



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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March 10, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Cross of Christ Medley

arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Come and worship the One who created you!

**People: During this Lenten season
our eyes are upon the cross.**

Leader: Though we may have strayed from our Creator's ways, his love through the cross beckons us back to receive again Christ's love.

People: Beneath the cross of Jesus we would take our stand as we pledge anew our loyalty and dedication.

*** Hymn #385** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Old Hundredth

*** Prayer of Confession (unison)** (Book of Common Worship)

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 and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*** 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

Isaiah 2:1-5

Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon

“The Cross of Many Colors”

Rev. McNulty

*** Hymn #223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

*** 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

In Christ Alone

arr. Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir with Tony Susco, soloist

*** 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 #318**

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

And Can It Be That I Should Gain? Arr. Lloyd Larson

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Ed McNulty, Guest Preacher; Ken Thomas, Worship Assistant; Brian Shepard, Director/Organist; Susan Beagle, Pianist; Sanctuary Choir; David 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 after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments. We will be celebrating Rev. Ed McNulty this morning.

Announcements

The Book Study (formerly Bible Study) will meet on Monday in the Youth Room at 9:30 a.m. The group should have its new book, suggested by a member, *THE THIRD SIDE: Why We Fight and How We Can Stop*. Copies have been ordered and can be picked up at the church office.

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

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

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, March 12**. Fellowship begins approximately at 5:00 and we usually order dinner around 5:30. We hope to see you there.

We are still collecting items for Hope House. The mission currently serves more than 50,000 meals per year. The three main needs for the mission continue to be canned food (fruit and vegetables), water bottles, and shower shoes (rubber flip flops).

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.

Sam Arminio	Lisa's family	Lynne Rentschler
Bill Baker	Corrin Maure	Geneva Shea
Sue Barner	Neil & Leslie Mindrum	Eva Straub
Brianna Boyle	Janis Nein	Rhonda Straub
Mary Brehm	Jim Pearce	Brian T.
John Cloud	Roman Pearce	Michael Taylor family
Helen Haass	Peg	Betty Terrell
Mike Hamlin	Phyllis	Wanda Terrell
Kathy Harris	Larry Price	Bill & Lynn Thomas
Millie Hollon	Danny Raleigh	Joyce Zigler
		Joy: Happy Birthday to Barbara Pearce

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CALENDAR

Sunday	10	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	11	9:30 a.m.	Book Study
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	12	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		5:30 p.m.	Men & More
		5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	13	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	14	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	17	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service