



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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November 5, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee Arr. Janet Linker
with *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Brian Shepard

*** Call to Worship**

Isaiah 55:1-3

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant!

Let us worship God!

*** Hymn #37**

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

*** Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

*** 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

Micah 3:5

Scripture

Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon

“Leading from the Bottom”

Rev. McNulty

*** Hymn #503**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O Quanta Qualia

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Bread of the World
Sanctuary Choir

Arr. S. Nussel/B. Nix

*** 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.

Remembering Our Saints

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your 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 #326**

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

Verses 1, 2, 4, 5 Congregation

Verse 3 Choir only

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

For All the Saints

Arr. Hayes/Gaspard

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Edward McNulty, Guest Pastor; Kathy Harris, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Organist/Pianist; Janet Scott, Pianist; Jim Harris, Sound Technician; Mary Brehm, Barista.

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

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

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.

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.

Music Ministry

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.*** You may order your angel beginning today. Order forms are in the bulletin, the Narthex, and the Gathering Area. *Beth Susco* will be in the Gathering Area to take your orders after worship today.

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

The *Sanctuary Choir* will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

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

NECROLOGY NOVEMBER 2022 – October 2023

Anne Berns
Isabel Brusk
Elsie Dunn
Mary Enochs
Carl Fiora
Margaret Fiora
Jane Hanes
Corbit Harrison
Norm Higham
Frances Huntzinger
Al Karchner
Mary Lou Lefferson
Pat Marshall
Jennifer Shepard Miller
Mildred Miller
Scott Nein
John Peterson
Pat Simmons
Allan Smillie
John Stitzel
Alice Stransky
Phil Thornbery
Marilyn Williams

We have two exciting events in November!!

The renowned Central State University Chorus

Directed by Jeremy Winston

Sunday, November 12

10:00 a.m. worship service



World Premier of “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

A special arrangement commissioned by
the Music Ministry Team
in memory of our dear friend and colleague,
Phil Thornbery.

The music will be performed by the
Sanctuary Choir, two pianos, organ
and Bells of Peace Handbell choir
Sunday, November 19
10:00 a.m. worship service

Sparkling Leaded Glass Angel with Star Ornaments \$15.00 each

I will purchase _____ ***Angel Ornament (s)*** for the Memorial Christmas Tree.

In honor/memory _____

(Circle your choice.) (Please print information exactly as you would like it listed.)

Given by _____

(Please print information exactly as you would like it listed.)

Phone _____ **Payment Enclosed** _____

Please detach this section and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, or send/bring it to the church office by **Sunday, Dec. 3.**

CALENDAR

Sunday	05	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 p.m.	N. A. Leaders
Monday	06	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	07	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
		4:00 p.m.	Mission Committee
		5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
		6:30 p.m.	DPNC
Wednesday	08	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship at Triple Moon
		6:30 p.m.	Renaissance Ringers
		7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	09	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	12	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

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.

Doug Alder	Ken & Debbie Jacobs	Van Rudd
Lola Bruner	Matt & Kara Miller	Geneva Shea
George Develen	Danny Raleigh	Eva Straub
Helen Haass	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	Wanda Terrell
Mike Hamlin	Fred & Lynne Rentschler	

Use this QR code for the online giving portal.



