



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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November 21, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude *Hymns of Grateful Praise* Arr. McDonald/ Larson

Introit *How Firm a Foundation* American Melody
Sanctuary Youth

Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad
and let the earth rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty
and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world,
and God's realm will never be shaken.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world
has become the kingdom of our Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

* **Hymn #367** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* St. George's Windsor

* Prayer of Confession

You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge His rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Make us faithful disciples obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

* 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

John 18:33-37
Revelation 1:4b-8

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

Anthem

We Gather Together
Renaissance Ringers

Anna Laura Page

Affirmation of Faith

From the *French Confession of 1559*

We believe and confess only one God
who can do all things,
is all-wise, all-good,
all just, and all-merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation
has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ,
the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son.

Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh:
God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith
by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit.

God imparts this gracious gift.

By faith we receive grace
to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God,
for we receive what the gospel promises
when God gives us the Holy Spirit.

Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living,
but rather engenders and excites it in us.

Welcome, Announcements & Minute for Mission

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 #37

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott, Director of Handbells/Pianist; Lara Moon, Director of Sanctuary Youth/Song Leader; Renaissance Ringers; Sanctuary Youth; Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, Barista.

Sanctuary Youth: Vivien Fields, Eathan Lewis, Jadelyn Lewis, Jessie Jenkins, Saige Ryan, Savanah Ryan, Parker Shablak, Sandi Templeton, Iasis Wilcher, Ryder Wilson.

Renaissance Ringers: Dianne Gerber, Marti Kelley, Karen Moser, Bonnie Saunders, Janet Scott, Sandi Templeton, Phil Thornbery, Sarah Thornbery, Lynne Wiley.

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.

Sunday Night Live (SNL) Sunday Night Live is studying The History and Archeology of the Bible, tonight, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Paula and Jay Cohen. If you have questions, please call 423-4443.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will not meet this week.

Today's Minute for Mission is about our support of Rosa Parks Elementary School and is shared by Ted Miller

Luminaria Kits & Light in the Darkness Prayer Gathering

Join us Sunday, December 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn as we celebrate the season of Advent and prepare for the great mystery of Christmas. Luminaria Advent Kits are available in the Gathering Area. We hope to share these resources broadly, so please consider also picking one up for a neighbor, friend, or relative. Bring your luminaria and help us share the light of Christ as we sing a few carols and pray together.

Come, come with us on our *Journey to Christmas*. This quote, “Let the darkness see and believe,” starts us on our journey next Sunday as we wait and watch for the miracle. The first Sunday of our Cantata Series will feature the Sanctuary Choir and violinist Corey Hall. As we prepare our hearts and minds during Advent for the coming of the Promised One, may the music and the word inspire, encourage, comfort and lead you to the birth of Jesus.

Children's Ministry

Nursery Care is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. **Sunday School** (children ages 6-12 (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).

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.

Contribute from your device using this QR code.

