

First Presbyterian Church

Welcomes you for Worship
May 17, 2015

Rev. David Smith
Minister



Our Vision

By the grace of Jesus Christ,
We will strive to share the
Good News with the world,
To nurture our faith, and to
Go into the world sharing
Christ's love and mercy.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2015

10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*

PRELUDE

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

L. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Megan Warner

With the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we see the greatness of Christ's power at work in us who believe.
God put this power to work in Christ
when God raised Christ from the dead.
Christ is at God's right hand
in the glory of the heavenly places!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We thank you, almighty God, for the life of Jesus among us, and that he reigns in power for us.
Strengthen our hope and bless the work of our hands that we may live as his body in this world. In
Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.*

*HYMN NO. 142 (Blue Hymnal)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from
doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us to boldly speak the good
news.*

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven.
We have been given the power to overcome all that separates us from God and each other.
*We have received the Holy Spirit and are empowered to be witnesses
of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of the risen Christ who ascended on high be with you.
And also with you!

*RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TEACHER RECOGNITION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bonita Smith

PRAISE SONG

"Jesus in the Morning"
PresbyPraise!
Psalm 55: 16-17, Reader - Owen Kirkham

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 118

ANTHEM

"The Artist"
Chancel Choir

J. Martin

*Artist, Creator, I give to You my heart. Mold me and make me into Your work of art.
Turn me and shape me into a vessel true. Lord, make me holy, as I give myself to You.
Lord, paint Your beauty on the canvas of my soul. With hands of love You touch and make me whole.
Create the Masterpiece that only You can do. Lord, make me holy, as I give myself to You.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

NT Pg. 91

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"To All Nations"

Rev. David Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"
***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen.***

*HYMN

"A Hymn of Praise"
Words by Bonnie Donnelly

AZMON

**Our families gather at this place, To Worship Christ, our Lord.
We sing His praise, and feel his grace, Our sorrows shared and more.**

**In Him we pray, in Him we trust, Our Shepherd and our King.
We break the bread and drink the cup, our lives an offering.**

**We hold this humble church, our home, One body in our Lord,
Unto our children guided by His hope forevermore.**

**We lift our song in earnest faith The Savior of our days.
We worship Him through open doors, with love, and peace and grace.**

Give Thanks To God

RECOGNITION OF SHEPHERDS

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The congregation will be led in prayer, concluding with our Lord's Prayer (traditional, page 16 of the hymnal).

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*We use "debts" and "debtors."*)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

"Variations on 'Herndon'"

arr. R. Sawyer

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. Holy One, we shout for joy! We give you praise and these offerings, for, with Christ ascended by your side, you are God, awesome and Most High! Amen.

Go In God's Name

*PG. NO. 155 (Blue Hymnal)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

arr. L. Smith

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**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

WE EXTEND A WARM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

EVERYONE IS INVITED DOWNSTAIRS TO FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING WORSHIP FOR LUNCH! Our church shepherds have a "Fun in the Sun" picnic themed lunch! The menu is hot dogs, sloppy joes, salads, baked beans, deviled eggs, chips, and a sundae bar!

OUR CONGREGATION IS ORGANIZED INTO FLOCKS to help celebrate joys and watch out for the needs of members. Three times a year our shepherds arrange for a meal following worship. Thank you to Cyndy Anderson, Carolyn Barnes, Kathy Buckley, Susan Butler, Helen Crago, Kathryn Hartline, Marla Hoerst, Mary Jane Lawson, Marilyn Moody, Nancy Murdock, Judy Peoples, Emily Schuck, Ann Stewart, and Barb Wieferich!

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN? INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? Following the Shepherding Lunch, Pastor David and members of the Evangelism and Discipleship Commission will be meeting with anyone interested in discussing these topics further. The meeting will begin about noon and last about an hour.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Cathy Piekarski in honor of her mother's birthday.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BONNIE DONNELLY AND DENISE HOLMES FOR LEADING PRESBY PRAISE AND WESTMINSTER BELLS!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Megan Warner

FLOWER DELIVERY: Deacons

SIP N CHAT: Shepherding Lunch

SOUND SYSTEM:

USHERS: Bill Cusack, Sally Evans, Nancy and Mike McCartney and Pauline Lee

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Bonita Smith

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

YOUTH GROUP: Wade Miller

ACOLYTE: Kate Evans

THE FINAL YOUTH GROUP MEETING of the 2014-2015 school year is today from 4:30-6:30pm. We'll have a cookout along with fun games & activities. All students are encouraged to attend. Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet/dirty!

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM OF OUR CONGREGATION. Thank you to all who taught our children and adults this year in Sunday school, in Junior Church, through the Children's Sermon, at youth group, in confirmation, through our music ministry, VBS, and in the nursery. Those being recognized are Yvette Cooper, Joni Dennis, Bonnie Donnelly, Eric Dowler, Stacy Elliott, Lori Davis, Dottie Erb, Matt Evans, Carole Hancock, Kathryn Hartline, Marla Hoerst, Megan Dowler, Mary Jane Lawson, Denise Holmes, Kristi Kirkham, Ryan Kirkham, Di Krivchenia, Pauline Lee, Jim North, Sally Norton, Cathy Piekarski, Kevin Malcomb, Nancy Murdock, Judy Peoples, Richard Ratzlaff, Peter Sour, Ann Stewart, Kacey Stack, Bonita Smith, David Smith, Heather Warner, Justin Warner, Suzan Warner, Barb Wieferich, Betsy Akeman, Wade Miller, Lisa Miller, Sara Moyer, Joe Webb, Maria Berner, Nan Cervantes, Peggy Malcomb, Jim Warner, Rick Peoples, Jim Lawson, Jeff Hartline, Sally Evans, Nancy McCartney, Brenda Norton, Erin McCartney Pottenger, Karen Snow, Justin Warner, and Mary Rachel Carr. We also want to thank our youth volunteers. Those being recognized are Sylvia Norton, Kennedy Schuck, Amanda Webb, Elena Lawson, Ben Lawson, Megan Warner, Meredith Davis, Greta Davis, Tyler Hartline, Brandon Humphrey, and Victoria Humphrey.

THE MID-OHIO VALLEY RINGERS WILL PERFORM TONIGHT AT 7:00PM at the Wayside United Methodist Church, 3001 Grand Central Avenue in Vienna. Please come and support Denise Holmes as she plays with The Ringers. There is no admission charge but donations are accepted.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24.

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK, MAY 24! WEAR RED TO CELEBRATE THE DAY! We will receive the Pentecost offering which supports youth and children's ministry that Sunday.

WE WILL BE HAVING OUR FREE COMMUNITY MEAL MAY 26, THE DAY AFTER MEMORIAL DAY. The menu will be crusted baked chicken, broccoli rice casserole, salad, and strawberry shortcake. We will provide the strawberries if you can help by donating a pound cake, plain yellow cake or an angel food cake. Sign up on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs to help or to donate a cake. Thanks!

THE 2015 SIGN-UP SHEET for sanctuary flowers is located in the reception area at the bottom of the stairs. We have plenty of open Sundays, so please sign up!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR COLLEGE GRADUATE TO BE mentioned in the upcoming Presby Packet, please turn in all the information into the office tomorrow. Thanks.

COME CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY IN MAY BY BLESSING OTHERS! Share God's love with family, friends, neighbors and community organizations with acts of kindness, volunteer time and donations. There are plenty of good ideas on the 150 Ways to Love our Neighbors bulletin board.

COME CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY! PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR SCOTLAND TRIP PARTICIPANTS. They will leave Monday, May 25. Pray for them as they make those final arrangements and continue in prayer for their safety while they are gone.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: A community blood drive will be held on May 26 from 1:00-6:00 PM at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. If you are able to donate blood on this day and you did not sign up last winter please contact Peggy Malcomb at 376-0468 or at kpnjm@aol.com and an appointment can be scheduled for you. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with our neighboring churches in giving the gift of life.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Beginning Monday, June 1 the office hours will change. Karen will be in the office 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Friday. The church will be closed on Friday afternoons. Regular office hours will resume in August when school begins.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7: YOUTH ARE INVITED to help lead worship at Genesis Nursing Home on Harmar Hill from 2:00-3:00pm and then to attend the church wide mini-golf/picnic outing at Pioneer Golf Complex (behind Wal-Mart) from 4:00-7:00pm. Look for a youth-adult challenge showdown on the putt-putt greens!

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE NEW (TEMPORARY) SIGNAGE AROUND THE CHURCH? We will be updating all the signs soon. We have added new ones and altered others to match our current usage of the building. If you have any suggestions for additional signs and directions around the building, please speak to Allan Norris.

OPENING NEW DOORS UPDATE. Thank you to our donors for their continued timely giving to this capital campaign! It is anticipated there will be sufficient funds to do the boiler work by the end of the summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for July 12-15, and we're looking for volunteers to serve as group leaders. VBS will begin Sunday evening, July 12 and then continue in the mornings, July 13 through July 15. This year's theme is "Jesus Rocks!" and we have lots of exciting activities planned. Please see Pauline Lee, Kristi Kirkham or Joe Webb if you'd like to help!

JUNIOR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We have several slots open for Junior Church volunteers for May. Maria Berner has developed an exciting and easy-to-use new interactive curriculum to help you lead this dynamic time for students up to 5th grade. Maria holds a Master's degree in childhood education and a wealth of experience as an elementary school and Sunday school teacher before moving here with her family last year.

VBS IS IN NEED OF EMPTY, PLASTIC ICING CONTAINERS WITH LIDS. If you have any to donate to the cause, please drop them off in the box located at our Donation Station outside of fellowship hall.

PHASE 2 UPDATE – WE HAVE GREAT NEWS! Thanks to a large gift and to many, many other donations of all sizes, we have reached the goal. We have sufficient funds to begin work on Phase 2. Thank you for helping us grow our green space!

WANTED: SHELVING UNITS – Have you been doing any spring cleaning lately? Do you have any unused shelving units you want out of your way; taking up too much room in your garage, basement, elsewhere? Well, good news – we have a solution for you. Donate them to the GoPacks program! We are currently in need of shelving units to help store and sort food items. We're not picky – any size, shape and material is acceptable. As long as they will hold things, we'll take them. ☺ See Heather Warner if you have a unit you would like to donate. We can even arrange to come pick them up!

TAKE A PRAYER SHAWL TO BLESS SOMEONE. These beautiful creations, crafted by dedicated volunteers, are in the Golden Circle Room by the 4th Street entrance. Please take one to someone moving through a time of great challenge or experiencing a special joy. If you gift a shawl, please sign the register located with the shawls.

EMILY (PEOPLES) PRATHER, HER HUSBAND ANDREW AND MATT PEOPLES ARE GOING ON A MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER TO HONDURAS. They will be building simple homes for families costing \$1500 each, serving meals, and helping develop a community garden. They are collecting donations to defray the cost of construction materials for the homes. Judy Peoples has empty M&M tubes that can be filled with quarters. A tube filled with quarters equals \$13. Please return filled tubes to Judy.

BOX TOP COLLECTIONS - Our church is collecting Box Tops for our local schools. A small plastic container for these can be found at the Donation Station. Box Tops can be found on many General Mills, Ziploc, Betty Crocker and other affiliated products. (A complete list of participating products is hanging on the wall in the Donation Station.) Each Box Top is worth ten cents and they add up fast. Thank you!

COLORED COPY PAPER – Both the VBS & GoPacks programs are in need of 8 ½” x 11” colored copy paper. If you would like to donate any color copy paper, please drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

OUR INTERGENERATIONAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is studying Jesus’ parables about the kingdom of heaven every week through the end of May. Join us in the Middle School room at 9:15 a.m. All you need is a Bible and an inquisitive mind! See Joe Webb for more information.

A NEW SIGN-UP SHEET FOR GROUPS AND/OR INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE LATROBE ST. MISSION MEALS is available at the bottom of the Wooster St. stairs. You can sign up to cook only, serve only or to do both. Please put your name along with phone number and email. Susan Barengo will contact you several weeks before your assigned week to answer any questions. A tub will be assembled ahead of your serving time with everything you will need, except the food you will prepare. You may submit receipts for reimbursement.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS TO FORM A TEAM IN THE CHURCH LEAGUE that plays at Buckeye Park. We need male and female players ages 16 and up for our team. The league starts in June. Please contact Kevin Scheve at 740-336-8213 if you have any questions or would like to play. There is also a sign up on the big bulletin board next to the Wooster Street entrance.

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY THROUGH THESE PRESBYTERY OFFERINGS. Interested? Speak to Pastor David.
Holy Habit: The Journey Remix

Saturday, September 12: The Journey Discovery 2, "What are my strengths?" (First Pres., Cambridge);

Saturday, December 5: The Journey Discovery 3, "What is my work?" (College Drive Pres., New Concord);

Saturday, February 2016: The Journey Discovery 4, "What is my legacy?" (Location: TBD)

Prayer List Updates

Name to be placed on _____ Add _____ Remove _____
or removed from list:

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
May 17– May 24**

Today

9:00 – PresbyPraise
9:15 – Sunday School
10:00 – Chancel Choir
10:15 – Youth Sunday
11:30 – Shepherding
Lunch
4:30 – Youth Group

Monday

6:00 – Preschool
Information Night

Tuesday

5:00 – Book Club
6:00 - EVE

Wednesday

10:30 – God’s Girls
5:00 – Glorify!
7:30 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

7:00 – Finance
7:00 - AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men’s Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Sabbath
School
11:00 – SDA Worship

Next Sunday

Scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-21
Sermon: “Our Sons
and Daughters”