

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio www.fpcmiddletown.com

January 21, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Albert Travis

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 19:1-4

Heaven is declaring God's glory;

the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

One day gushes the news to the next,

and one night informs another what needs to be known.

Of course, there's no speech, no words—

their voices can't be heard—

but their sound extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth.

* Hymn #401

Gather Us In

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* Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

* 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 34:2-9

Anthem All Creatures of Our God and King Albert Zabel

Renaissance Ringers

Scripture John 6:41-51

Sermon "Be Still Now!" Rev. Brakemeyer

* **Hymn** #509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly Holy Manna

* Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Jesus has taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's Kingdom.

We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good.

We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end, and that tyranny and oppression cannot fast forever. One day 'all tears will be wiped away' and 'the lamb will lie down with the lion.'

True peace and true reconciliation are not only desirable, they are assured and guaranteed.

This is our faith, and our hope. Amen

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart J. Martin/B. Nix Sanctuary Choir

* **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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Randall Brakemeyer, Guest Preacher; Ken Thomas, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/ Organist; Janet Scott, Director of Handbells/Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; Renaissance Ringers; 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

Monday Morning Book Study: On Monday we will have Book Study at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. We are exploring the book "Holy Disruption, Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark" Books are available in the church office. If you have any questions, call the church office or contact Barb Nein at barbara.nein@yahoo.com.

Angel Ornaments are available for pick-up in the Gathering Area after worship.

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

<u>Prayer list</u>

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.

Richard Bach	Matt Hensler	Family of
Charles Beckwert	The Hillshafer family	Joe Roper
Louise Begley	Karin Peterson Howland	Fred & Lynn
Mary Brehm	Debbie Jacobs	Rentschler
Cynthia Edwards	Tom & Suzanne Lafayette	Van Rudd
Melanie Edwards	Dave Logan	Geneva Shea
Chris Evans	Chad Muskopf	Brian T.
Helen Haass	Olden family	Helen Taylor
Mike Hamlin	Larry Price	Wanda Terrell
Chris Hanson	Danny Raleigh	Eva Straub and
The Hanson family	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	family

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CALENDAR

Sunday	21	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service Nominating Committee
M onday	22	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Book Study Staff Meeting
Tuesday	23	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Pre-K Readiness Girl Scouts
Wednesday	24	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pre-K Readiness Fellowship at Triple Moon Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	25	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pre-K Readiness Yoga Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	28	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service