



Worship of God

Installation and Ordination of Officers

First Presbyterian Church of Warren

September 13, 2026

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

10:00 A.M.

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-decades long-timer, may we all experience the presence and power and compassion of the Lord. *Please note your presence and provide contact information in the “Ritual of Friendship” booklet. Then, return it to the first person.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God, give us strength of mind, so that we might learn and walk the path of obedience and discipleship. Guide our thoughts and emotions, so that we may be like children, totally dependent on You, welcoming all with hospitality and love. Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Sonatina”
I. Allegro

Kuhlau

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.

Let us remember God’s marvelous works.

**All: Surely God has saved us in difficult times.
How can we forget God’s guiding hand?**

Leader: When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged,
God helps us turn the evil to good.

**All: We need not be afraid whatever happens.
We are in God’s care wherever we go.**

Leader: Sing the praises of God, our strength. Know that God is majestic and holy.

**All: How great is God’s mercy for all who worship!
We sense among us God’s kindness and patience.**

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

***OPENING HYMN**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

No. 804

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

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

We bow before Your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of our society to decide who is worthy of our attention. We have rejected those whom we dislike and have been harsh with those we think do not measure up. We have been willing to overlook our own faults as we look down on other people. O God, You have shown us a better way. Help us to discover the blessing of forgiveness. Amen.

***KYRIE** “Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”

***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!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

No. 581

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Forgiving God, Whose strength enables us to stand against the temptations we face and whose judgment discerns our deepest motives, empower us by Your Word to embody the spirit of Christ in our relations with one another and in our care for all people, so that oppression may end, desperate needs be met, and mercy be extended to all Your children. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 50: 15-21

ANTHEM

“A Festive Alleluia”

Lightfoot

SECOND READING

Matthew 18: 21-35

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Forgiving”

Ray Rubrake, Elder

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the Confession of Belhar 1986

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and breadth and depth of the love of Christ.

INSTALLATION / ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE OFFICERS-ELECT

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THOSE ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

***HYMN**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 475

WE SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

**“Sonatina”
II. Andante**

Kuhlau

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 606

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

We honor You, O God, as we give. We know we do not live or die to ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked in ways beyond our knowing with You and all generations of Your children. We are accountable to You and share in responsibility for one another and for the care of this planet. Thus, we dedicate our resources and our lives to You for the work of Your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us to Yourself. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

No. 298

***A CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen”

***WE SHARE A SIGN OF JESUS’ PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

***POSTLUDE**

“Sonatina”
III. Rondo

Kuhlau



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.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by **an anonymous donation**. 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.

SUNDAY SPEAKER: Join us **today, 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. This program will help us better understand dementia and how we can support individuals and families affected by it.

URBAN TAP LUNCH: Join us at Urban Tap immediately after church on **September 20**, to enjoy one of the last few days of summer as we “Meet and Eat.” Church Life is sponsoring the event, and the cost is \$10.00 per person. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall today!

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 programs. 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.

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. Please 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. Those who attended last year’s event cannot say enough about what a great experience it was. Sign up in Fellowship Hall and be part of this special evening.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: The churches of Eastminster Presbytery have been invited to participate in our second Mission Service Project of 2026 at the Warren Family Mission. Our task on **October 17** 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!

THE SPIRE DEADLINE is Tuesday, September 22. Please send articles and pictures to the Church Office at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org.

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, Sept. 13	- Installation and Ordination of Officers - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - CE Bible Study, P..... 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am - Sunday Speaker, P 11:15 am
Mon, Sept. 14	- OA, P 10:00 am - Cortland Fellowship, Otterbein..... 11:00 am - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - BGA Meeting, FH 6:30 pm - CE Meeting, Z 7:00 pm - AA, MC 7:00 pm
Tues, Sept. 15	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - Free Lunch and Grocery Distribution, FH..... 10:30 am - Finance Meeting, P..... 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, FH 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - NA, MC 7:00 pm
Wed, Sept. 16	- Crossroads Bereavement Group, P 1:00 pm - CE Bible Study, FH 5:30 pm - AA, MC 6:30 pm
Thurs, Sept. 17	- Dessert and Dialogue Study, P 12:00 pm - Worship Meeting..... 7:00 pm
Fri, Sept. 18	- Church Office Closed
Sat, Sept. 19	- AA, MC 11:00 am
Sun, Sept. 20	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - CE Bible Study, P..... 9:00 am - Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am - Urban Tap Lunch 11:15 am

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