



# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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August 27, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude**

*The Heavens are Telling*

Don Wyrzten

## \* Call to Worship

Leader: What does the Holy One require of us?

**People: To be just, kind, and humble before God.**

Leader: Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord.**

Leader: Now faith, hope, and love abide;

**All: And the greatest of these is love.**

## \* Hymn #409

*God Is Here!*

Abbot's Leigh

## \* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue, lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

## \* Assurance of Forgiveness

### \* Gloria Patri

*We Are Forgiven*

Hymnal #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

## \* Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture**

Psalm 103

**Duet**

*Lord, Here am I*

John Ness Beck

Sarah Thornbery, soprano and Brian Shepard, tenor

**Scripture**

Matthew 28:16-20

**Sermon**

“Remember, Rejoice, and Renew”

Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Nowak

**\* Hymn #81**

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Austrian Hymn

**\* Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We believe in God who loves us and wants us to love each other, this is our God. We believe in Jesus who cared about children and held them in his arms. He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace. This is Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit who keeps working with us until everything is good and true. This is the Holy Spirit. We can be the Church which reminds people of God because we love each other. This we believe. Amen

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Arr. Rebecca Bonam  
Sarah Thornbery, flute

**\* Doxology**

Hymnal #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**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 #275**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Ein Feste Burg

## Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Fugue in C Major*

J. S Bach

\* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



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

**Leading Worship today:** Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Nowak, Guest Preacher; Marti Kelley, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Organist/Pianist; Brian Shepard, Soloist/Pianist; Sarah Thornbery, Soloist/Flutist; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

The deacons have placed two white carnations on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Scott Nein**, who died on August 19 and for **Norm Higham**, who died on August 20. There will be a Celebration of Life Service on Friday, September 1, at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for Scott Nein.

**Hearing aids and large print bulletins** are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

**Wiggle bags** are available at each Sanctuary entrance to help children feel included and engaged during the worship service.

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

## ***Announcements***

### **Children's Ministry**

**Masks** are now considered optional in the nursery and Sunday School. As needed, masks and hand sanitizer are available in the hallway of the education wing.

### **Music Ministry**

***It's time to sing and ring again!*** The *Sanctuary Choir* will have its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:30 p.m.

The *Renaissance Rings* will have their first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m.

If you are not already a member of our incredible musical family, please consider joining us this fall. *Being part of a choir is the most wonderful team you will ever join!*

We would love to add another sound tech or two to our roster. Please call Joyce Zigler (513-422-6365) if you are interested or have questions about being a sound tech.

**Nursery Care** is available for infants and children up to 5 years old, 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) will take a break during the summer months.

## Prayer list

To submit prayer requests, please use the prayer card found in the pew in front of you. These may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. The submitted requests will be included here next week.

Peg Bosch	Ken & Debbie Jacobs	Pete Stilianos
Hildy Brown	Family of Scott Nein	Connie Willis
Lola Bruner	Joe Nunamaker	Brook Summersong
Lou Christy	Bobette & Dick Owen	Brian Thornberry
Gary & Lynne Getter	John & Nancy Peterson	Terri Walters
Helen Haass	Danny Raleigh	Joys:
Mike Hamlin	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	Bruce & Neila Barnes
Darla Harrison	Residents of Maui	70 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann.
Ill Children	Kathy Ressler	Tom & Joyce Zigler's
Van Rudd	Carla Smith	47 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Ann.
Allan & Fay Smillie	Shirley Steel	

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### CALENDAR

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 p.m.	N. A. Leaders
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29</b>	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30</b>	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship at Triple Moon
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31</b>	6:00 p.m.	Yoga in the Youth Room
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01</b>	1:00 p.m.	Scott Nein's Celebration of Life Service
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service