

Currently, **Sunday School is virtual** at 9:00 a. m. on Sunday mornings via Facebook (adults can also look on YouTube)

Nursery for ages 0 through K2 is open during worship! (Rooms 119)
Nursery is available for children K3 – K5 as marked in the bulletin. (Room 120)

Join us for Legoz, LOGOS, and Youth from 6:00 – 7:00 on Wednesdays.

Ash Wednesday was a blessing.
Thank you for participating!

Don't forget to pick up your **Lenten Devotional** by our members for our members.
It's available online as well.

Noah's Ark Preschool is having a Virtual Book Fair this year!!
Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and to shop online to support Noah's Ark. Here is the link:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/noahsarkpreschool6>
Thank you in advance for your support of our school.

Prayer Partners have been matched.
During this season of Lent, prayer partners will be praying for each other.
Please reach out and see what the needs are.

Scottie Jeffreys – Asher, Samar, Ella, and Bella Din
Frank & Penny Cannon – Luke, Carson, Baxter, and Parks Penney
Cindy Leary – Buck, Lisa, Will, and Erika Jo Buchanan
Martha Ann Davis – Brian, Aimee, and Lyle Clark
Preston Goforth – Wade, Kirstin, and Davis Sherrer
Jean Mabe – Kristen, Freddie, Blair, and Annabelle McClendon
Peggy Hammett – Beth, Liza Evans, Quay, and Kate Justesen
Philip & Libby Bell – Laura Margaret, Charlie, and Adam Fennell
Bill & Betsy Collins – Preston, Dale, Tinsley, and Susie Culbertson
Donna Thompson – Jay, Kathryn, Ellie, and Kate LaForge
Rich & Susie Goodwin – Christopher, Elise, Dawsey, Emma, and Lily Collins
Joyce Hyde – Ann Logan

Our Lenten wreath will feature our high school seniors and a parent.

Sunday, February 21
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School (virtual)
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class (AH)
4:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts Leaders (BR)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Snack
5:15 p.m. - Youth Music
6:00 p.m. - Youth
Monday, February 22
10:00 a.m. - PW Coordinating Team (AH)
5:00 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
5:30 p.m. - Committed Prayers (Virtual)
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts
Tuesday, February 23
9:15 a.m. - Staff
10:00 a.m. - Seekers Bible study (BR)
6:00 p.m. - Cotillion (AH)
Wednesday, February 24
7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (AH/virtual)
6:00 p.m. - Legoz/LOGOS/ Youth
Thursday, February 25
Friday, February 26
Saturday, February 27

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS in the sanctuary given by Frank Lawrence to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. James D. Kirby, Mr. & Mrs. Plug Lawrence, Jean Lawrence, and Peggy Lawrence.

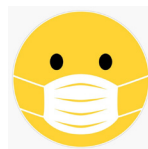
Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Belle Kennette upon her passing on February 13, 2021; to Lynn Barnette and her family upon the passing of her husband, Van Barnette, on February 16, 2021; and to Marj Williams upon the passing of her mother, Edith Ann Mulford of Defiance, OH on February 16, 2021. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Neighbor Check

Who are you missing at church?
Why don't you reach out to them this week and see how they're doing.
Let them know they are missed.

Want to talk more about your faith?

Well, now you can! Kyle and Gordon have started a podcast in order to have a conversation with you about whatever spiritual issues you are struggling with. If you want to find us, just do an internet search for "The Muddy Pulpit Podcast" and it should be the first thing that pops up. Or you can go to our page directly at <https://anchor.fm/muddy-pulpit>



*Please wear your mask
as designated in the bulletin.*

Crucifer: Andrew Goforth

Youth Sunday **Confirmation Sunday 2020** **February 21, 2021** **10:00 am**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

If you are visiting with us, please know that we consider you to be our honored guest. Any of our staff members will be happy to assist you in any way possible. First Pres. is a church dedicated to making a positive difference in our community and world by fulfilling our call to Worship, Serve, Educate, Evangelize, and Fellowship. We offer a wide range of programs and ministries for all ages. Several times a year an Inquirers/ New Members Class is offered for those considering membership at First Pres. You may talk with one of the staff members about this after the service. Please plan to worship with us again - you are always welcome.

Senior Pastor -- The Rev. Dr. Kyle D. Hite
Director of Christian Education -- Elise Collins
Director of Music Ministries -- Steve Skinner
Associate Pastor -- The Rev. Gordon Tubbs
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PRELUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
setting by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND GREETING Rev. Hite
Leader: God is good
People: all the time.
Leader: All the time
People: God is good.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***INTROIT** “Lift High the Cross” arr. John Leavitt
(Please stand as the cross passes your pew)

ADORATION

 ***LENTEN WREATH READING** Beth and Ali Bell
Our Lenten wreath is composed of purple candles symbolizing the royalty of our God and King. The rough burlap symbolizes hardship, trials, and temptation like when Jesus was in the wilderness. The black fabric symbolizes the suffering and death of Christ as well as of the cold, dark tomb. The wreath of barbed wire symbolizes the crown of thorns mockingly placed on Christ’s head.


Lent is a time for sober reflection. But a pandemic has certainly kept us in a state of sober reflection for a year now. This Lent, we respectfully reflect, but with God’s glory in mind!

Symbols are more than words and pictures, they represent something bigger. This Sunday, our Lenten symbol is the dove. After the Great Flood, Noah sent out a dove three times. The dove’s first flight was unsuccessful, as it found nowhere to perch reminding us of Noah’s despair upon seeing that the flood water had yet to fully recede.

Like the dove, sometimes we feel empty handed.


Today, we extinguish one purple candle on our Lenten journey.

Leader: God is all around us!
All: Show us your glory, Lord!
Leader: God is within us!
All: Make us mindful of Your presence, Lord!

 ***OPENING HYMN ** (On Screens)** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO


CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION Mykal Hite

 **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Leader: Let us now humble ourselves as we approach the Lord.
People: May the Lord hear our prayer.
Leader: Heavenly Father...
People: ...we recognize that you have laid the foundations of this world, and yet we do not consult you when laying the foundations of our plans. You take care of every creature great and small, but in our pride we believe we can take care of ourselves. We have sinned against you in word, thought, and deed. Please lift your countenance from us, and show us grace and mercy. In the name of Jesus our Savior, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON Rev. Hite
Minister: Friends in Christ...we are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God!

 ***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (On Screens)** RESTORATION
“Come, Ye Sinners”
(Stanza 1)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Elise Collins and Lauren Griggs
K3-K5 children may go to extended session in Room 120

GIVING OF TITHES and OFFERINGS Rev. Tubbs
Call to Offering Alex Hite

Offertory “Hear My Words” – Psalm 5 Stephen Paulus
Youth Ensemble

Prayer of Dedication Laura Margaret Fennell

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 8:6-12 Thomas Goff
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Dove’s Last Flight” Rev. Tubbs


THE PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

Constitutional Statement Rev. Tubbs

Introduction of the 2020 Confirmands
Bennett Erickson Mykal Hite
Laura Margaret Fennell Henry Logan
Thomas Goff Freddie McClendon
Lauren Griggs

Presentation by the Session Amy Fennell and Rachel Griggs

Constitutional Questions Rev. Hite

 ***Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle’s Creed)**
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands and Prayer Elise Collins

 ***CLOSING HYMN (On Screens)** “God Be With You” RANDOLPH

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

POSTLUDE “Allegro” Domenico Scarlatti

AIDS FOR WORSHIP - Large print hymnals and wireless hearing devices are available from the ushers.
*Congregation Stands
**Late comers may be seated
Seasonal Color: Purple