



Worship for the Lord's Day

First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio

August 30, 2026

10:00 A.M.

WELCOME! Every Sunday is a celebration of God's goodness to us. Today also marks our annual Rally Day celebration, as we move from one season to the launch of the next new year of worship, faith development, mission, and invitation. May each person here be blessed by the experiences we share in the Lord's presence.

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

PERSONAL PREPARATION AND MEDITATION

from Psalm of the Week #119

*The law of Your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.
Your hands have made and fashioned me;
give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.
Let Your steadfast love become my comfort
according to Your promise to Your servant.
Let Your mercy come to me, so that I may live,
for Your law is my delight.
May my heart be blameless in Your statutes;
as for me, I will meditate on Your precepts.*

PRELUDE

"Sonata KV 332"
II. Adagio

Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

based on Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, You have been our refuge

All: from one generation to another.

Leader: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the sea were born,

All: from age to age You are God.

Leader: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us

All: and prosper the work of our hands.

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

No. 744

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison, then Individually)*

Mighty and merciful God, You have called us to be Your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, distracted away from Your powerful presence, and forgetful of the strength of Your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.

(A quiet moment for personal silent prayers)

As You have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ’s way in this world.

**Give us Your Holy Spirit, so that each of us may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling:
to faithfully follow Jesus Christ our Savior.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader and In Unison)*

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

SUMMER PSALM OF THE WEEK

Psalm 119: 33-40

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

ANTHEM

“Jubilate Deo”

Gordan

RECOGNITION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS, Class of 2026

Romans 12: 4-8

Faithful God, keep, preserve, and protect our outgoing leaders all their days. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, may they be salt of the earth and light for the world. Lead them to new ministries and new discoveries, secure in the faith that binds us forever in the body of Christ. Amen.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

I Corinthians 3: 4-11

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

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Building Up Christ’s Church”

Rev. Greg Gillispie

*OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

from the PCUSA Creeds

In life and in death we belong to God, the Holy One of Israel – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God raised this Jesus from the dead, breaking the power of sin and evil and delivers us from death to life eternal. God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ is the heart of the gospel in any age, and the church is called to the mission of reconciliation through all generations.

We most surely believe that God has preserved, instructed, multiplied, honored, and adorned the Church in all ages since Adam until the final victory of Christ Jesus.

The marks of the true Church are the preaching of the Word of God, the right administration of the sacraments of Christ Jesus, and ecclesiastical discipline uprightly ministered, as God’s Word prescribes, whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

“Now to the One Who places power within us to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

We Respond to God’s Good News

*HYMN OF REQUEST

“Be Thou My Vision”
Verses 1, 2, and 4

No. 450

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal page 35

We Continue Our Worship Here and Beyond This Place

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

OFFERTORY

“Rebel Heart”
Heather Trowbridge, soprano

Daigle

*“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

No. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *written at St. Martin Presbyterian (Christchurch, Australia)*

**Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our cash and our cheques;
our coins and our online contributions; our faltering steps and our hopes; our
risking and our lives.**

**Through Your gracious abundance and our willingness to share, may these
offerings become a source for hope and love --- in this church family, for our
neighbors who need You, and in the communities beyond us.**

Help us to further Your never-ending project of renewal in our world. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

No. 394

*Verses 1, 2, and 4
(to the tune Angels from the Realm of Glory, 143)*

*WE SHARE A SIGN OF BLESSING WITH EACH OTHER

Mutual Blessing: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Mutual Response: And also with you.

*A CHALLENGE AND THE BLESSING

*SENDING SONG “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

No. 541

Verses 1 and 2

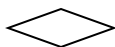
*SOUNDING OF THE CHURCH BELL

*POSTLUDE

“Sonata KV 332”
I. Allegro

Mozart

*Following a reception hosted by our Deacons, lunch and
festivities will be available at today’s “Back-to-School” Carnival.*



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.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today in honor of **Pastor Greg and his ministry at FPC** by **Sue Kindelberger**. 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.

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR GREG: Deacons will hold an appreciation reception in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship today. Join us as we thank Greg for his ministry at FPC before you make your way outside for food, fun, and fellowship at the Back-to-School Carnival.

RALLY DAY/BACK-TO-SCHOOL CARNIVAL: Rally Day marks the launch of our program year. Take the opportunity to look at the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and sign-up for Bible studies, Committees, and other chances to serve this year. After the Deacons’ reception, join us outside for lunch and carnival fun.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will meet for Bible Study in the parlor **Thursday, September 3, at 11:00**. We will gather afterwards with our bag lunches, and a dessert will be provided. The Presbyterian Women’s book this year is “United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other” based on Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. The books are available in the office.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: On **Friday, September 4, and Monday, September 7**, the Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

VACATION: Dave Skipper will be on vacation **September 1 - 11**. Please reach out to the Church Office if you are in need of building attendant assistance.

FINAL LAWN PARTY: The final Lawn Party of the year will be on **Saturday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a lawn chair and a snack to share. Park in the old YMCA lot at 251 Harmon Ave. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or email info@fpcwarren.org and join us for music, fun, and fellowship!

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**. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Aug. 30	- Rally Day/Back-to-School Carnival - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Pastor Greg's Reception..... 11:00 am - Back-to-School Carnival 11:30 am
Mon, Aug. 31	- OA, P 10:00 am - Girl Scouts, B.....5:30 pm - AA, MC7:00 pm
Tues, Sept. 1	- Al-Anon, P 9:30 am - Girl Scouts, B.....5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, FH5:30 pm - NA, MC7:00 pm
Wed, Sept. 2	- AA, MC6:30 pm
Thurs, Sept. 3	- Miriam Esther Circle, P 11:00 am
Fri, Sept. 4	- Church Office Closed
Sat, Sept. 5	- AA, MC 11:00 am - Concert Parking 4:30 pm - Lawn Party 6:00 pm
Sun, Sept. 6	- Communion/2 Cents-a-Meal - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am

BRIDGE PASTOR:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

WORSHIP LEADER:

RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:

VIDEO PROJECTION:

Rev. Greg Gillispie

Melanie Vlad

Marissa Welke

Rich Coupland

Alexis Musgrove

Rich Coupland and Gracie Lipscomb