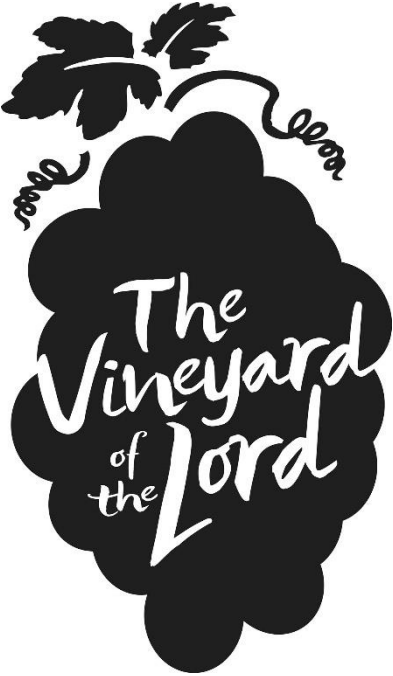


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WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Little Ones: Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during Worship. Check-in begins at 9:20 a.m. for the 9:30 a.m. service.

Godly Play and Godly Play Choir: Children in preschool through elementary school-age are invited to attend Godly Play worship in Room 340 following the Blessing of the Children. Parents can pick up their children on the first floor in the Choir Room, where they will be doing Godly Play choir until 11:15 a.m., except on Communion Sundays when they will return during worship to be able to participate in communion.

WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.

Prelude Minuet Nos. 1 & 2, Suite No. 1 in G J.S. Bach

Marsha Pendley, cello

Choral Introit He Is King of Kings African American Spiritual

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.

* Call to Worship/Opening Words

Our God is the planter of the vineyard.

We are the vines God lovingly tends.

God gives us all we need to thrive.

Let us bear fruit according to God's care for us.

Let us worship God.

* Hymn #643 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God, whose reign is just, we acknowledge that our actions and inactions have led to oppression of our neighbors. We have willingly benefitted from privileges that cause harm to others. We have failed to heed your call to lead from a place of humility, and to care for our communities in away that makes is possible for all to flourish. Forgive us our fear of scarcity and love of power and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.

(Silent Confession)

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* Passing of the Peace

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me,
 World with - out end, _____ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, _____ whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, _____ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free,
 World with - out end, _____ with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Blessing of the Children

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you
 ev - ery - where, ev - ery - where you may go.

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 3rd grade and younger may go to Room 340 for Godly Play.

Prayer for Illumination

I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Anthem

The God of Second Chances

David Haas

Come now, O God of second chances; open our lives to heal. Remove our hate, and melt our rage. Save us from ourselves. Come now, O God, release our demons; open our eyes to see the shame within, our guilt and pain. Mend us; make us whole. Come now, O God, and still our anger; open our minds to peace. Embrace our fear, and hold us close. Calm the storm within. Come now O God, shake our resentment; open our way to choose the way of love over revenge. Show us a new way. Come now, O God, and grant compassion; open our hearts to love. May we let go of all our hurt. Help us to move on. Come now, O God of second chances; may we forgive ourselves, may we become your living sign: Children of God's love.

Second Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-5

p 558 (pew Bible)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Vineyard is Not a Pot of Geraniums

Rev. David Bartley

* Hymn #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

Offering

Offertory

This Is My Father's World

arr. Susan E. Geschke

FPC GatherRing Handbell Choir

* Doxology

Praise to God the Father

DA N'ASE

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spir - it; praise to the Three - in - one. Sing
praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

Prayer of Dedication

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer Response #601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Messages of our Life in Community

* Hymn #804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

* Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. David Bartley

Director of Music: Clinton Miller

Liturgist: Ellen Hugunin

Musicians: FPC Choral Scholars: BK Riha, Deja Jennings, Cassie Wilson, Zach Sanford, Isaac Washington; Desra Dabney, flute; Marsha Pendley, cello

A/V Technician: Robbie Riffle

Guest Preacher today is the Rev. David Bartley, honorably retired in the Maumee Valley Presbytery. He was the pastor at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Toledo prior to his retirement.

The flowers for worship are given by Nancy Wilczynski
in thanksgiving for our many blessings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Faith Formation Across the Generations. Faith formation is broader than just Christian Education! HUH? Come explore with Leslee Kirkconnell what this means particularly for adults during our 2nd Hour Faith Formation today.

The office will be closed Thursday and Friday November 23-24. Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us Next Sunday for Hanging of the Greens. We'll gather at 3 p.m. to decorate the church for the coming season. All ages welcome – sign up outside the office.

Coats for Christmas - Help our Youth keep people warm this winter! They are collecting blankets, coats, hats, gloves, and socks until **next Sunday November 26**. Hats, gloves and socks **must be new**, blankets and coats may be new or gently used. Find the bin in the main entrance for your donation.

Family Faith Formation Conversations – Sunday November 26, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Come help make the church festive at 3 and stay for a time of fellowship, reflection and planning. See Jessie or Leslee with questions.

Advent Workshop – 2nd Hour Faith Formation Sunday December 3 following worship. ALL AGES! Come join us for a time of fellowship and hands on learning as we enter into Advent. There will be food and activities for ALL ages!

Interested in deepening your faith during Advent?

Consider joining the online course – The Cosmic Christ – Advent and the Coming of God. Four Mondays at 1p.m. Eastern beginning December 4. BUT you can sign up and watch the replays as able. A preview airs tomorrow at 1p.m. [The Cosmic Christ - Signup Page \(homebrewedchristianity.pages.co\)](http://homebrewedchristianity.pages.co) You can scan the code to get to the registration page.



Caring Cupboard & Daryl the Barrel for November:

Feminine Products for the **Caring Cupboard.**

Daryl the Barrel is collecting **Sugar.**

Thank you for supporting these ministries to our community!

Continuing Prayer Ministry: Prayers.God. We have been using the Prayer Cross to help our youth feel comfortable with prayer. We have expanded this by adding our Prayers.God bulletin board. Add your prayers on the Cross so the youth can pray. Once the youth have completed their prayers, they will put them on the bulletin board located on the wall outside of the Parlor so everyone can pray. Be sure to check the bulletin board regularly and pray for the needs posted.

Mobile Food Pantry is Saturday, December 2. Volunteers should arrive by 7:30 a.m. Please sign-up outside the main office!

Visioning for Lent (yes, that's correct). The Faith Formation Committee is gathering Thursday, November 30, 6:30 p.m. in Room 210 to think, dream, and plan what our Lenten journey might look like. All are welcome to join us.

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

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LITURGICAL ART

First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. We are currently in the season of Pentecost or Ordinary Time, which lasts from Trinity Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent. The color GREEN symbolizes the renewal of living things and the promise of new life and growth for the Church. The DOSSAL CURTAIN, behind the Cross, and the paraments on the pulpit and lectern visually depict a saying of Jesus: *"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters"* -John 7:30. It also reminds us of the words *"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* -Amos 5:24. The TREE OF LIFE, on either side of the Chancel depicts Revelation 22:2 *"On either side of the river was the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."* The vision of artist Don Beck remains a formative influence on the worship life of First Presbyterian Church.

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