

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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January 23, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



Prelude

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Joe Utterback

Call to Worship

Heaven is declaring God's glory;
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

**One day gushes the news to the next,
and one night informs another what needs to be known.**

Of course, there's no speech, no words—
their voices can't be heard—

**but their sound extends throughout the world;
their words reach the ends of the earth.**

Psalm 19:1-4

* Hymn #409

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

* 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; through Jesus Christ your Son.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Gloria Patri

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!

Hymnal #581

Invitation to Sunday School

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Scripture Luke 4:14-21

Sermon Michael Isaacs

Solo *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Arr. DeFord/Loynes
Tara Downie, soprano

Affirmation of Faith adapted from a Creed by the Masai people

We believe in One High God,
who out of love created the beautiful world.
We believe that God made good his promise
by sending God's Son, Jesus Christ,
a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe,
born poor in a little village,
who left his home and was always on safari doing good,
curing people by the power of God,
teaching about God and human beings,
and showing that the meaning of religion is love.
Jesus was rejected by his own people,
tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross and died.
He was buried in the grave,
but the hyenas did not touch him,
and on the third day he rose from the grave. 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 #462** *I Love to Tell the Story* Hankey

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Arr. J. Raney



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Lynne Mack, Worship Assistant; Tara Downie, Soloist; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Shirley Steel, 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 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.

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 following the Gloria Patri, at which time leaders will escort children to Sunday School. (See Presby News for Sunday School schedule.)

If you have not picked up your memorial Christmas ornament, please do so after worship today. They are located on a table in the Gathering Area.

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.

Dick & Reva Dempster	Lynne Mack	Marilyn Raymond
Julian Durst	Mildred Miller	Helen Taylor
Frances Huntzinger	John & Nancy Peterson	Animal companions

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