



Service For The Lord's Day

Communion/2 Cents a Meal

September 6, 2026 **Those who are able, please stand.* 10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshipping 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

Lord Jesus, I do not know what crosses may arise before me but give me courage to live as a faithful disciple whose life belongs to You.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"I've Got Peace like a River"
Shawn Marko and Melanie Vlad, flute

arr. Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Tell the whole congregation of God's people: this is a day for new beginnings.

All: This is a time of God's appearing. This is the moment for faithful response.

Leader: Praise God in the assembly of the faithful. Make melody to God and sing a new song.

All: Praise God for life enriched by love. Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.

Leader: This is the hour to wake from our sleep. The energy of God's love fills this place.

All: Here we claim our identity as Christians. Here we become the church of Jesus Christ.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Worship Leader)*

***OPENING HYMN**

"Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"

No. 305

***CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Worship Leader)*

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

O God, we have not been faithful to Your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. Our sins are destroying us, God. Turn us around to a new way of being. Amen.

***KYRIE**

No. 574

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

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

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 581

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Heavenly Father, Holy Wisdom came to dwell with us in Jesus, filling our world with her light and life. May she also dwell within Your Word this day, so that we may have intimate knowledge of Your love for us, through the One Who is close to Your heart, Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalms 149

ANTHEM

“In the Wonder of His Grace”

Rush/Stevens

SECOND READING

Romans 13: 8-14

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Bell Bottoms”

Mary Ann Bromley, CRE

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “The Apostles’ Creed”

No. 35

***HYMN**

“Loves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

No. 498

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

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.

...“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.”

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Music

“Seasons of Life”

arr. Hayes

Prayer

OFFERTORY

“Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It”

arr. Hayes

Shawn Marko and Melanie Vlad, flute

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

May these offerings help to free Your people, O God, from bondage to sin. Unite us in a community of mutual caring in which differences are resolved as we listen to one another and seek to offer understanding. May the light of Your love shine through all our efforts to share Your good news. With these prayers, we dedicate our gifts. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

No. 69

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen”

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.



WELCOME BACK: Please extend a warm welcome to **Shawn Marko**, instrumentalist for today. Thank you for sharing your wonderful talent with us.

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 **September**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY SPEAKER: Join us on **Sunday, September 13, at 11:15 a.m.** in the Parlor for an informative presentation, “Dementia Friends,” presented by Christy Boone from Direction Home of Eastern Ohio. Christy serves as the Director of Special Projects at Direction Home and leads our Share Care Circle group, which was formed last year.

The Dementia Friends program will help us better understand dementia and how we can support individuals and families affected by it. Dementia is not a specific disease, but rather an umbrella term used to describe a wide range of symptoms associated with a decline in memory, language, and other thinking skills. This presentation will offer practical information and encourage us to consider how we, as individuals and as a community, can better support those living with dementia.

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION of eight of our members to join or rejoin our Session (Council of Elders) or our Board of Deacons is scheduled over the next two Sundays. Our officers-elect and the congregation will have mutual vows to make during Sunday worship on **September 13 and September 20**.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP will begin on **Sunday, September 13**. It will continue to meet weekly except the first Sunday of the month, when children stay to observe/participate in communion. This is Sunday School for grades kindergarten through 5th grade. Children stay in worship and then leave after the anthem. Lessons are independent of one another and in a story-telling format, so children can come and feel comfortable at any time of the year. After the lesson, children will use various forms of multi-sensory materials to express what they have experienced/learned from the story. Let’s learn together!

LOOKING FOR A DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE? The new issues of *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* are now available outside the Church Office.

SUNDAY CE BIBLE STUDY: For seven weeks, starting on **Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m., in the Parlor**, the Christian Education Committee will lead an exploration of 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. Sign up in Fellowship Hall and join us for thoughtful conversation, new insights, and a deeper look at the stories Jesus taught.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: September 16–October 28, 5:30–7:00 p.m. Join us in the Parlor each Wednesday evening for an entertaining and thought-provoking Bible study inspired by the beloved *Andy Griffith* and *Mayberry R.F.D.* television program. Each evening, we will explore lessons and values that connect the simple wisdom of Mayberry with our lives of faith. Topics will include service, peace, commitment, accountability, courage, temptation, and more. This eight-program series gives you plenty of opportunities to join us. Come for one, a few, or all eight programs! Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Marjorie Dangan**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated 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.

WOMEN'S DESSERT AND DIALOGUE STUDY GROUP will meet in the Parlor at noon on the **third Thursday of each month beginning September 17**. We will read "Pastrix" by Nadia Bolz-Weber. If you are joining the study, stop by the Church Office to pick up your book and read Chapters 1 and 2 before our first study.

FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES: Our first speaker will be Dominic Mararri, Director of Public Relations from the Warren Family Mission. Mark your calendar and join us on **Sunday, October 4, at 11:15 a.m. in the Parlor**.

WOMEN OF FPC MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are thrilled to announce that the **Aspire Women's Event** will be held again this year on **Sunday, October 18**, in Hermitage, PA. We will **meet at the church at 2:30 p.m.**, travel to Hermitage, and enjoy lunch before the event begins at 5:00 p.m. Your cost is \$15.00, with the balance of the ticket price covered by the Christian Education Committee. The ladies who attended last year's event cannot say enough about what a wonderful experience it was. Sign up in Fellowship Hall and be part of this special evening.

COMISSIONED RULING ELDER:
 DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
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Mary Ann Bromley, CRE
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Marissa Welke
Susan Nadenichek
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Sept. 6	- Communion/2 Cents a Meal - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am
Mon, Sept. 7	- Labor Day/Church Office Closed - AA, MC 7:00 pm
Tues, Sept. 8	- Al-Anon, B..... 9:30 am - NA, MC 7:00 pm
Wed, Sept. 9	- Someplace Safe, B 5:00 pm - NAMI Meeting, P 6:00 pm - AA, MC 6:30 pm
Fri, Sept. 11	- Church Office Closed
Sat, Sept. 12	- AA, MC 11:00 am
Sun, Sept. 13	- Ordination and Installation of Officers - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - CE Bible Study, P 9:00 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - CE Speaker, P 11:15 am

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