

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

August 21, 2022

10:00 AM

\*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

**PRELUDE**  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**\*PASSING the PEACE**

Aaron Roos, pianist

**INTROIT HYMN**

*Come Inside*

M.L. Bringle/S.A. Morris

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

**LITURGIST: Prudence Adibah**

Leader: Jesus prayed that we, the church, would be one

**All: Just as he and the Father are one.**

Leader: Today we offer our praise and prayer together,

**All: As one body, in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: In harmony, let us glorify God—

**All: Father, Son, and Spirit.**

**\*HYMN #1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Nicaea

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** (Liturgist)

Leader: First John assures us that our prayers of confession are not in vain when he writes, "Children of God, I am speaking these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." Let us confess our sins together.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Eternal God, you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we cannot forget. We have walked too far down the wrong paths. Now the days are hastening on, and we are hastening with them. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into your future, free from sin, free to love and serve your Son, our Savior.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN #578** *Lord, Have Mercy*

Oré Porajú Verekó

*O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.*

*O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.*

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON** (responsively)

Leader: Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says the Lord." Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! halle-lu-jah! halle-lu-jah!*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MOMENT FOR EDUCATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Galatians 4:1-7**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Aaron Roos, soloist

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Ephesians 1:5-14**

**SERMON**

*"The Church: Holy Family"*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

*~The Confession of 1967 (as amended for gender inclusion)*

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, he overcomes the barriers between [siblings] and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all [people] to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize [others], however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

**OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS**

Offertory *Improvisation on Holy, Holy, Holy*

\*Doxology (Unison) HYMN # 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #372

*O for a World*

Azmon

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*And the Peace of God*

Mikhail Johnson

**\*POSTLUDE**

Aaron Roos

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence Janet Wright Thomas, Cyndi Kuntz, Bonnie Stearns, Jan McLaughlin, Mickey Cochrane, Brenda Fowler, Ken Oman, Ann Titus, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

**WE THANK** Aaron Roos for filling in today while Heather is away and for his amazing gift of music.

**USHERS:** Nancy Hess and Gale Swanka.

**This is a MORE LIGHT Presbyterian Church!**

A “More Light” Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

*. There are no closed doors here.*  
**Christ Welcomes All Here!**



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coverage at the church requires that 2 adults are present when taking care of our precious little ones. Please call Amanda Ark at 937-844-6787 or email her at [akark@bgsu.edu](mailto:akark@bgsu.edu).

# First Presbyterian Church

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**“The Church: Holy Family”**

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## Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubin and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though a darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## O for a World

1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be not more, and all but love will cease.

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## Week of August 21 thru August 28

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Refreshments &amp; Fellowship in the FH</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Meditation Group in the FH</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>OFFICE IS CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Christian Ed Meeting</b>
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>A.A. in the Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop</b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.</b>
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study via Zoom</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Deacons' Shop is open to the public</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Mtg. Conference Room (office will be closed)</b>
	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Meditation Group in the FH</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>Tammy taking a vacation day</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>



First Friday will be **September 2nd, 6:00 pm at Cocina de Carlos, 205 Farnsworth Rd in Waterville.** Please let Nettie Rose know if you are coming by August 31. Text Nettie at 419-262-7889 or email her at [nettierose@aol.com](mailto:nettierose@aol.com).

## School Supplies!

Schools open soon! Please help provide supplies to students who need them. The Mission Committee would like to collect the following items:

- Dry erase pens – black, please
- Headphones (not earbuds)
- Plastic folders
- Colored pencils
- Thick Markers - classic colors



These will be given to the teachers at Crim Elementary to help students who need supplies. You can place the supplies in boxes in the lobby. If you prefer, you can also make out a check to First Presbyterian Church, and note 'school supplies' in the memo line, or donate via Paypal or Venmo. **Please bring in your donations by Sunday, September 4. Thank you!**



**Rummage Sale -Save the Date!** - The **2022 Rummage Sale will be held September 23-24**, later than usual, but we hope it will be as successful as past sales.

Due to limited storage space at church, we are asking people to hold their donations until two weeks before the event. **We will start accepting donations Sunday, September 11** and provide help unloading cars after church. Items can be left in

designated areas in Fellowship Hall during the hours the building is open through Wednesday September 21. Unloading assistance will also be offered on Sunday September 18 following church. More information on volunteer scheduling will be available in September. For questions, contact Susan Dunn (419-308-3491) or Nancy Hess (419-806-4788).



**Mid-week Bible Lectionary Study** by Zoom every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The Zoom link is sent out every week by Pastor Jeff and if you are interested in joining, please let Pastor Jeff know by emailing him at [fpcbgjeff@gmail.com](mailto:fpcbgjeff@gmail.com).

**This next week's sermon** titled, "*The Church: The Body*" and the scripture that will be looked at is **I Corinthians 12:12-31**. Of all the metaphors for the Church, "the Body of Christ" may be the most thoroughgoingly unique and Christian of them all. Yet the real import of our being a "body" is in recognizing the many and myriad ways we must learn to work together. So much so, in fact, that the alternative title for this sermon was "Our Ethical Practices as Christians."

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**Classes for BGSU start Monday** and that means campus fest is right around the corner! This year it is **Tuesday August 30th from 1-4pm**. We will need volunteers to help at the tent and interact with the students and help run our spin-to-win game! Please contact Amanda to sign up or see in what other ways you can help make campus fest a success!



**Celebrate the Sabbath!** That is the subject of this year's Kindred Spirits Bible study. The study's focus involves the Sabbath as a celebration meant for all and as a time to focus on life and community. We meet the third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Green Lounge. To order the study book, visit the website <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/celebrating-sabbath/> or call 844-797-2872 or scan the QR code. Large print, Spanish and audio editions are available. If you have questions, please call Julie Smith Maekask at 419-247-1794 (it is a landline, so no texting please).



On **September 9th from 10-2**, Lyn Long's son Steve (former member and now Cincinnati resident) is conducting a workshop on "**Binder of a Lifetime**" as part of LivelyU at the **Wood County Senior Center**. This workshop will enable you to start or enhance comprehensive information gathering (history, household information, health care decisions, end-of-life wishes, reflections, pictures, key details, etc.) and have it all in one place! **Why do this now?** Can it ever be too early to make the lives of our loved ones easier? We never really know when we won't have time or energy for such projects. **More details:** <https://wcco.net/activities/livelyu/> and [BinderOfALifetime.com](http://BinderOfALifetime.com)