



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
www.fpcmiddletown.com

April 24, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

God So Loved the World

Stainer/Shackley

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

Praise God in the earth and skies.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout and sing praises to God.

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

We have seen the Lord's greatness.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!

*** Hymn #238**

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

*** Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

*** Gloria Patri**

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 of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Circle Time

Sacrament of Baptism

Renunciations & Apostles' Creed
Prayer over the Water
Baptism & Welcoming
Baptismal Response

Apostles' Creed (unison)

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.

Baptismal Response

Through his baptism...let us welcome him to this ministry.

Jackson Bradley Rogers, we welcome you into the community of the church and into the life of Christ. We will love you and care for you, so you will learn the love of Christ. We will teach you the stories of our faith, so they will become your own. We promise to support you and learn from you, as we walk the path of faith together.

Sung Response #486 *Child of Blessing* Kingdom
Verses 1 & 4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Acts 5:27-32
John 20:19-31

Sermon Michael Isaacs

*** Hymn #462** *I Love to Tell the Story* Hankey

Welcome & Announcements

Duet *Lion of Judah* Arr. Tom Fettke
Sarah Thornbery, soprano and Phil Thornbery, tenor

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 #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* Alleluia No. 1

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *The Strife is O'er* Gordon Young



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Anne Frantz, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Phil Thornbery, Keyboardist/Soloist; Sarah Thornbery, Soloist; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician, Lynne Wiley, 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 update for April: Please review these updated COVID-19 provisions and keep in mind as we gather for our worship and ministry:

- Masks are optional in the Sanctuary and Gathering Area, masks are still required in the Nursery and Sunday School spaces.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- Worship does not include the passing of any materials. (This will be reviewed again at our April Meeting.)

Congratulations on the baptism of **Jackson Bradley Rogers**.
Jackson's parents are Brad and Stephanie Rogers.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. This week we are continuing our study of the Gospel According to Luke.

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

Graduates: Are you graduating? Or is someone in your household graduating? We'd like to lift up graduates in a time of prayer during worship on Sunday, May 15, and offer a small gift. Please call the church office or email sandy@fpcmiddletown.com with any names to include.

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) is offered most Sundays in the Godly Play Room. Leaders will escort children to Sunday School. When worship concludes, parents/guardians will need to come to the Godly Play Room to pick up their child(ren). In April, Sunday School will meet on April 24. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.

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.