10:45am Traditional Service
November 1, 2026

First Presbyterian
Maumee
LOVE FIRST

Current Series: Being Human in the Age of AI

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 for donuts, coffee & conversation.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Mark your Bibles
Genesis 4:1-16 (p. 4)

Mark your Hymnals
No. 478 | No. 121

Dear God, quiet all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers and praise be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER

Prelude: "Westminster Quarters" (Hopson) — *Handbell Choir*
Nick Kottman, director

Welcome & Announcements — *Pastor Clint Tolbert*

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 139

One: I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes, and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

All: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Hymn, No. 478: "For All the Saints" (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD

* Prayer of Confession

One: Merciful God, you alone are Lord over heaven and earth, yet we confess that we have not acknowledged your reign over every part of our lives. We have trusted our own wisdom more than yours and pursued our own desires instead of your will. Too often we have lived as though we belonged to ourselves rather than to you.

All: Forgive us, we pray. By your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts back to you, that we may gladly submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ and live for the glory of your kingdom.

(Silence for personal confession.)

*Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

Response, No. 331: "Gloria Patri"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-16 (p. 4)

Sermon: "Are we ruling or being ruled?" *Pastor Clint Tolbert*

WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD

A Time for Remembrance and Thanks

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Offering Announcement & Your Giving at Work

Hymn of Response, No. 121: "Before the Throne of God Above"

GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN

*Charge and Blessing

** 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 for 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.

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 at the top right-hand corner of the church website. A QR code is also available on the giving card in the pews.

CARING FOR OUR CHURCH

As a church family, we are called to care for one another. An important part of that care is letting others know when we need prayer, encouragement, or support. **Covenant partners** are encouraged to recognize their assigned deacon as an important part of that care. We encourage you to reach out to your deacon whenever you or someone in your family has a need or concern. **Those who are not yet covenant partners** may contact the church office at 419-893-0233 or staff@firstpresmaumee.org. **Prayers** submitted through the church website or on a prayer card will be shared with our prayer team for at least two weeks. Sunday mornings, our prayer team welcomes you to the Prayer Room for prayer. To learn and pray in greater detail for those who are named in the service, please visit **"Love First in Prayer"** in the FYI Newsletter.

Our pastors and leaders will work to ensure everyone experiences the love of Jesus Christ through the church's care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

LOVED FIRST TOURS

Take a tour with Pastor Jason of the new space for the Loved First Worshiping Community on Wednesday, November 11, 3:00-4:30pm. Meet at First Pres Maumee and travel together. Please register on our website.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRESENTATIONS

Join us for upcoming opportunities to learn more about the campaign.
11/15, 12/6 - Sundays 12-12:45, Conant Room
11/18 - Wednesday 6:30-7:15, Conant Room

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.

THIS WEEK:

- **Scripture & Song** (Sanctuary, 6:30): Gather with others to worship and be encouraged through the reading of God's Word and the singing of scriptural truths.
- **Why Do We Need the Bible**? (Choir Room, 6:30): a small group discussion watching the video series of the same name by Lisa Harper

SUNDAY ORGAN PROGRAMS

Join us after worship this fall on the fourth Sundays of the month this fall to enjoy a short organ program after our 10:45am Traditional Service. Mark your calendars for November 22, and invite a friend to worship that day to be blessed by the gifts of Wayne Whitten on our beautiful instrument.