

10:45 Traditional Service November 2, 2025 All Saints' Day



First Presbyterian
Maumee
LOVE FIRST

Current Series: KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Are you new to First Pres? We'd love to get to know you. Connect Cards are available in the pews. Please place your completed card in the offering plate.

Come early each week and join us downstairs at 10:00 for Fellowship Hour: donuts, coffee & conversation.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Open & Mark your Bibles: Matthew 24:30-51 (p. 993)

Hymnal: No. 33; No. 269; No. 478

GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER

Prelude: "Majesty" (arr. Hayes)

Wayne Whitten, organist

Welcome

Pastor Clint Tolbert

Sung Call to Worship: "Since You Are Risen from the Dead" (von Kampen)

Chancel Choir

*Nicene Creed (located under worship notes)

***Hymn of Proclamation, No. 33: "How Great Thou Art" (vs. 1, 3, 4)**

WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD

*Prayer of Confession

One: Eternal God, we confess that we can be weary in faith and slow to hope. Lord Jesus, you have promised to return, yet we do not live as those who eagerly await your coming. We settle into comfort and routine, forgetting that we are a people of promise and purpose.

All: Forgive us for the indifference of our hearts, for our distractions with things that fade, and for our fear of change when You call us to readiness. Awaken in us again the hope of Your kingdom, the joy of Your salvation, and the longing to see Your glory revealed. By Your Spirit, renew our watchfulness and strengthen our faith, that we may live as those prepared to meet our Savior face to face. It is in his holy name we pray. (*Silence for personal confession.*)

*Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

***Response, No. 331: "Gloria Patri"**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:30-44 (p. 993)
Cindy Bandfield

Song of Response, No. 269: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (verses 1, 3, 4; no refrain)

Your Giving at Work: The Memorial Garden
Karen Calderone & Bob Engwert

Sermon: "He Will Come Again in Glory" (Matthew 24:45-51, p.993)
Pastor Clint Tolbert

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

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

Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayers for God's People, Remembering Those Who Have Passed, & the Lord's Prayer
(Visit "First Pres in Prayer" in the FYI for greater detail of prayers requested.)

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

** Song of Praise, No. 478: "For All the Saints"*

GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN

*Charge and Blessing

**Postlude: "These Are the Holy Ten Commandments" (Bach)*

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

WORSHIP NOTES

COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

As we share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper today, those wishing to receive communion will go to one of our four communion stations to receive the elements. Please pick up a piece of bread and a cup of juice and return to your seat to partake of the elements. For those whom moving to the front is not as easy to do, please remain in your seats. A communion server will bring the elements to you once others are seated.

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 in 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 you depart the chapel, 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.

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 sit and reflect on the service and what was heard that day.

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.

FLOWERS

This morning's flowers are given to the glory of God, in honor of Rose Wulff, by her daughters Diane, Debbie, and Denise.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Notes: November 2, 2025

Matthew 24:30-51 "He Will Come Again in Glory"

Main Points

- Jesus has, indeed, promised to return!
- There will be hardship in the world until Jesus returns.
- We must take care not to be deceived by false claims of Jesus' return - when he returns, everyone will know it!
- Only the Father knows the day and hour that has been appointed for Jesus' return.
- We must "keep watch" as those who faithfully serve Jesus and are therefore not overly concerned about anticipating his return.

Other Scripture Referenced

- **Revelation 21:3-8**
- (Jesus) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! - **Philippians 2:6-8**
- And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day (*of Jesus' return*) approaching. - **Hebrews 10:24-25**

Application

- Do one tangible act of justice, mercy, or peacemaking this week in anticipation of Christ's return.

Nicene Creed Memorization

As we reflect on the scriptures behind the statements of the Nicene Creed this fall, we're encouraging our congregation to memorize the creed.

This week, here is the portion to focus on:

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The Memorial Garden



*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
~ John 11:25-26*

The Church has traditionally been the natural repository and final resting-place for the mortal remains of deceased members of the Christian community.

In keeping with this tradition, First Presbyterian's Memorial Garden is a beautifully landscaped area located on the east side of our sanctuary. Here, a peaceful garden setting provides two options for a safe, permanent, and serene resting place for the cremains of deceased members of our church and their families.

The Memorial Garden also offers a way to remember loved ones interred elsewhere.

Niches

Within an area of the stone and brick walls, stainless niches are provided for the placement of ashes. Each niche can contain a permanently sealed aluminum canister providing a secure resting place for a loved one. A brass plate affixed to the front of the niche will be inscribed with the name and dates of birth and death of the deceased.

Garden Interment

Within the Memorial Garden is a ground site where ashes will be buried. No marker will be placed with the ashes, but the name and dates of birth and death will be inscribed on a brass plate and affixed to a plaque located near the site.

Memorials

Those who wish to memorialize a loved one interred elsewhere may purchase a name plate to be affixed to a plaque located on the stone wall of the garden.

Eligibility

Members, immediate family of membership, and those approved by the Board of Directors of the Memorial Garden are eligible for inclusion in the Memorial Garden.

Cost & Further Inquiries

For costs and questions, please contact Susan Platz in the church office. 419-893-0223

In Memory of Lost Loved Ones

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