



Service For The Lord's Day

October 11, 2026

****Those who are able, please stand.***

10:00 A.M.

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

From everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Carry me today in Your steadfast love, so that I may rejoice and be glad in all my days, living life fully without fear of the end. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

Gounod

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

All: for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all His praise?

**All: Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.**

Leader: Save us, O Lord our God,
and gather us from among the nations,

**All: so that we may give thanks to Your holy name
And glory in Your praise.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say,

All: Amen. Praise the Lord!

***SONG OF PRAISE**

"This Is My Father's World"

No. 370

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Worship Leader)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, You call us again and again to seek Your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way.

Lord, forgive our sin.

Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to Your ways of grace, mercy, love, and service. May we heed Your invitation to be part of Your kingdom and strive, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Worship Leader and In Unison)*

Leader: In Jesus Christ, your sins have been forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of God through Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

No. 581

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Dear God, You tell us in Your written word that You inspire all Scripture, so that we who belong to You may be equipped for every good work. As we hear Scripture read and proclaimed, inspire us through Your Holy Spirit, so that we may be ready to worship You and serve others with the love and grace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 19

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hope”

Mendelssohn

SECOND READING

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“We Belong to God”

Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Declaration of Faith

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because He shares our humanity and has bound us to Himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge His rule. But His lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now He is Lord.

***HYMN**

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

No. 707

WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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...“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 MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Aria”

Kuhnau

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 606

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

**Bountiful God, all that we can offer
comes from Your generosity.
May these gifts that we return to You
become a blessing,
enriching and empowering all
for the work to which You call us.
We thank You in the name of Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

***SONG OF SENDING** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

No. 744

***A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** “Exaltation”

Mansfield



PLEASE WELCOME Marty Young, our guest organist today.

PASTOR LESLIE’S WELCOME RECEPTION: Immediately following today’s service, join us in Fellowship Hall for a cake and punch reception to welcome Pastor Leslie to FPC.

MEET-N-EAT will be held on **Tuesday, October 13, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**, in Fellowship Hall with a wonderful meal of salad, pasta, and dessert and fun activity. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office **today**, so we know how much food we will need.

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

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by **an anonymous donor in memory of Jim and Katylu Herriman and Barb Copeland**. 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 plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check.

MAYBERRY BIBLE STUDY: Join us each Wednesday evening through **October 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for an entertaining and thought-provoking Bible study inspired by the beloved *Andy Griffith* and *Mayberry R.F.D.* television programs. Each evening, we will explore lessons and values that connect the simple wisdom of Mayberry with our lives of faith. Come for one, a few, or all! Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Exploring the Parables of Jesus. A parable is a story about a simple, familiar subject that Jesus used to illustrate a deeper and more meaningful spiritual truth. Together, we will discuss these stories, share our interpretations, and consider how Jesus' teachings speak to our lives today. Join us **Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Grief, what it is and what it isn't: grief IS a journey that begins when you experience a significant loss (significant is defined by the person). The loss is usually defined as the loss of a person but could be the loss of a pet, job, friendship, health, or many other changes in our lives that carry a variety of emotions. Grief is NOT just sadness that eventually goes away. Grief is both a time of sadness and a journey of multi-faceted emotions, thoughts, and spiritual turmoil. A grief support group helps you understand your journey – the emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical challenges – and offers ways to navigate and live with the ups and downs of grief.

Grief is a journey that we don't ask to take and one that does not end, but grief can get better with time. In grief support groups, stories are shared, coping strategies are discussed, and healing can take place. Come and share; come and learn; come and heal. Our grief support group is facilitated by Mary Ann Bromley, who facilitated groups and observed the healing of many participants in her tenure as chaplain at Ohio Living Lake Vista. An organizational meeting will be on **Friday, October 16, at 10 am, in the Parlor.** Subsequent meetings, beginning in November, will be the first and third Fridays of each month at 10 am in the Parlor.

GHOST WALK: FPC will be ground zero for the 2026 Ghost Walk, which will be held **October 16, 17, 23, and 24, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 12 and under. Tours leave every 15 minutes. Bring your family and friends for this educational and entertaining event.

PASTOR:
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
GUEST ORGANIST:
LAY READER:
RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:
VIDEO PROJECTION:

Rev. Dr. Leslie Traylor
Marissa Robbins
Martha Young
Susan Nadenichek
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Oct. 11	- Bible Study, P 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am - Pastor Leslie's Welcome Reception, FH 11:15 am
Mon, Oct. 12	- OA, P..... 10:00 am - Cortland Fellowship, Otterbein 11:00 am - Girl Scouts Recruitment, FH..... 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - BGA Meeting, P..... 6:30 pm - CE Meeting, Z 7:00 pm - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Tues, Oct. 13	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - Finance Meeting, P..... 1:00 pm - Meet-n-Eat, FH..... 5:30 pm - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed, Oct. 14	- Someplace Safe, B 5:00 pm - Bible Study, FH 5:30 pm - NAMI, P..... 6:00 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
Thurs, Oct. 15	- Dessert and Dialogue, P 12:00 pm - Worship Meeting..... 7:00 pm
Fri, Oct. 16	- Church Office Closed - Grief Support Group, P..... 10:00 am - Ghost Walk 4:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 17	- AA, MC..... 11:00 am - Ghost Walk 4:30 pm
Sun, Oct. 18	- Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Bible Study, P 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am - Bell Practice 11:15 am - Aspire Women's Event, Hermitage..... 2:30 pm

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