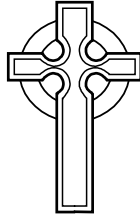


First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
www.fpcmiddletown.com

February 20, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



Prelude

Blessed Assurance

Charles Callahan

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 37:3-7

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in God, and God will act.
God will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way.

*** Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*** Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*** 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 Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Anthem *Donna Nobis Pacem* Arr. K. Buckwalter
Handbell Ensemble

Scripture Luke 6:27-28

Sermon Michael Isaacs

Anthem *Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace* Arr. John Leavitt
Sanctuary Choir

Affirmation of Faith (responsive) from the Iona Community

With the whole church:

**We affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit;**

With people everywhere:

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong;**

With all creation:

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and in the world. Amen.**

Welcome & 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.

* **Hymn #300** *They'll Know We Are Christians* They'll Know

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* Arr. R. Porter



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott, Director/Pianist; Emily Pheanis, Worship Assistant; Handbell Ensemble; Sanctuary Choir; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician.

Handbell Ensemble: Dianne Gerber, Marti Kelley, Bonnie Saunders, Phil Thornbery

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 temporarily required in worship.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- The length of the worship services will be forty-five minutes and not include the passing of any materials.

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 Youth will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

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

Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, March 8**, the meeting will be at a new location, Wildwood Country Club, 601 Aberdeen Dr. at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

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 February, Sunday School will meet on 2/13, 2/20, and 2/27. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.

Nominate Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee of First Presbyterian Church is working to prepare a slate of officer nominees to be presented to the congregation in March. Individuals will be nominated to serve three-year-terms as elders and deacons. If there are individuals whose personal faith, commitment to the church, and gifts for ministry suggest to you that they might serve well as a church officer, you may suggest them for the Nominating Committee's consideration by submitting their names and the office in which you believe they might serve well. Forms are located in the Gathering Area and Narthex, please place the completed form in the designated boxes.

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.

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