

# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio  
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October 2, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.



**Prelude**                      *When Morning Guilds the Skies*    Arr. Molly Ijames

**Call to Worship (responsive)**                      Lamentations 3 & Psalm 137

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

**How can we sing the Lord's song when many are without?**

Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

**How can we sing the Lord's song when many are gone?**

Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song!**

\* **Hymn #318**            *In Christ There Is No East or West*                      St. Peter

\* **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life, but in our pride, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our discord, the world goes thirsty. Now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness.



## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **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.

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*During communion today, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, and dip it into the cup. Please return to your pew down the side aisle. Prepackaged wafers and juice are available on the Communion Table. Tray communion will be served in the balcony. Communion will be brought to anyone unable to come forward.*

**Hymn #853**

*Siyahamba*

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## **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Lani Smith

\* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



# *Our Life Together...*

**Leading worship today:** Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Jessie Jenkins, Worship Assistant; Marty Hensler, Elder, Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, 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.

**Join us for Fellowship Hour** in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

## *Announcements*

**COVID-19 update:** After a thorough review of the COVID-19 provisions, Session has determined to end our COVID-19 policy. Masks will still be available in the Narthex and Gathering Area, and we welcome continued masking for those who choose or need to do so. Pews will no longer be alternated, and materials may be passed in worship. Session thanks you for your sustained diligence in this matter.

Join us for our **Monday Walk & Talk** at 10:00 a.m. at the Gathering Area Doors.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** will focus on Exodus 3 & 4 this week at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.

**Renaissance Ringers** will rehearse Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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

## Music Ministry

Our sanctuary will once again be decorated with beautiful mums for our **Kirkin' of the Tartans** Service on Sunday, Oct. 23. The mums are available for purchase for \$10 each in memory or in honor of a loved one. **Beth Susco** will be in the Gathering Area after worship today to take your orders. Order forms are available in the narthex, Gathering Area and on line. There is a limited number of mums.

## Children's Ministry

**Nursery Care** is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. Two Childcare Workers, Monique Watkins and Ingrid Cuadra, provide exceptional care for which we are grateful.

**Sunday School** (children ages 6-12) is offered most Sundays\* in the Godly Play Room following the Passing of the at which time 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). (\*Note: In September, Sunday School will meet on 10/9, 10/16, and 10/30. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, Kirkin of the Tartans, etc.)

**Men's Monthly Meeting** is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, October 11**, the meeting will be at Wildwood Golf Club, 601 Aberdeen Dr. at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

### MUMS FOR THE SANCTUARY

(Due by October 16)

I will purchase \_\_\_\_\_ 9" mum (s) cost is \$10.00 each.

In honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle your choice) (Please print information as you would like it listed.)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print information as you would like it listed.)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be picking your mum after church or would you like it planted in the church garden? \_\_\_\_\_

## CALENDAR

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>02</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03</b>	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Walk & Talk Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Pre-K Readiness Bible Study Mission Committee Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pre-K Readiness Fellowship Prayer Group Renaissance Ringers Sanctuary Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>06</b>	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pre-K Readiness Yoga Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08</b>	10:00 a.m.	PYC Retreat at Southminster
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

## 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.

Cathy Bowser	Gracie	Scott & Janis Nein
Remington Bristow	Helen Haass	The Neyman family
Andy Brown	Mike Hamlin	Helen Taylor
Lou & Joyce Christy	Mack Hickman	Jim Wolfe
Julian Durst	Mildred Miller	For all in need
Cindy Edwards	Ted & Marcia Miller	For the world

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## **Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26**

How deserted lies the city,  
once so full of people!  
How like a widow is she,  
who once was great among the nations!  
She who was queen among the provinces  
has now become a slave.  
Bitterly she weeps at night,  
tears are on her cheeks.  
Among all her lovers  
there is no one to comfort her.  
All her friends have betrayed her;  
they have become her enemies.  
After affliction and harsh labor,  
Judah has gone into exile.  
She dwells among the nations;  
she finds no resting place.  
All who pursue her have overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.  
The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to her appointed festivals.  
All her gateways are desolate,  
her priests groan,  
her young women grieve,  
and she is in bitter anguish.  
Her foes have become her masters;  
her enemies are at ease.  
The LORD has brought her grief  
because of her many sins.  
Her children have gone into exile,  
captive before the foe.  
All the splendor has departed  
from Daughter Zion.  
Her princes are like deer  
that find no pasture;  
in weakness they have fled  
before the pursuer.

I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
the bitterness and the gall.  
I well remember them,  
and my soul is downcast within me.  
Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:  
Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."  
The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;  
it is good to wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

### **Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"