



# First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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October 8, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude**

*Variations on "Holy, Holy, Holy"*

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\* Call to Worship**

from Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**Give to God glorious praise and sing!**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**All the earth worships you;**

All the earth sing praises to you,

**sing praises to your name."**

Come and see what God has done:

**God is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

### **\* Hymn #318**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

St. Peter

### **\* Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

### **\* Assurance of Forgiveness**

### **\* Gloria Patri**

Hymnal #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen!

### **\* Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Psalm 62:5-8

**Scripture**

Matthew 10:40-42

**Sermon**

“Quenching of the Soul’s Eternal Thirst!”

Rev. Randall Brakemeyer

**\* Hymn #743**

*O God, You Are My God*  
Sing twice

Step by Step

**\* 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.

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
Bob Cover, baritone

Mark Hayes

**\* 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 #463**

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

Foundation

### **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Finale on “Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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

**Leading Worship today:** Randall Brakemeyer, Guest Preacher; Paul Nisbet, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Organist/Pianist; Bob Cover, Soloist/Song Leader; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, 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***

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets in the Youth Room at 10:00 a.m. We will be 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](mailto: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, October 10**. Fellowship begins approximately at 5:00 and we usually order dinner around 5:30. We hope to see you there.

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

## **Music Ministry**

### ***Let's make the sanctuary beautiful for the Kirkin' Service!***

Beautiful yellow mums in 9" pots will be available to purchase in memory of or in honor of someone special. The cost per mum will be \$11.00. You may take your mum/s home for your personal enjoyment after the service. Order forms are in your worship bulletin, in the Gathering Area, the narthex and the church office. *Order forms must be received in the church office by Monday, Oct. 9.* Please see Diana McVay in the Gathering Area after worship to order a mum.

**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 10/8, 10/22/ & 10/29. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.)

## **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.

Bill Baker	Cheryl Jarbo	Van Rudd
Lola Bruner	Janis Nein	Allan & Fay Smillie
Vivian Combs	John & Nancy Peterson	Brian T.
Helen Haass	Danny Raleigh	Catherine Taylor
Mike Hamlin	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	Wanda Terrell
Ken & Debbie Jacobs	Fred & Lynn Rentschler	Lea Thoman

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