



## Firelands Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit and committed to serving God and growing together in Jesus Christ.

We invite all of our worshippers to stay for fellowship following the service so that we might become better acquainted.

### **The Order Of The Liturgy**

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

### **Gathering**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

"Jesus Loves Me"

Medley arr. Chuang

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
The Maker of heaven and earth.  
Who is righteous in all of his ways  
and loving toward all he has made.  
Who lifts up all who are bowed down  
and saves those crushed in spirit.  
Let us celebrate the life changing power of God.  
Praise the Lord for his redeeming grace!

**\*Opening Prayer**

God of goodness and grace, you choose us as your servants and dare to call us friends. You have called us here to worship and in fact join us in prayer and praise. Feed us and we shall be satisfied. Heal us, and we shall be whole. Take our fragmented hearts and teach them to love, that our faith may bear fruit, our joy may be complete, and our lives may reflect your hope and peace; for the sake of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymnal #39

**Call to Confession**

God longs to free us from whatever that holds us hostage. Healing and wholeness are ours for the asking. Confidently, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor:

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, help us. We do not know how to pray as we ought. We are accustomed to hiding our faults, not sharing them. We scarcely know them well enough to confess them. But you, O Lord, have searched us and known us. You know our thoughts and are acquainted with all our ways. You understand how lost we sometimes feel, how frightened and frustrated we are by our own sin. We confess that we often act in our own interests, without concern for others. Forgive our blurry vision and selfish insecurity. We confess that we are prone to lament and complaint. Forgive our failure to acknowledge your good gifts, to remember and appreciate your faithful love. Forgive us, O God, for all we have done to dishonor or displease you. Restore and reorder our lives that we may know your will, seek your way, and share your work; to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Silent Meditation**

Kyrie:

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Hymnal #574

The image shows the musical notation for the Kyrie 'Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us' from Hymnal #574. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up -'. The second staff, starting at measure 5, contains the lyrics '- on us. Christ have mer - cy up - on us.'. The third staff, starting at measure 9, contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' and ends with a double bar line.

## **Words of Assurance**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting! As we were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, we have been raised with him to new life. This is the good news of the gospel, and it is for you and me and for all. Whatever we have done, whatever we have failed to do, whoever we are, whoever we wish we were but are not: We have been accepted, we have been washed clean, we have been raised up. In the love of Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven, and set free!! Let us believe the good news of the gospel! In Christ Jesus we are a forgiven people.

This is God's glory!

**Praise and thanks be to God!**

**\*Response:**

**“Glory to God”**

**Hymnal #582**

**“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

God our Shepherd, lead us through your Word, show us the still waters; that we may drink of your truth, and find refreshment in your good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Psalm 85**

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. *Selah*. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation towards us. Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

## **Second Lesson: Luke 11:1-13**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (The Apostle’s Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Offering Our Life and Gifts**

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology Blue Hymnal #593**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the Church**

Hymn	“Seek Ye First”	Hymnal #175
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**COMMUNION**

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Meditation

“Ivory Hymn”	Fiscella
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Post Communion Prayer

**SENDING**

*Hymn	“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”	Hymnal #465
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**\*Charge**

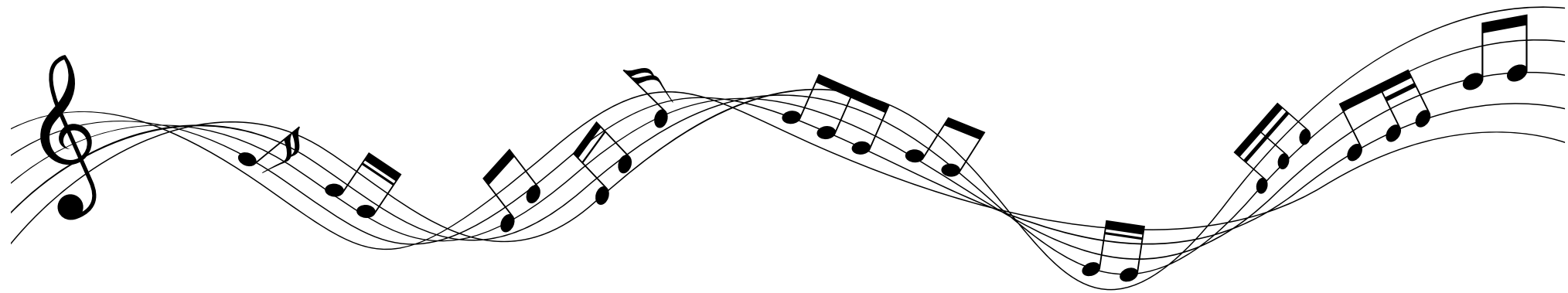
Now go out in joy. Walk in faith, confident of God’s presence even in times of sorrow and struggle, with assurance for what is and all that will be, hope in the measured unfolding of our lives, and radical trust in the hands that hold the universe.

**\*Benediction**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the comfort and challenge of God the Holy Spirit surround, sustain, and uphold us all this day and every day.

**\*Benediction Response**

**"May You Run and Not Be Weary"**



**“May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song. May the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. May you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy! May the road you travel always lead you home.”**

**Postlude**

**“Somebody's Knockin' at your Door”**

**arr Stewart**

**Ministers in This Sunday’s Service**

Preacher: Bobbie Bella  
Reader: Susan Rogers  
Muscian: Susan Larcey  
Greeter(s) & Usher(s): TBD  
Communion Assistants & Ushers: Joyce Dellasantina  
and Wes Bella  
Refreshment Host: Deacon’s Group

**Ministers in Next Sunday’s Service**

Preacher: Bobbie Bella  
Reader: Shirley Carlson  
Musician: Susan Larcey  
Greeter(s) & Usher(s): TBD  
Communion Assistants &  
Ushers: John and Kay McIntosh  
Refreshment Host: TBD

### **Prayer Concerns**

JoAnn McIntosh, Rob & Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill Sharp, Vince Decker, Lois Harris, Simon Edwards, Deb, Danny, Kevin Reffitt, Janet Miller, John McLaughlin, Kenny Ambrozy, Peggy And Jerry Boroff, John Shuman, Susie, Judy, Dennis & Jeanette Walls, Former Pastor Mark & Jill Cooper, Gene Bailey, Jean Witkowski, Carrie, Daisy, Susan Larcey's niece Julia, Karla's 5 year-old great granddaughter, Betty & Jim Layton, Chris Brown, Nancy Montagna, Karen Dietz, Maggie and Our brothers & sisters in the Fremont Presbyterian churches who are in the process of uniting congregations.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please contact the office. Names remain on this list for up to one month unless they are resubmitted.

### **WELCOME!**

Mayor Mike Snider is again encouraging our participation and support of Port Clinton's welcome event on Monday July 28th for J-1 Visa students. The event takes place on Madison Street where Port Clinton's police chief and fire chief will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. We are asked to bring side dishes and desserts, and to share in the festivities that begin at 6:00 PM. The idea is that we give these international students a taste of true American food, not restaurant fare, and let them know they are appreciated. Baked goods and sides should be delivered at 5:00 to the table behind the stage. Thanks in advance for whatever support you can give.

### **TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS**

During the month of July our church will be collecting school supplies for needy children in Ottawa County. Let's show the love of Christ by helping every child start the school year prepared and confident! Thank you for your generosity.

The following supplies are needed: Loose leaf paper (wide rule), 2 pocket folders, Children's Scissors, Composition notebook, erasers, 2 pencils, Expo dry erase markers, Highlighters, pencil sharpeners, crayons (24 count), box of tissues, backpacks, post-it notes, colored pencils, washable markers (wide tip), headphones (corded), 1" 3 ring binder, ballpoint pens (red, blue, black), zippered pencil pouch (mesh), liquid glue, scotch tape, Disinfectant wipes, glue sticks, thin markers, 2" binder.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRELANDS

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:30 am Worship with Communion followed by Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Monday Sewing Group 5:00pm Fresh Bread 4:00pm Bistro 163 Drive-thru Community Dinner
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30am - 2:30pm Office hours 2:00pm Dulcimer
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:00pm Happy Quilters
<b>Thursday</b>	10:30am - 2:30pm Office hours Cleaning Ladies
<b>Friday</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	9:30 am Worship followed by Fellowship

**Pastor Bobbie's office hours are variable at this time.  
Typically she will be in the office on  
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.  
She is always available by cell.**