

# 10:45am Traditional Service September 20, 2026 At Ohio Living Swan Creek



First Presbyterian  
Maumee  
LOVE FIRST

## GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER

*Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen. (based on Psalm 19:14)*

*Prelude: "He Leadeth Me" (Larson)*

Wayne Whitten, First Pres Maumee Organist

Welcome

Pastor Clint Tolbert

\*Call to Worship (Lamentations 3:22-23)

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;

**All: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.**

\**Hymn of Praise: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

## WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD

\*Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.

**All: In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is in his holy name that we pray.**

*(Silence for personal confession.)*

\*Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

\**Response: "Gloria Patri"*

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Acts 13:1-5

Jason Semans, Chaplain at Ohio Living Swan Creek

*Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.*

*The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.*

Sermon: "The Church and the Parachurch"

Pastor Clint Tolbert

## WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

Offering & Your Giving at Work

Offertory: "Gather at the River" (LaBarr)

Chancel Choir Women

Prayers for God's People & the Lord's Prayer  
using "debts" and "debtors"

**\*Hymn of Assurance: "Blessed Assurance"**

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

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude: "Ode to Joy" (arr. Butler)

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

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## TWO WAYS TO JOIN US NEXT WEEK!

**At Ohio Living Swan Creek Movie Theater** – gather with others to worship in the movie theater as our 10:45 am Traditional Service is livestreamed.

**At First Pres Maumee** – 9:00 am Modern Service or our 10:45 am Traditional Service.

## WORSHIP NOTES: OFFERING

The Christian life is an offering of oneself 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 on the church website. A QR code is also available on the giving card in the pews.

## WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY DINNER

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.

## CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY: now through September 30



The Transforming Church Insight [TCI] is a tool our church is using to gather input from our members and attendees on a variety of topics, including: Communications, Outreach, Member Satisfaction, Financial Matters, and others. Please take time between now and September 30, 2026 to take the survey. You can take it online by following the link on our website or using the accompanying QR code. Use password **fpcm** to complete the survey.