

9:00am Modern Service

March 15, 2026



First Pres Maumee
LOVE FIRST

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.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Mark your Bibles

2 Samuel 16:23-17:4 (p. 317)
Psalm 63 (p. 572)

Mark your Hymnals

No. 43 | No. 363
No. 237 | No. 181

GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER

Song of Exhortation: "Sing"

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Clint Tolbert

Call to Worship: adapted from Psalm 63

Song of Praise, No. 43: "All Praise to Him"

WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious God, you are our God, yet we confess that we do not seek you as we should. Our hearts chase things that cannot satisfy, while our souls grow dry and weary without you. Your steadfast love is better than life, but we often give our love to lesser things. We forget you in the busyness of our days and trust our own strength instead of clinging to you.

All: Forgive us, Lord. Renew our thirst for you, satisfy our souls with your love, and turn our hearts back to you. Through Jesus Christ we pray. *(Silence for personal confession.)*

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response, No. 363: "The Gospel Song"

Passing of the Peace

Sacrament of Baptism

Elder Sherry Stiles

*Grace Vaughn, Serenity Vaughn, Joshua Anderson,
children of James & Beth Vaughn*

Children's Church Sending

Song of Prayer, No. 237: "Thy Mercy, My God"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 16:23-17:4 (p. 317)

Dan Thomas

Sermon: "Better Than Life Itself"

Pastor Clint Tolbert

Psalm 63 (p.572)

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

Offering

Song of Prayer: "Jesus, Thank You"

Your Giving at Work

Prayers for God's People & the Lord's Prayer

Song of Proclamation, No. 181: "In Christ Alone"

GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN

*Charge and Blessing

*Please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs
in the Fellowship Hall after the service.*

WORSHIP NOTES

ACCESSIBILITY

Assistive listening devices, along with large-print bulletins and Bibles, are available in the Narthex at the back of the Sanctuary. Handicap seating is also available throughout the Sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY

Children ages four through fifth grade are invited to join our teachers for Children's Church (a time for child-engaging worship activities). We will send the children prior to the sermon, and they will return after the sermon. If this is your child's first time in Children's Church, please go with them to meet our teachers. The nursery is staffed during the entire service for infants through age three.

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 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 Blake, in memory of her father, Jim Routson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

March 22, 10:15am (Between Services)

We will hold our congregational meeting to elect new officers on Sunday, March 22, between services in the Fellowship Hall. Covenant Partners will have the opportunity to vote on those being nominated for offices of Elder and Deacon, and Nominating Committee members.

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR JASON

March 22, 5:30pm

Pastor Jason has been approved for ordination by the Maumee Valley Presbytery, with a Service of Ordination & Installation scheduled for Sunday, March 22, at 5:30 pm. During this special service, he will be ordained through the laying on of hands and installed as Organizing Pastor of *Loved First*, the Presbytery's new worshipping community. Please join us for this joyful and historic celebration!

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY DINNER & ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Community Dinners at First Pres are a relaxed, welcoming way to gather midweek and share a meal together. Come enjoy a homestyle dinner, friendly conversation, and meaningful connection as we grow in faith side by side. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm, with activities for children and youth starting at 6:15 pm.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 29 | Palm Sunday – 10am One Service

April 2 | Maundy Thursday – 6:30pm Worship, the Lord's Supper

April 3 | Good Friday – 2:00pm Way of the Cross; 6:30pm Worship

April 5 | Easter Sunday

7:00am Sunrise Service at Side Cut Metropark

9:00am & 10:45am Easter Worship at First Pres Maumee

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