



Worship for Labor Day Weekend

First Presbyterian Church of Warren

August 31, 2025 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! It is good when the people of God gather for worship, praise, prayer, and mutual support. Whether you are a first-time newcomer or a multiple-decade long-timer, may we all experience the presence and power and compassion of the Lord of the Universe. *Please note your presence and provide contact information in the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet. Then return it to the first person.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *from Exodus 20 and Matthew 11*

*Six days shall you labor and do all your work,
but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God.*

On it, you shall not do any work...

"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

PRELUDE

"'Tis the Last Rose of Summer"

arr. Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: We pause among our busy week, for a focused time to encounter God.

All: The Lord of all creation gives us life and work and purpose.

Leader: God pours out on us an abundant portion of skills and talents, all for God's glory.

**All: Lord, You provide us opportunities to use these gifts for
the benefit of others as well as ourselves.**

Leader: Holy God, be at work among us, as we offer our sacrifices of praise.

**All: We celebrate God's goodness, bringing about the work of our
salvation.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

No. 81

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

Forgive us, O God, for we have settled for a system that does not reflect what You intend in Your realm. We settle for ordinary tasks and bland lives. We can be lazy with our quest for righteousness, within ourselves and throughout the culture around us. You call us to be at work for justice and dignity, but we “settle” for unfairness and convenience.

Return us to the tasks You require of us --- that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Redeem us and heal us. Please make it so...

***KYRIE** “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

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

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

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

No. 581

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,”

says Jesus the Savior, “and I will give you rest.”

**Let us be drawn into God’s Holy Word and into the Word-Made-Flesh,
Christ the Lord. Amen.**

READING FROM THE HEBREW WRITINGS

Psalm 90:12-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ach, ich fühl’s”

Mozart

Alexis Musgrove, soprano

READING FROM THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

SUNDAY MESSAGE “Our Life’s Work (and the Rest of It)”

Rev. Greg Gillispie

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

***HYMN**

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest”

No. 824

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LITANY FOR THOSE WHO WORK

At each pause after a group of workers and roles, the Congregation responds:

“Work with them, O Lord.”

This litany continues with prayers “For all those who...” and concludes with:

**“Work with us, our Great God – we pray for Your mercy,
Your grace, and Your saving power. Amen.**

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.”

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Skylark”

Mercer and Carmichael

Alexis Musgrove, soprano

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(In Unison)*

Lord, hear the prayers of those who gathered to complete our deepest vocation --- of unity and love. By doing the work You have entrusted to us, may we sustain our life on earth and build up Your kingdom in faith.

As we dedicate these offerings and these lives in gratitude to You, may the goodness of the Lord be upon us, and give success to the work of our hands. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

***HYMN**

“Come, Labor On”

No. 719

***A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***WE SHARE A SIGN OF JESUS' PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

***POSTLUDE**

“The Piper”

arr. Keveren

A time of conversation and refreshments happens in Fellowship Hall. Go through the front doors of this worship space.

THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED; LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of **Doe Roberts** by **M.A. Vlad**.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **paper towels, Kleenex, and toilet paper** for the month of **August**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, September 1, in observation of Labor Day.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by the **General Fund**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk977.com. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

MEALTRAIN is in need of volunteers to provide meals. If you are able to help, please email Susan Stahl at sstahl@neo.rr.com.

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: The Synod of the Covenant has grants to help with bachelor degree costs. The application and supporting information is due before **September 2**. Details and the application are available on the Synod's website. The Presbyterian churches in Ohio and Michigan make these available to students involved in a local congregation or a campus ministry, even if you go to school beyond this region.

RALLY DAY is fast approaching! Be here on **September 7** for activities, fellowship, and food after service. This is a great way for us to kick off our church program year and a perfect time to invite other friends and family to join us.

BIBLE STUDY: A new intergenerational Sunday morning Bible study will happen **September 14, 21, and 28** at FPC. Pastor Greg will lead a class for teens and adults together, based on a recent Presbyterian curriculum on seeing God's presence in our midst. It is open to anyone and everyone. Each week is a separate theme, and the gatherings will be from 11:20 to 11:59 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 7, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE. Members of this church are encouraged to gather for our annual election meeting. The Officer Nominating Committee will recommend that the following should be elected:

Deacons, 3-year term: Janet Williams, Shealeigh Lipscomb, Susan Nadenichek

Elders, 3-year term: Donna Latessa, Heather Trowbridge, Mary Ann Bromley

Endowment Committee: Brian Annandono, Michael Buzulencia

Also recommended are amendments to our corporate bylaws to provide the congregation better flexibility to determine the size of our leadership boards each year. Talk with Jenny Annandono or Greg Gillispie if you have any questions.

The meeting will be near the end of the 10:00 worship on Rally Day, **Sunday, September 7**. All "active members" of FPC are eligible to vote, speak or make additional nominations. The Presbyterian Constitution prohibits proxy voting, but a member who would like to participate by phone or video meeting software can do so. (Please request this option through the Church Office or Amy Burd *by Wednesday*, so that we have time to arrange the technology.)

ASPIRE WOMEN'S EVENT: Ladies, join us for an evening full of laughter, learning, stories, and music on **Sunday, October 19**. We will carpool to Hermitage for an early dinner and arrive at the event by 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 plus your dinner. Please sign up early in Fellowship Hall and indicate if you are willing to drive, so that we can purchase the tickets. Don't miss this "Mini Retreat" to renew and revive your Holy Spirit. Payment can be made in the Church Office or included in an envelope marked Aspire. Direct questions to Sue Dennis.

FPC CRAFTERS will meet Wednesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. to assemble the school supply cake. All are welcome to help.

Get your Autumn Calendars out:

Sept 21	Ordain and Install new officers
Oct 18	Presbytery here for Warren Family Mission project
Oct 23	"66 Books in 2 Hours" (a one-night, entire Bible study)



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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Aug. 31 - **Worship** **10:00 am**

Mon, Sept. 1 - **Labor Day/Church Office Closed**

Tues, Sept. 2 - Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am
 - Girl Scouts, FH 5:30 pm
 - NA, MC 7:00 pm

Wed, Sept. 3 - **FPC Crafters, B** **10:00 am**
 - AA, MC 6:30 pm

Thur, Sept. 4 - **Prayer Talk, FH** **9:00 am**

Fri, Sept. 5 - **Church Office Closed**

Sat, Sept. 6 - AA, MC 11:00 am

Sun, Sept. 7 - **Rally Day/Communion/2 Cents a Meal**
 - **Choir Rehearsal** **8:30 am**
 - **Worship** **10:00 am**
 - **Congregational Meeting** **10:45 am**
 - **Rally Day Fun** **11:15 am**

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom