



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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November 12, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

To God Be the Glory

Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Hallelujah from “Mount of Olives”
Central State University Chorus

Beethoven

* Call to Worship

(from Psalm 150)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in God’s sanctuary;

Leader: Praise God in God’s mighty firmament!

People: Praise God for God’s mighty deeds;

Leader: Praise God according to God’s surpassing greatness!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord’s name be praised!

* Hymn #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Lobe Den Herren

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, with life and breath we come now before you with songs of praise and adoration. But in so doing, we are aware of our failings, and we confess our sin. We have not lived lives of praise, and we have failed to appreciate your love and goodness to us. Forgive our blindness and ingratitude, and assure us of your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* 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.

* Hymn #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Jim Graham, Guest Preacher; Bob Cover, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/ Organist; Brian Shepard, Pianist; Jeremy Winston, Director of the CSU Chorus; CSU Chorus; Parker Shablak, Sound Technician; Lynne Wiley, Barista.

The deacons have placed six white carnations on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Lois Dietz**, who died on October 3, **Doralene Long**, who died on October 10, **Bob Greenwood**, who died on November 2, **George Develen**, who died on November 7, **Joanne Scorti**, who died on November 8, and **Jean Veith**, who died on November 8.

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

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 10:00 a.m. We are exploring the book "Sabbath as Resistance" (Saying NO to the Culture of Now). Books are available in the church office or pick one up at Bible Study. If you have any questions, call the church office or contact Barb Nein at barbara.nein@yahoo.com.

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

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

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 **Tuesday, November 14**. Fellowship begins approximately at 5:00 and we usually order dinner around 5:30. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Baskets: Stop by the Gathering Area and adopt your family for Christmas. We have 20 families this year.

A very special Christmas remembrance. . .

Christmas trees adorned with beautiful ornaments create some of our most special Christmas memories. The Music/Worship Ministry Team invites you to join us once again to create a *Memorial Christmas Tree* in the Gathering Area. This year our tree will be aglow with many 4 ½ inch ***Sparkling Leaded Glass Angels with star***. This delightful angel can be an ornament or a sun catcher. These ornaments are a limited edition. ***Each ornament costs \$15.00 with the proceeds going to Hope House in Middletown.*** Order forms are in the bulletin, the Narthex, and the Gathering Area. *Diana McVay* will be in the Gathering Area to take your orders after worship today.

Children's Ministry

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) is offered most Sundays* in the Godly Play Room following the Passing of the Peace 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: This month, Sunday School will meet on 11/12, 11/19, and 11/26. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.)