



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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March 3, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Arr. Don Wyrzten

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship (responsive)**

Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving my soul;

**People: the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;

**People: the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

**People: sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

*** Hymn #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* Cwm Rhondda

*** Prayer of Confession (unison)**

O God of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, out of your grace you have given us your Law so that we will not have to guess how you intend us to live with you and our neighbor. Yet we too easily forget the Commandments and seek to live self-centered lives, based on our prejudices and rules. Forgive us our shortcomings. Renew us by your Holy Spirit and light up our paths that we might clearly see your will for our lives. This we ask in the name of Christ who died for us on the cross. Amen

*** 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 Exodus 20:1-17

Scripture John 2:13-22

Sermon "Jesus Was Also a Prophet" Rev. McNulty

*** Hymn #726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* Kelvingrove
Verses 1, 2, 5

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 *With What Shall I Come?* Ruth Elaine Schram
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.

*** Hymn #770** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* Welcome Table
Verses 1-2

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 #770** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* Welcome Table
Verses 3, 4, 5

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise Arr. Gordon Young

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.

Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Rev. Ed McNulty, Guest Pastor; Marty Hensler, Worship Assistant; Brian Shepard, Director/Organist; Davis Dorrrough, Pianist; David Jenkins, Sound Technician; Lynne Wiley, Barista.

The Deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Sherry Thomson** who died on February 21.

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

Pastor Ed will be back in the office on Monday morning, Monday Morning Book Club will meet in his office at 9:30 a.m. The group is starting a new book, suggested by a member, *THE THIRD SIDE: Why We Fight and How We Can Stop*. Copies can be picked up at the church office. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

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.

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.

Rhonda Anderson	Niel & Leslie Mindrum	Brian T.
Sam Arminio	Janis Nein	Helen Taylor
Doug Bailey	Edward Norton	Betty Ann Terrell
Sue Barnes	Jim Pearce	Wanda Terrell
Emily Brandt	Roman Pearce	Bill & Lynn
Mary Brehm	Don & Raylene Pelfrey	Thomas
Adam & Emily Blundell	Phyllis	Family of Sherry
John Cloud	Larry Price	Thomson
Helen Haass	Danny Raleigh	Connie Willis
Mike Hamlin	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	Praise: Cousin
Henry & Lena C	Geneva Shea	Jane who has
Corrine Maure	Mary Ellen Stilianos	retired from
Paul McNulty	Eva Straub	Macy's after
		45 years.

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