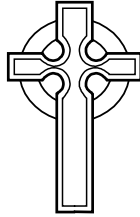


# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio  
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January 30, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



## Prelude

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
with *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Arr. Janet Link

## Call to Worship

Isaiah 55-10-11

God says, "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
**so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."**  
Let us worship God!

## \* Hymn 451

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open My Eyes

## \* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call,  
but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need  
wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice,  
warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through  
Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

## \* 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** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Scripture** Luke 4:21-30

**Sermon** "What I Wish Jesus Didn't Say" Michael Isaacs

**Anthem** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Arr. J. N. Beck  
Brian Shepard, tenor

**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,  
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 & 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 #839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* Assurance

## Charge and Benediction

**Postlude** *To God Be the Glory* Mark Hayes



# ***Our Life Together...***

**Leading worship today:** Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Soloist/Pianist; Allan Smillie, Worship Assistant; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician.

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. 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.

**Prayer Group:** Did you know we have a Prayer Group? You're invited to join this informal gathering each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the Memorial Room. We share prayer requests, read scripture, and pray together.

**Men's Monthly Meeting** is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, February 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!

**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.

**Kirkmont Summer Camps:** Kirkmont's goal is to provide participants with a renewing camp, outdoor education, or retreat experience. For many years, our church has supported Kirkmont in a variety of ways, including scholarships that enable campers to participate. Scholarship applications are available in the church office, due by April 1. Visit <https://www.kirkmontcenter.org> or contact Lisa Kaufer for more information.

## *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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