



Worship for the Lord's Day

First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio

August 16, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WELCOME! We have each come to this place, this event, for divine purposes. We extol the name of the Lord. We receive comfort and blessing from our loving God. Each generation commends to all others the goodness of God's mighty acts. We remind each other (and hear for ourselves) the truth of the Almighty's care and promise. May this time together be an encouragement to your life and faith.

Please note your presence and provide contact information in the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet. Then, return it to the first person in your row.

God's People Gather to Worship

INVITATION INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION

*Every day I will praise You and extol Your name for ever and ever.
Great is the LORD and worthy of praise; God's greatness no one can fathom.
Your realm is an everlasting kingdom.
Your dominion endures through all generations.
The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.
The LORD is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all God has made*

PRELUDE

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
Shawn Marko, Double Bass

Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Responsive)

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

All: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!

Leader: Let the Gospel message shine in every place.

**All: Draw the whole creation to Yourself, gracious Lord,
so that Your hope and goodness may be known through all the earth.**

Leader: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

No. 15

**Asterisks indicate when those who are comfortable standing can rise.*

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Lay Reader)*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison, then Individually)* by Michael J. O'Donnell

Almighty and merciful God, we know that we miss so many opportunities to praise You and to thank You. So often our souls are clouded; so often our faith is haphazard. We judge others when they fail to live up to our expectations; yet we excuse ourselves when we fail to live up to Your expectations. Forgive us our sin and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that You have shown to us even when we failed You. Lead us into new life through Your Son Jesus Christ, Who died for the sins of all. Lord, listen to Your people praying....

(A quiet moment for individual prayers and confessions)

***KYRIE** “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader and In Unison)* based on Psalm 145

One: Friends, put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are fully forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* “GLORY BE TO THE FATHER” No. 581

God's Word is Proclaimed

SUMMER PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 145: 1-6 and 14-18 (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC	“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”	Hayes
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Shawn Marko, Double Bass

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2: 4-10 (NRSV)

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SUNDAY MESSAGE “Each Generation Shall Exalt God” Rev. Greg Gillispie

***BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Philippians 2: 5-11

Though He was in the form of God, Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but our Lord emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. Therefore, at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God's People Respond to the Word

***SONG OF ASSURANCE** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 39

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We Continue Our Worship Here and Beyond This Place

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus"
Shawn Marko, Double Bass

Hayes

***"PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"**

No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy Lord, we praise You. We extol You with our lips. We exalt You with our actions. We magnify You by the ways we share our blessings. Empower our lives to show forth Christ's presence in this weary world. Motivate us even more --- to befriend the lonely, to serve the poor, to reconcile with our enemies, and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

***A CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING**

***WE SHARE A SIGN OF BLESSING WITH EACH OTHER**

Mutual Blessing: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Mutual Response: **And also with you.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Revive Us Again”

Hayes

Shawn Marko, Double Bass



WELCOME: This morning, we welcome a long-time friend of FPC. Shawn Marko is a Warren G. Harding graduate who has toured with the Glen Miller Orchestra and is currently playing with the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra, the Packard Band, and the Packard Big Band. He is a music educator with Youngstown City Schools, having previously been with several school systems in the area. He is a frequent collaborator with many performing groups and is an independent performing artist who regularly coordinates soloists and groups for a variety of events. Shawn and his wife live in Warren with their son, Marko, who is currently attending Ohio University.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Cindy Athya**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk 977.com. Donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and Kleenex** for the month of **August**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

SPIRE DEADLINE: The deadline for the September Spire is **Friday, August 21**. Please send your pictures and articles to kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org.

GRADUATION PARTY: Come celebrate Dominic Torrence’s graduation on **Saturday, August 22, at 12:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

TEXT ALERTS: In addition to the regular and special emails we send out, we are adding the capability to send FPCW updates by texting. This could be for scheduled news or to contact you with an urgent update. If you want to be added to the text-distribution lists, please print the phone number(s) on the Friendship Booklets today and add a *checkmark* to indicate your permission to receive occasional texts.

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL 2026-27: Let's continue our efforts to help our community children, many of whom will lack the basic supplies needed for school. Don't forget **School Supplies** the next time you are out and about. Look for those "early bird" specials! You can drop off your donations at the Church Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR RALLY DAY, AUGUST 30. The launch of our program year has moved to *before* Labor Day, to align us with the patterns of the lives of people whose schedule revolves around the school year. The after-worship festivities have been renamed, too. A lot of non-churched people may not know what happens at a "rally day," but they are quite likely to understand (and more likely to attend) a "Back-to-School Carnival!" Invite someone this week to join with us on August 30.

FINAL LAWN PARTY: We are having the final Lawn Party of the year on **Saturday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a lawn chair and a snack to share. Park in the old YMCA lot. Join us for music, fun, and fellowship!

THE WOMEN'S DESSERT AND DIALOGUE STUDY GROUP will meet in the Parlor at **noon** on the **third Thursday of each month beginning September 17.** This year, we will read "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber, a "*New York Times* bestselling author who takes no prisoners as she reclaims the term 'pastrix' (a term used by some Christians who refuse to recognize female pastors) in her messy, beautiful narrative about an unconventional life of faith." Please see Sue Dennis or call the Church Office if you would like to join this study.

VACATION: Kathie will be out of the office from **Wednesday, August 19, at 1:00 p.m.** through **Sunday, August 23.** The Church Office will be open on **Thursday, August 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Our Fall schedule is complete, and we will have several new offerings for Adult Christian Education. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and/or Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in September and October. More information to come! It's going to be a great year!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Aug. 16	- Worship	10:00 am
Mon, Aug. 17	- OA, P	10:00 am
	- Chickadee Orientation, FH	5:00 pm
	- Girl Scouts, B.....	5:30 pm
	- AA, MC	7:00 pm
Tues, Aug. 18	- Al-Anon, P	9:30 am
	- Free Lunch and Grocery Distribution, FH	10:30 am
	- Finance Meeting, P	5:00 pm
	- Girl Scouts, B.....	5:00 pm
	- Girl Scouts, FH	5:30 pm
	- NA, MC	7:00 pm
Wed, Aug. 19	- Church Office will Close at	1:00 pm
	- Crossroads Bereavement Grp, P	1:00 pm
	- Relay for Life, P.....	5:30 pm
	- CE Meeting, FH	5:30 pm
	- AA, MC	6:30 pm
Thurs, Aug. 20	- Church Office Open	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
	- Worship Meeting, P	7:00 pm
Fri, Aug. 21	- SPIRE Newsletter Deadline	
	- Church Office Closed	
Sat, Aug. 22	- AA, MC	11:00 am
	- Dominic Torrence Grad Party, FH	12:00 pm
Sun, Aug. 23	- Worship	10:00 am

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