



First Presbyterian  
Maumee  
LOVE FIRST

## March 17, 2024, 10:45 Traditional Service

### Living Out God's Kingdom

*Lent Through the Eyes of Children: learning to trust, preparing for Easter*

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

#### GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER

*Prelude: Voluntary in D (Boyce)*

Wayne Whitten, organist

Welcome

Pastor Clint Tolbert

*\*Call to Worship (from 1 Timothy 3:16)*

*\*Hymn of Exhortation: "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" (under Worship Notes)*

#### WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD

*\*Prayer of Confession*

One: Lord, we confess that we have not faithfully kept watch for you: we are too easily occupied with our own concerns; we are not always patient, waiting to find your will for us; we too often overlook the needs of the people around us; and we do not always acknowledge the love that has been shown to us.

**All: Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your return.** *(Silence for personal confession.)*

*\*Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace*

*\*Response: "What Wondrous Love is This" (Verse 2)*

#### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 (p. 1017)

Mary Rabai

*Choral Anthem: "When the Perfect Comes" (Cooman)*

Sermon: "Take Hold of Jesus' Promise"

Pastor Clint Tolbert

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

## WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

*Additional information about prayer and offering is located under Worship Notes.*

***Hymn of Response, No. 148: “At the Name of Jesus” (verses 1 & 4)***

Offering

Your Giving at Work

Offertory

***\*Response, No. 592: “Doxology”***

***\*Prayers for God’s People & the Lord’s Prayer***

*(Visit “First Pres in Prayer” in the FYI for greater detail of prayers requested.)*

***\*Hymn of Praise, No. 467: “How Great Thou Art”***

## GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD’S OWN CHILDREN

***\*Charge and Blessing***

***\*Benediction Response: “Benediction (May the Peace)”***

***\*Postlude: Toccata in E Minor (Pachelbel)***

*(A reminder about the postlude is shared under Worship Notes.)*

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## WORSHIP NOTES

### PRAYER

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with us, so that others can be in prayer with you, please fill out one of our prayer cards (found in the pews or the prayer room) and bring your completed card to one of our prayer team members, located in the prayer room on Sunday mornings. If no one is available at that time, you may leave your card in the prayer box outside of the prayer room. To learn and pray in greater detail for those who are named in the service, please visit “First Pres in Prayer” in the FYI Newsletter.

### OFFERING

The Christian life is an offering of one's self to God. One of the ways we respond to Christ's call to discipleship is by returning some of the financial provision that God has provided to us. Please make your tithes and offerings for the work of the church by giving as the plates are passed, mailing a check to the church office, or by using the “give” button at the top right-hand corner of the church website. A QR code is also available on the giving card in the pews.

### FLOWERS

This morning’s flowers are given to the glory of God, by Cindy & Pat Blake, in memory of Jim Routson.

## POSTLUDE

We recognize that the postlude marks the end of the service, summing up the theme of the service (usually celebratory) through music, and we acknowledge that we can respond to the postlude in different ways. The postlude is a piece of sending music, music that encourages as we go and are sent into the world to shine Jesus' light and make disciples. Some in our congregation may choose to go at this time. For others, the postlude is an opportunity to reflect on the service and what was heard. Some in our congregation will choose to sit and be encouraged as they listen to the musical selections that are shared with our church family.

Whether you choose to listen as you go or listen as you remain in the Sanctuary, we ask that you are conscious of those around you, offering grace to each other as we all seek to follow the Spirit's leading as our service concludes.

### COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY



1. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the King.  
2. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, He the per - fect Son of Man.  
3. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.  
4. Come, be - hold the won-drous mys - tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man-i - ty.  
In His liv - ing, in His suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come!  
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ who con-de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.  
Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.  
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.



What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.