vaccination status.

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