

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio www.fpcmiddletown.com

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

Anthem

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Bach/Halferty Woodland Winds

Scripture Ephesians 1:18-20

Sermon "Up, Down, and Sideways: Choosing to Trust God"

Rev. Patrick Warren

Hymn #465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

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 and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Simple Gifts

Arr. Frank J. Halferty

Woodland Winds

* Doxology

Offertory

Hymnal #606

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

Hvmn #460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Bread of Life

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up vour 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.

Hymn #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Hail the Conquering Hero Handel/Ralls

Woodland Winds

^{*} 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.

<u>Prayer list</u>

Eddie Poling

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.

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 & Fav Smillie	

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CALENDAR

Sunday	06	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	07	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	80	5:30 p.m.	M & M (Men & More)
Wednesday	09	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
Thursday	10	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Yoga Worship and Music Team Narcotics Anonymous