



Worship for The Lord's Day

First Presbyterian Church of Warren

October 12, 2025 **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 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

Eternal God, help us to measure our time, in faithful generosity, that Your will be done, Your kingdom come, for life everlasting, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

arr. Rouse

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Come and see what God has done.

All: How awesome are Your deeds, O God! We sing praises to Your name.

Leader: Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water:

All: God has brought us out to a spacious place. Our God is an awesome God.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 276 *Blue PH*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

(Lay Reader)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(In Unison)

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise You and give thanks to You always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame others. We doubt Your compassion, even Your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to You or to others, in expressions of gratitude. Forgive us for attitudes and behaviors that diminish joyful thanksgiving in us. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people You love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***KYRIE** “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Lay Reader)*

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

No. 579

ALTERNATIVE GIFT-GIVING MINUTE FOR MISSION

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

O God, Your Word is not chained; send Your Spirit, so that by this Word, we may be set free to demonstrate the gospel in our lives while also sharing it with others. Amen.

ANTHEM

“My Soul Longs for You, O God”

Beethoven/Hopson

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12: 28-34

SUNDAY MESSAGE

Rev. Barry Chance

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One triune God, the Holy One of Israel, Whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God, Whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. 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!”

***HYMN**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

No. 428 *Blue PH*

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.”

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Psalm 77” Nevue

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

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

Like the shepherds in Bethlehem’s field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus, like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify Your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank You. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of Your power to reconcile and redeem. We ask all things in the name of Christ, Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

***HYMN** “Now Thank We All Our God” No. 555 *Blue PH*

***A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***WE SHARE A SIGN OF JESUS’ PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

If you are comfortable doing so, please exchange this blessing with several of the people around you.

***POSTLUDE** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. McDonald

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!

WELCOME: Please extend a warm welcome to **Rev. Barry Chance**. As the General Presbyterian of Eastminster Presbytery, his ministry is to pastor the pastors and churches of our 39 congregations, from the Akron region to Kinsman to East Palestine. Thank you, Barry, for filling in while Pastor Greg is on vacation. Greg will return Thursday night.

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

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 talk 977.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.

LAKE VISTA BIBLE FELLOWSHIP will meet at Lake Vista on **Monday, October 13, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Lake Vista Chapel. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

MEET-N-EAT will be held on **Tuesday, October 14, 5:30-7:00**, in Fellowship Hall for a taco salad dinner and fun activity. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall **today**, so we know how much food to prepare.

THE WOMEN'S DESSERT AND DIALOGUE STUDY GROUP will meet at noon on **October 16 in the Parlor**. We will discuss Chapters 3 and 4 of "Accidental Saints" by Nadia Bolz-Weber.

GHOST WALK: FPC will be ground zero for the 2025 Ghost Walk, which will be held **October 17, 18, 24, and 25, 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. You can purchase tickets online at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ghost-walk--2025>.

PASTOR IS ON VACATION THROUGH 18. If you are in need of Pastoral Care during this time, please call the Church Office at 330-393-1524.

66 BOOKS IN 2 HOURS: The Entire Bible in Just One Night: Some people would love to attend Bible Studies. However, a year-long commitment – or even a six-week series – may not easily work into some schedules. So, an alternative will be held on **Thursday, October 23, at 5:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Greg Gillispie will teach a one-night Bible Study with the goal of covering the entire Scriptures in a single setting. Yes, “66 Books in 2 Hours!” Dinner will be provided; please sign up in Fellowship Hall, so that we can plan for the meal. Teaching will begin after dinner.

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY TO HELP OUT WARREN FAMILY MISSION: The churches of Eastminster Presbytery are invited to participate in our second Mission Service Project of 2025 at the Warren Family Mission. Our primary task on **October 18** will be preparing for the Mission’s annual coat giveaway. Participants are asked to arrive between **9:30 and 9:45** that Saturday morning. Lunch is included, and the project should wrap up about **1:00 p.m.** Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Church to support the mission work of Eastminster Presbytery right in our own backyard!

MEALTRAIN is in need of volunteers to provide meals to any of our households after a hospitalization or other need. If you are able to help, please email Susan Stahl at sstahl@neo.rr.com.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Greg will lead an online zoom Bible study on **Tuesdays at 7:17 p.m. for four weeks** beginning **October 21**. It is based on Max Lucado’s *Tame Your Thoughts* Bible study. Watch your email for the invitation to join the zoom study.



Online giving can be done with your phone using the QR code on the left.

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

Rev. Greg Gillispie
Melanie A. Vlad
Marissa Welke
Mary Ann Bromley
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Oct. 12	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am
	- Worship 10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B 10:15 am
	- Bell Choir Practice 11:15 am
	- CE Meeting, T 11:15 am
Mon, Oct. 13	- OA, P 10:00 am
	- FPC/Vista Group, Lake Vista 11:00 am
	- Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm
	- BGA Meeting, FH 6:30 pm
	- Voices of Micah Meeting 7:00 pm
	- AA, MC 7:00 pm
Tues, Oct. 14	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am
	- Meet-n-Eat, FH 5:30 pm
	- NA, MC 7:00 pm
Wed, Oct. 15	- Crossroads Bereavement Group, P 1:00 pm
	- Relay for Life Meeting, FH 6:00 pm
	- AA, MC 6:30 pm
Thur, Oct. 16	- Dessert and Dialogue Study, P 12:00 pm
	- Worship Meeting 7:00 pm
Fri, Oct. 17	- Church Office Closed
	- Ghost Walk 5:00 pm
Sat, Oct. 18	- Presbytery Mission Service, Warren Family Mission 9:30 am
	- AA, MC 11:00 am
	- Ghost Walk 5:00 pm
Sun, Oct. 19	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am
	- Worship 10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B 10:15 am
	- Deacons Meeting, B 11:15 am
	- Aspire Event, Hermitage 2:30 pm

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