



# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio  
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August 6, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

## Prelude

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Arr. Kenneth D. Varner

### \* Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: God is always near to bless us especially in these moments of worship

**People: God is above us to protect us**

Leader: Before us to direct us

**People: Behind us to keep us from straying**

Leader: Around us to keep and defend us

**People: With grateful hearts we welcome God's presence to give us life.**

### \* Hymn #275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Ein Feste Burg

### \* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God it was in touching the wounds of the Risen Jesus that Thomas came to believe. But when we see and touch the wounds of this world we are tempted toward unbelief. We doubt your presence and power. Forgive us. Give us the wisdom to read and hear your words that reveal the truth. Send your Spirit to open our eyes and heart to what you want to do in and through us to heal your world.

### \* 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 56



## **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 #39**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

## **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Hail the Conquering Hero*  
Woodland Winds

Handel/Ralls

\* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



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

**Leading Worship today:** Rev. Pat Warren, Guest Pastor; Bob Cover, Worship Assistant/Song Leader; Joyce Zigler, Organist/Pianist; Woodland Winds; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Lynne Wiley, Barista.

We warmly welcome the **Woodland Winds** to our service today. It is a joy to have this special group share their beautiful gifts of music with us. They are: Lily Daugherty, oboe; Suzanne Edwards, flute; Caleb Vanden Eynden, French horn; and Nick Ziza, clarinet.

**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.

**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.

**M&M (Men & More) Monthly Outing:** Everyone is invited to join this group for dinner and fellowship at Wildwood Golf Club, 601 Aberdeen Dr on **August 8**. Fellowship begins approximately at 5:00 and we usually order dinner around 5:30. We hope to see you there.

*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.

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| Bill Baker            | Larry Price           | Carla Smith       |
| Lola Bruner           | Thelma & Julie Ramsey | Shirley Steel     |
| Pat Edwards           | Kathy Ressler         | Connie Willis     |
| Helen Haass           | Janet Routson         | Joyce Zigler      |
| Mike Hamlin           | Craig Rudd            | Happy Birthday to |
| Darla Harrison        | Van Rudd              | Joyce Williams    |
| Family of Ted Miller  | Richard Sandefur      |                   |
| John & Nancy Peterson | Allan & Fay Smillie   |                   |
| Eddie Poling          |                       |                   |



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**CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>06</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>	<b>07</b>	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>08</b>	5:30 p.m.	M & M (Men & More)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09</b>	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10</b>	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga
		6:00 p.m.	Worship and Music Team
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service