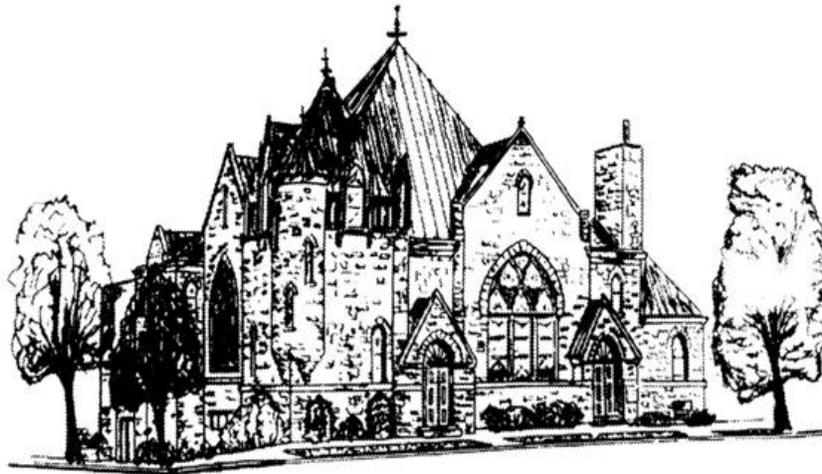


First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
March 4, 2018**

**Rev. David Smith
Minister**



Our Vision

**By the grace of Jesus Christ,
We will strive to share the
Good News with the world,
To nurture our faith, and to
Go into the world sharing
Christ's love and mercy.**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*

PRELUDE

“Lord, I Need You”
Glorify!

J. Reeves/K. Stanfill

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Elliott

The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

But to us it is the power of God!

We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

***The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.***

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, we thank you for the scandal of the cross. In Jesus Christ, you overturn all our usual ways of behaving and believing. You scatter our false notions of discipleship as easily as coins are spilled from a box. You correct our notions of piety and order with fierce passion. Do not let your church become content. Raze to ruins what is distorted in us, and raise us to new life as a community to be the body of Christ in and for the world. With fear and joy we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 167(Blue Hymnal)

“God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life”

HALIFAX

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again,
we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*RESPONSE

“What Does the Lord Require?”

No. 97 (Blue Hymnal)

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PRAISE SONG

“Jubilate Servite”
PresbyPraise and Glorify!

C. Berry

Rejoice in the Lord, and the earth, serve the Lord with gladness!

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 19
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT Pg. 498

ANTHEM

“His Strength Will Lead Us Through”
Chancel Choir

M. McDonald

Though the trials come, though the road seems long, it is in the valley
His arms are strong. When we lean on Jesus in all that we do,
His grace will lead us through! His grace is sufficient; He's merciful
and true. Till all have heard, we will stand on His Word! His grace
will lead us through, God's grace will lead us through. Come with
grateful hearts to the throne of grace and see our Savior face to face!
Our help through the ages; our hope to come; His grace will lead us through.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!

NT Pg. 93

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Cleansing”

Rev. David Smith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17 – NRSV)

Then God spoke all these words:

***I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.***

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them;

for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents,
to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,

but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

***You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God,
for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.***

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—

you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave,

your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

***For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.***

Honor your father and your mother,

so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

***You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.***

Give Thanks To God

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Judy Peoples

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

“Show Pity Lord, O Lord Forgive”

J. L. Krebs

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments—to love only you, not worshiping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE 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.

“Great Thanksgiving,” Page 124, *Lift Up Your Hearts* (White Hymnal)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Communion will be served. The bread is passed first.

The smaller tray has gluten free bread. The larger, the wheat bread. Please select from one and partake.

The juice tray is passed second. Please take a cup and hold it. We will partake together.

THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, you provide the true bread of heaven, your Son. Grant that we may abide in him and he in us and that we may be filled with the power of his endless life. We ask this in his name using the words he taught, “Our Father . . .

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*We use ‘debts’ and ‘debtors.’*)

Go in God's Name

*HYMN NO. 371 (Blue Hymnal)

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

“Alleluia!”

Al-le-lu-ia! For the Lord our God, the Al-might-y, has come in-to his king-dom! Let us re-joice, let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

POSTLUDE

“Christian, Dost Thou See Them”

F. Peeters

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

WE EXTEND A WARM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME to all visitors who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

WE HAVE ALTERED OUR TRADITION OF THE PASSING OF THE PEACE FOR A FEW WEEKS. Due to the severity of the flu season this year, we will proceed directly to the sung response after the liturgy.

TODAY WE OBSERVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. All followers of Christ are welcome at the table.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Gib & Marilyn Moody in celebration of their 63rd anniversary.

SPECIAL THANKS TO PRESBYPRAISE, GLORIFY! AND CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Mike Elliott

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

ACOLYTE:

USHERS: Jim & Susan Barengo, Kathy Buckley, Jane Hutchinson

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Marla Hoerst

SIP N CHAT: Congregational Lunch

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO AL AND LOIS TROUT ON THE DEATH OF THEIR SON MIKE.

CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES AND DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO BONITA AND DAVID SMITH ON THE DEATH OF BONITA'S GRANDMOTHER.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO COME DOWNSTAIRS FOLLOWING WORSHIP FOR A CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH HOSTED BY OUR SHEPHERDS. Our congregation is organized into flocks. The shepherds for each flock help coordinate efforts for care during times of challenge and help celebrate joys. If you want to assist with care for others, please speak to your shepherd. If you are unsure which flock you are in, please speak to Lynn Nelson, our head shepherd.

THIS IS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. The Lenten season invites us to spend time focusing on our relationship with God. We should do this individually and as a community. Each service in Lent will lift up a particular practice to help us in our journey.

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE THE DEVOTIONAL INSERT IN THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU. Each day there is a suggested scripture, a focus for meditation, and a prayer. The theme this week is "Overturning Tables."

ONE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OUR CHURCH IS OFFERING THIS LENT IS A SCRIPTURAL 'STATIONS OF THE CROSS' WALKING DEVOTION. Each station has associated scriptures and a reflection. There are longer reflections appropriate for adults and a shorter reflection intended for children, although adults will likely be blessed by the simple questions offered for the children. The first station is by the chapel. Each station contains instructions on where to move for the next station. You can do all the stations at one time or break them up over the course of Lent. The posters are ones we distributed to various groups last year to color.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A GROUP TO DISCUSS SPIRITUAL PRACTICES? DO YOU HAVE PRACTICES THAT YOU HAVE FOUND TO BE A BLESSING YOU COULD SHARE WITH OTHERS? Pastor David will be convening a group after Easter to discuss how spiritual practices help us grow. If you were interested, please add your name to the signup sheet on the big bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance. Pastor David will survey those interested to determine the best meeting time.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO HELP WITH THE COMMUNITY MEAL ON TUESDAY. YOUR EFFORTS WERE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP! We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine. Next Sunday, March 11 is open! Also open are March 25, April 8, 15, 22, and 29.

THE REV. GEORGE SPRANSY WILL BE PREACHING NEXT SUNDAY! George was the interim pastor before Pastor David was called. His time at First Marietta was an incredible blessing. George and Margaret Spransy will be moving to North Carolina at the end of the month.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: On Friday, April 13th, FPC will once again host a Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to help raise funds for the Neighborhood Jam outreach project. Tickets will go on sale soon, but action can be taken now! E & D is currently collecting items, theme baskets, and certificates for the silent auction. They may be dropped off in the church office. Thank you in advance for your donation.

PAPER BAGS - The multiple long weekends away from school have greatly depleted GoPacks' paper bag supply! Donations of gently used paper grocery bags are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the red bin in the Donation Station. Thank you.

THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED. You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. Dates that are still available in the next few months are May 27, July 1 and July 8.

THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ON THE PRAYER LIST are drawn from the church database. If you want yours listed, please provide that information to Karen. For privacy reasons the church will not accept birthdays and anniversaries from third parties.

ALL MUSIC ENSEMBLES ARE BACK TO REGULAR REHEARSAL SCHEDULES! THEY ARE:

PresbyPraise: Sundays 9-9:15

Westminster Bells: Wednesdays 5-6

Joyful Hearts: Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:15

Chancel Choir: Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:15

Glorify! (Vocal) Sundays after Church

Glorify! (Combo) practices on Tuesdays from 5-6

We'd love to have you be a part of these wonderful ensembles! Any questions, please see Peter at Sip N Chat.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

THE 2018 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT is \$29.34 per communicant member. This covers our share of administrative costs and mission for Muskingum Valley Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly. Members are invited to make a contribution for this to help insure the success of the budget. The church's assessment is more than \$7000 annually. An envelope for the Per Capita is available in your offering envelope box, or simply make a check payable to the church with "Per Capita" on the memo line.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF

March 4 – March 11

Sunday

9:00 – Adult SunSch

9:00 – PresbyPraise

9:15 – Youth/Child. SS

10:15 – Worship

11:30 – Congregational Lunch

11:45 – Glorify!

5:00 – Youth Group

Monday

10:00 – Christian Education

6:00 – Building &

Administration

Tuesday

5:00 – Glorify! Combo

Wednesday

3:20 – Scholars

5:00 – Westminster Bells

6:30 – Joyful Hearts

7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 - Girl Scouts

7:00 - AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men's Fellowship

9:00 – AA

10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship

Next Sunday –

Scripture – John 3:14-21

George Spransy Preaching