

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 26, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Anne Moser

PRELUDE *Morning Meditation*

Kevin Foster

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE

INTROIT *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 105:1-5, 17*

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

All: He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

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***HYMN #619** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* Lauda Anima

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

As the Scots Confession reminds us, "The children of God fight against sin; they sob and mourn when they find themselves tempted to do evil; and, if they fall, rise again with earnest and unfeigned repentance. They do these things, not by their own power, but by the power of the Lord Jesus, apart from whom they can do nothing." Our Lord stands ready to forgive; come, let us confession our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy Lord, you give us your dreams, but still we prefer our idle musings. You give us your protection, but still we scratch and claw at every perceived threat. You have given us roots that will let us blossom and grow, but still we yearn to wander. You offer us hope, but still we choose to dance with despair. Forgive us these sins, remove our debts, and let your grace overwhelm our lives once again.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Spirit, Open My Heart*

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive) *Psalm 105:42-43*

One: The Lord has remembered his holy promise. He has brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Hymnal Page 582*

*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 Amanda Ark, FYMS

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 37:12-36

SERMON *"Paradoxical Providence"*

ANTHEM *Any Dream Will Do* Andrew Lloyd Weber
Zach Ortega, solo

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles Creed.*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Verse* Domenic Zipoli

***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**



Venmo

*HYMN #687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* St. Anne

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Know That God Loves You* Carson Cooman

POSTLUDE *Voluntary* Samuel Wesley

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Scott Muellich (relatives of Scotty Huntington), Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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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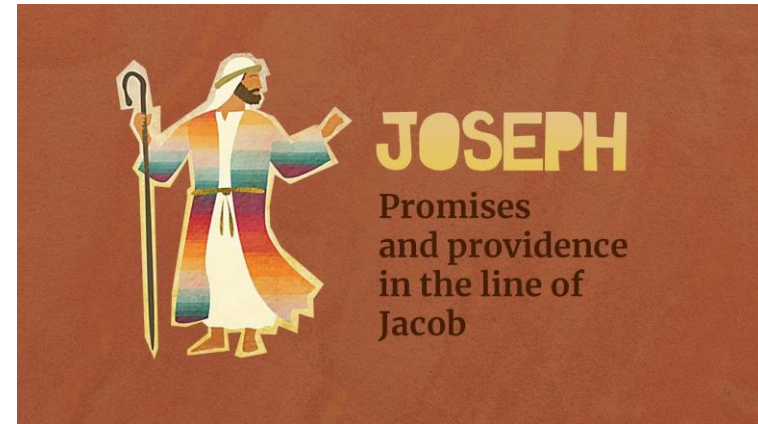
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Annual Meeting – The Annual meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of First Presbyterian has been set for **Sunday, February 2, 2025** immediately following the worship service.

First Presbyterian Church

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Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart you carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the maker all your days!
2. Praise God for the grace and favor shown our fore-bears in distress; God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!
3. Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame, gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years to same. Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!
4. Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in ages past our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal home.

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Week of Jan. 26 thru Feb. 2

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| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 1:30 p.m. | League of Women Voters (FH) |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Girl Scouts (Green Lounge) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge) |
| MONDAY | | OFFICE IS CLOSED |
| TUESDAY | | February Newsletter Deadline |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Book Group (Green Lounge) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Membership meeting (Green Lounge) |
| | 8:00 p.m. | A.A. (FH) |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop |
| THURSDAY | 9:30 a.m. | Deacons' Shop is open to the public |
| | | Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir rehearsal (Bell Room) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Meditation Group (FH) |
| SUNDAY | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service w/Communion |

February newsletter deadline is Tuesday, January 28th. Articles should be emailed to church office by that day.

Ushers are needed for February and March. Anyone can usher! You can sign up in Fellowship Hall, or email sudunn@gmail.com. It's a great way to meet and chat with people!

First Friday will be at the BG Country Club (923 Fairview Ave) on Friday, Feb. 7th at 6 pm. **RSVP Nettie Rose** at 419/262-7889 or nettierose@aol.com no later than Tuesday Feb. 4th.



I-75 Youth Group - The **I-75 youth group** will be meeting **Feb. 22 at Christ Church** in Toledo. This youth group meeting will start at 10am and we will be building beds for kids that need them. The youth will do all the building with a group called "Build a Bed ". Besides the meeting the I-75 Youth Group will also welcome donations of twin sheet sets or twin quilts (new or handmade) but not necessary to the project. If interested in coming please let Amanda know by Feb. 17th.