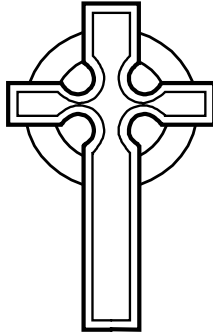


First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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January 9, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Albert L. Travis

Call to Worship

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep,
and God said: Let there be light.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

When Jesus was baptized by John,
suddenly the heavens were opened.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And as Jesus was coming out of the water,
the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son;
With you I am well pleased.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

*** Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

*** 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

Isaiah 43:1-7

Scripture

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

Solo

The Gift of Love
Brian Shepard, tenor

Hal Hopson

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Apostles' Creed

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

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 #822

When We Are Living

Somos Del Senor

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him* Arr. M. McDonald



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Brian Shepard, Soloist/Pianist; Marty Hensler, Worship Assistant; Jim Harris, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

The Deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Mary Jo Burns**, who died on January 3.

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.

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.

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. We will be reading Luke 6.

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

Renaissance Ringers will rehearse Wednesday at 6:30 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 PresbyNews for Sunday School schedule.)

Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, January 11**, the meeting will be at The Clubhouse Sports Grille, 250 N. Main St., Monroe, at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

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.

Use this QR code for the online giving portal.

