

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 5, 2023

Presentation of the Lord

10:00 AM

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: **Shirley Brannan**

PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence B. Price

WELCOME

PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN

Come and Sing Praise of the Lord

Hal'luhu

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Psalms 18:1-3

One: We love you, O Lord, our strength

All: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer

One: The Lord is our God, our rock in whom we take refuge.

All: The Lord is our shield, and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

One: We call upon the Lord,

All: The Lord who is worthy to be praised.

***HYMN #402**

How Lovely, Lord

Merle's Tune

CALL TO CONFESSION (One)

As John writes in his first letter, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Friends, we confess our sins for repentance and as a sign of our trust in the love and grace of God. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Set me free, O Lord, from faith and hope in lesser things.

Set me free from the illusion of happiness that enslaves me to sin.

Set me free with a heart that can be broken by the things that break thy heart.

Set me free with magnificent hope and sacred visions.

By thy mercy, O Lord, set me free.

CHORAL KYRIE

Give Us Light

Jyouthi Dho

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MOMENT FOR EDUCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 84

ANTHEM

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place (from "Requiem")

J. Brahms

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

SERMON

"Sharing a Vision"

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Hymn #552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Communion

Communion Music

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

J.C. Bach

***Doxology (Unison) Hymn #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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #148**

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

Evening Hymn

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Alleluia

K. Lee Scott

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

Samuel Wesley

IN OUR PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Alta Coddling, Megan Hess (Nancy's daughter), Judy Martin, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Mike Carver, Jan McLaughlin, Dean Clark (son of Mary Clarke), the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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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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With a heavy heart, we sadly announce that Bill Crone has been moved into hospice care. While hearts are heavy, they are also full of the faith and confidence that comes from worshipping the one who conquered death. As Bill moves toward leaving this church and entering the Church Eternal, let us take time to send him our love and gratitude. He is not up for visits or calls, but cards can (should) be sent to:

Bill Crone
c/o Hospice of Northwest Ohio
Perrysburg Center
30000 East River Road
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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Week of February 5 thru February 12

SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:10 a.m.	Annual Meeting in the Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the FH
MONDAY		OFFICE IS CLOSED
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	SALT Bible Study at BGSU (4th floor of Bowen-Thompson Student Union)
	7:00 p.m.	Green Team Meeting in FH
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Book Group in the Green Lounge
	8:00 p.m.	A.A. in the Green Lounge
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
	12:00 p.m.	BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY WEDS.
	7:00 p.m.	Mission & Trustee Committee Meetings
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Mtg. in Pastor Jeff's office (office will be closed)
	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts in the Green Lounge
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Meditation Group in the Green Lounge
SATURDAY	9:30 a.m.	Horizon Youth Theatre Workshops
	6:00 p.m.	Choral Scholars Fundraiser – <i>A Taste of Italy</i> in FH
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service



Zoom Bible Lectionary Study is Mondays 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. **This next week we will have a guest preacher, Leon Wang.**

The Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church will be held today **after the worship service today**. Annual reports have been emailed to those whose emails we have on file and mailed to those w/o email addresses.





We are excited that the **Choral Scholars Dinner** will return this year on **Saturday, February 11th**. The evening starts at **6:00 pm** with time to visit with friends and enjoy some beverages and Antipasti. We hope you will feel transported to Italy! The dinner is one of two fundraising events that support the Choral Scholars program at First Presbyterian Church. No tickets are required, but we do ask that you **RSVP by February 8 to Nancy Hess** (nhess1581@yahoo.com or 419-806-4788). Donations to support

the Choral Scholars Program will be collected during the dinner, or can be dropped at the church office (please designate Choral Scholars). Ciao!

The camp-bound folks of FPC invite you to participate in a Chili (and soup!) cook-off. The **cook-off is Sunday Feb. 26** directly after service and will be our first event to help raise funds for sending our youth and families with their young ones to camp! Have a favorite chili/soup recipe you want to show off? Great! Make it and bring it! Fabulous prizes await you! **(See Amanda to sign-up!)** Just like chili/soup?

Great! Bring an empty stomach and some bills to vote for your favorite dish! We hope to see you all there!



You've asked for it and it's here! The return of the casual women's group WWW (Wine Women and Wisdom) is here. **Our first meeting will be Tuesday Feb. 21st at 7pm at Nancy Hess's house (1581 Gleneagles Dr.)**. Come and have a discussion about where we want the group to go from here, what we want our meetings to look like, and when meetings will happen. FYMS Amanda is leading the group forward and wants to know all! Come join us for a casual time together to share in community. BOYW!



From the Deacons: Our monthly donations to First Christian Church are greatly appreciated and needed. The next distribution day is Friday, Feb. 10th. Please continue to bring in your donations but especially needed are **paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, ladies' small incontinence products, toothpaste, and baby diapers (all sizes) and cat/dog food**. Donation bin is located in the office lobby and donations will be picked up on Weds. of this week.

How Lovely, Lord

1. How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place; my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace. The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest; and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.
2. In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day is better than a thousand if I from you should stray. I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.
3. A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High; you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny. The saints, your grace receiving from strength shall go, and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

1. Mary and Joseph came to the temple brought the boy Jesus, offered him there. People were waiting, wanting to greet him; long had they sought him, solace for care.
2. Anna had prayed there, widowed, long waiting, worshiping God by day and by night. Now she is praising, filled with elation: here is God's promise, Christ is her light.
3. Simeon sings now: God proffers blessing, brilliantly gilding dawn of his day. Light in the darkness, never extinguished, Light of all nations, light up our way.



ATTENTION, All Quilters! One of the oldest quilting members of our congregation has recently moved into assisted living. She is offering all of her fabrics for sale, with the proceeds to go to the church. The sale will be **Saturday, February 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. It will include a wide variety of materials and some accessories, at very reasonable prices. **Cash sales only.**