

10:45am Traditional Service

August 2, 2026



First Presbyterian
Maumee
LOVE FIRST

Hold Fast: Christ, Covenant, and a Better Way

A study of the book of Hebrews

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

Mark your Bibles

Hebrews 12:3-13 (p. 1213)

Mark your Hymnals

No. 595 | No. 66

GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER

Prelude: "Even Song" (LaMontaine)

Wayne Whitten, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Clint Tolbert

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 103

One: Praise the Lord, my soul;

All: All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

One: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust

All: Praise the Lord, my soul.

***Hymn, No. 595: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD

* Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful Father, you have called us to live as your beloved children, yet we confess that we have trusted ourselves more than you. We have sought our own way instead of your will and have not honored you as our loving Father.

All: Forgive us for our sin. Through Jesus Christ, restore us to joyful obedience, and by your Holy Spirit teach us to trust you, love you, and walk faithfully as your children. In Jesus' 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: Hebrews 12:3-13 (p. 1213) *Pastor Jason Armstrong*

Sermon: "Persevering Faith & Faithful Living: The Purpose of Suffering"
Pastor Clint Tolbert

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Offering Announcement

***Hymn of Response, No. 66: "This is My Father's World"**

GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN

*Charge and Blessing

**Postlude: "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" (Manz)*

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

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.

COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

As we share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper today, those wishing to receive communion will come forward, down the center aisle, to receive the elements from the table. Please pick up a cup of bread and a cup of juice and return to your seat (by way of the side aisle) to partake of the elements. For those whom moving to the front is not as easy to do, please remain in your seats. Communion Servers will be stationed in the side aisles and will come and serve you.

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 Sanctuary, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Aug. 30, 10am One Service & Church Picnic

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, August 30, we'll gather as one church family for a 10am One Service, followed by our annual church picnic. During worship, we'll also welcome new Covenant Partners into the life of our church (see below). Children's Church will be available for children ages 4 through 5th grade, and the nursery available for infants through age 3. Watch upcoming FYIs for picnic details and ways to participate.

NEXT STEPS: BECOMING A COVENANT PARTNER

Are you ready to take the next step to become a Covenant Partner at First Pres Maumee? The church is a group of people on a mission together, seeking to bring the good news of Jesus more fully into our community and the world. Covenant partnership (membership) enables you to express a commitment, not only to God, but to others in the congregation as you give yourself to the work of this community.

If you want to explore taking this next step, please email Pastor Clint at ctolbert@firstpresmaumee.org to discuss this opportunity.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Wednesdays Nights Return September 9

Our Wednesday Community Dinners, along with children's and student programming, will resume on September 9. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm with programming to follow. On September 9, the church will hold its Annual Meeting following dinner.

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