



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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September 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Arr. A. L. Page

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 #263** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Coronation

* 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** 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 68:28-35

Scripture Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon "Something Much Deeper!" Rev. Brakemeyer

* **Hymn #700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'm Gonna Live

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We believe in God who loves us and wants us to love each other, this is our God. We believe in Jesus who cared about children and held them in his arms. He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace. This is Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit who keeps working with us until everything is good and true. This is the Holy Spirit. We can be the Church which reminds people of God because we love each other. This we believe. Amen

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Steal Away to Heaven* Arr. Mark Hayes
Tara Downie, soprano

* **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 #546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* Sicilian Mariners

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* Setting by J. Leavitt

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Randall Brakemeyer, Guest Preacher; Kathy Harris, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Organist/Pianist; Tara Downie, Soloist/Song Leader; Jim Harris, Sound Technician; Debbie Cover, 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.

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

Fall Worship Preview

Please stay tuned to discover all the details of the wonderful worship services this fall which will include *Kirkin' of the Tartans*, Central State Chorus, *Christmas Dreams Cantata* and inspiring messages from the pulpit.

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 9/24. 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.

Kitty Blattner	Cheryl Jarbo	Gene & Wilberta
Lola Bruner	Matt Miller	Schaefer
Letitia Curless	John & Nancy Peterson	Janet Scott
Helen Haass	Danny Raleigh	Geneva Shea
Mike Hamlin	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	Allan & Fay Smillie
Ken Jacobs	Van Rudd	

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CALENDAR

Sunday	24	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	25	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	26	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	27	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
		7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	28	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	01	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
			Worldwide Communion