



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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November 19, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing unto the Lord
and shout for joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.

* Hymn #336

We Gather Together

Kremser

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our
sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offences against you. You
alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your
ways, to wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy
upon us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have
done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in
your light, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

* 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 100:1-5

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Sermon

“True Thanksgiving!”

Rev. Brakemeyer

***Hymn #385**

All People That on Earth do Dwell

Old Hundredth

*** Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

From the Heidelberg Catechism

That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Minute for Mission

Larry Anderson

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Great Is thy Faithfulness
Sanctuary Choir & Guests with
Bells of Peace Handbell Choir

Joel Raney

*** 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 #367**

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St. George’s Windsor

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response *A Blessing of Music* Joseph M. Martin
Sanctuary Choir & Guests

Postlude *The God of Abraham Praise* Larry Sue
Bells of Peace Handbell Choir

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Randall Brakemeyer, Guest Preacher; Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/ Organist; Janet Scott, Director of Handbells/Pianist; Brian Shepard, Pianist; Davis Dorrough, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir & Guests; Bells of Peace Handbell Choir; Dianne Gerber & Lynne Wiley from Renaissance Ringers; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

We give a very warm welcome to our guest choristers who have come to join us in remembering our friend and colleague, Phil Thornbery.

We are excited to have the *Bells of Peace Handbell Choir* under the direction of Janet Scott ringing their praises for our worship today. The *Bells of Peace* are from Loveland Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

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.

The *Sanctuary Choir* will *not* rehearse this Wednesday. Happy Thanksgiving!

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 11/19 & 11/26. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.)

Great is Thy Faithfulness Singers

Sally Bach

*Jennifer Bellin

Linda Bursk

Bob Cover

Debbie Cover

*Becky Davis

*Vassar Davis

Tara Downie

*Kathy Dunaway

*Sharyn Edelen

Suzanne Edwards

Vivien Fields

Marty Hensler

*Michael Hensley

Lindsey Jenkins

Marti Kelley

Terry Mack

Pete Mengel

Tina Newlin

*Kenton Pate

Julie Ramsey

*Barbara Shepard

Beth Susco

Mick Susco

Tony Susco

Sandi Templeton

Sarah Thornbery

Tom Zigler

*Guest Chorister