FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERMONS

Sermon Series: The Theology of Christmas!



This Christmas season we will be looking at the theology of Christmas by comparing the Nicene Creed to the story of the birth of Jesus. This is part of a larger study that will pick back up at Easter and again at Pentecost. Each time looking at the deep theology of the Nicene Creed in reference to the stories of Scripture.

A creed is a statement of the shared beliefs of community in the form of a fixed formula summarizing core tenets. A creed, in Christianity, is at it's core, a statement of the major truths of our faith.

The Nicene Creed was written in 324ad and revised in 381ad by the first and second council of Nicaea. The council was called by Constantine who was the emporer of Rome and wanted to seek the theological unity of the Christian Church thoughout the known world. The council was made up of bishops. The Nicene Creed is the most widley accepted creed. It is affirmed by our denomination, the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and most Prodestant churches world wide.

November Sermons

Nov 3 - Our Inheritance

Nov 10 – Veterans Day

Nov 17 - Not One Stone: Luke 21

Nov 24 - Rev Russ Clark

December Sermons

Dec 1 – Theology of Christmas: One Lord, Begotten

Dec 8 – Theology of Christmas: True God

Dec 15 – Theology of Christmas: For Us

Dec 22 – Theology of Christmas: For Our Salvation

Dec 29 - Theology of Christmas: Truly Human



Did You Know that Most Sermons are Available Online?

Past sermons are available on our church's YouTube Channel.

You can find our channel by searching YouTube for First Presbyterian Church of Newark Ohio. Or by following the link from our church website.

IN THE REVIEW



Heritage Sunday brought a bagpiper, procession, and a backward then forwa

backward then forward look relevant to our own congregation at First Presbyterian Church. A clip from a documentary featuring Lee Walker's family farm served as a fun sermon illustration.

Twelve of our eighteen

members who have been involved here at First Pres. for over 50 years were able to attend this fun Sunday. Thank you to Lorraine Cox for making a delicious cake for the reception that followed the service. Also, thank you to Louise Whitis, Rose Novell and Lois Spangler for hosting!

It was lovely!



Our 50 Year Members





Lunch Bunch met at Watts Restaurant in Utica in October. A huge thank you to Louise Whitis for coordinating these gatherings!

No lunch bunch in December, so the next Lunch Bunch will be in February. Watch for details closer to the time.



Veteran's Day

On November 11th we recognized the diligent service of all Veterans. During service we heard patriotic music, we sang songs that spoke to our heritage, gave recognition to the Veterans in attendance and prayed for all those who have serve and continue to serve our country. We had a potluck following the service. There was plenty to eat and a wonderful collection of pictures, uniforms, mementoes, etc. on display in Fellowship Hall.



Some of the Display Honoring Service



Shoebox Ministry, Packing Party

A good group of volunteers gathered November 3rd in Fellowship Hall. They worked for several hours putting together close to 200 shoeboxes. It was a great time! But there is still time to help with this awesome cause!

Perhaps you want to pack your own shoeboxes at home. Please make sure that you bring them to church by Sunday, November 17. The boxes will be taken to a collection center and then shipped to North Carolina for final packing in shipping containers to be sent on their way around the world.

Shipping Funds are ALWAYS appreciated. It is recommended that \$9.00 be sent for each box to help with shipping. You can just put your donation in a pew envelope and write "OCC" or "Shoebox" on it. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church or Samaritan's Purse with "OCC" or "Shoebox Ministry" in the memo space. We will be tracking our boxes again this year to see where they are distributed. You can also give online by going to this site: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/. Then you can print out labels to tape to the boxes so we can find out where they end up.

Please continue to pray for those who receive our shoeboxes. Although the boxes contain many small treasures, the most important gift is that of the Savior, who loves them and offers hope. A booklet, "The Greatest Gift of All," accompanies each box and explains the gospel of Christ in the child's own language. We know that our great God works miracles from the tiniest things: a mustard seed, a grain of sand--or sometimes--a box of crayons and a Teddy bear.



Thursday is the new Friday.

ALPHA

Our seventh offering of Alpha will be wrapping up later this month. We have had a wonderful time getting to know our guests and helping each other on our spiritual journeys. Attendance has been low, but the ones that are

coming are eager to learn and enjoy being together. Please continue to keep our guests in your prayers. Prayer is what makes Alpha happen!



Happy Halloween! Over 1,300 bags of candy were packed after worship October 20th. About 1,000 made it into the hands of the trick or treaters on the square at this year's Safe Trick or Treat. Thank you to everyone who helped: by bringing candy, packing the bags, or folding the Bible tracts. A big thank you to Karen Sillin, Pricilla Hare & Carolyn Durr for standing out in the cold rain passing out the candy.

Y-HEALTHY KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM

How Can You Take Part?

-Would you like to take part in a program that provides a weekend worth of food, every weekend of the school year, to over 500 kids in our county who would likely go hungry?

-Would you like to take part in a program that is a partnership of churches, the Licking County Food Pantry, the Licking County YMCA, local schools and business leaders?

Here is How:

In School Preparation – On Thursdays, the food gets taken out of the boxes. The bags get put into the kid's backpacks and other items are added. This job takes about 45minutes to complete but most schools have their teachers doing this. The teachers already do so much. If you would like to help with this final stage, speak with Sally Henry (tomsallyh@windstream.net. She is a member of 2nd Pres and is coordinating this part of the program).

Food Delivery – The Presbyterian Partnership is also tasked with taking these prepacked boxes to the Newark and Heath Schools every other Wednesday. There are seven schools that we will be delivering to. We need people who would be willing to help load the boxes onto a truck and unload the boxes at the schools. Deliveries start in the middle of September. See Rev Steve if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sights & Sounds of Christmas - Dec 5 6-8:30p

- Mark your calendars for this fun event. The evening begins at Second Presbyterian and then travels to seven other churches (including our own church), ending at the Catholic Church for a cookie and punch reception. Each church is decorated for the season and each church has a mini-concert of Christmas music. This is a great way to kick off Advent and see all of the downtown churches ready for Christmas.



November 24 - Prep Luminaries for Christmas Walk & Decorate the Church!

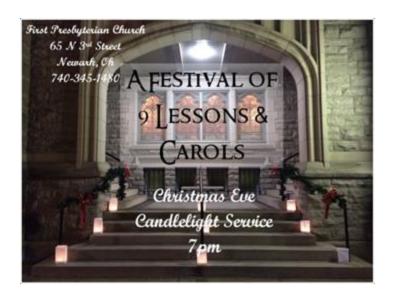
Pizza will be provided in the Fellowship Hall for all willing to lend a hand following the church service. We are decorating before Thanksgiving because Advent begins the Sunday immediately following Thanksgiving this year!



CANDLEWICK COMMONS

On **December 12** we will be celebrating our Christmas meal with our friends at Candlewick Commons. Over the years, we have taken them a variety of gifts, which they have appreciated. The past couple of years, we have been giving them a \$10 gift card to Subway. We would like to do that again, and session has approved asking for donations for that purpose from the congregation.

To be good stewards, we plan to order the gift cards from SCRIP, therefore donations need to be received by November 30 to order the cards. If you would be willing to give to this outreach, please give your donation to Debbie Blamer, Sandy Noland or Kim Dershem.



CHURCH LIFE

Note from your Church Life Elder: October was a hard month in the life of our congregation, but what stood out to me was the impressive pulling together as a church family. I don't think there are many congregations who can boast as large a percentage of members who contribute to the various behind the scenes tasks that benefit the whole. The number of individuals who do not say, "Someone should..." but instead quietly just DO. So many servants of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who step up to do what needs to be done for each other but also in outreach.

As we enter this season of holidays, let's continue to serve the Lord through our words and our actions. Let's continue to find ways to lift each other up, to support those who struggle, to be present for each other. Let us be the light that shines in the darkness. Keep an eye out for each other. Thank you. Priscilla



Do you have a Manger Scene or Holy Family we could borrow for the Sanctuary through Christmas? Email Sheri at the church office or leave it in office workroom with your name on it so it can be returned to you. Thank you so much!



Peanut Free Worship, Sunday School & Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour - Make sure to join us each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for some refreshments and fellowship prior to worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary, if you would like to bring the snacks.





December 5 – Sights and Sounds Newark Christmas Walk - Put this on your calendar!
Needed: 2 Sanctuary Hosts, 3 Doormen and 4
Luminaria setup/teardown people.



Needed the day before: 12 dozen cookies. A signup sheet is in the back of the church. If you have any questions,

Priscilla Hare, Pastor Steve or Carolyn Durr will give it a go to answer them.



Other dates to put on your calendar:

Dec 8 – 7:00pm Handel's Messiah at MVNU \$5.00

December 15 – Congregational Christmas Dinner after service

December 22 – Special Christmas music offering



Gluten Free Communion Available

We now have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who wants them. They are in the communion cup trays.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Good Morning Bible Study is from 10:00 am to noon in the Library. We will finish the book of **1 Samuel** and then stop for the winter months. We will resume in the Spring.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Lite of Giving Ibanks



With Thanksgiving just around the corner, the Adult Sunday School class will be looking at the topic of giving thanks during the month of November. We will look at what it

means to live a life of giving thanks – one permeated by a grateful heart that overflows to others. We will consider the joy of being content, how to model gratefulness, discovering joy in simple living, and acknowledging God as the giver of every blessing.

Please join us Sunday mornings in the Journey Room at 9:15.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

Second Mile Giving Missionaries

Updated News from David MillerBoston International Student Ministry

After last month's newsletter, we received news from David Miller. The wonderful news is that he does not have any recurrence of his lymphoma, nor does he have thyroid cancer. It seems his thyroid gland is impaired, and he is being treated with thyroid hormone. We can certainly praise God for this very good news.

As part of his ongoing work, he continues ESL (English as a Second Language) and Bible study classes at MIT twice weekly. He teaches a varied group of 15 - 20 from China, Japan, Korea, Ukraine, Turkey, Iran, Italy, Brazil, Bolivia and Chile. A historical fiction book about Lydia in Philippi was useful and attracted those who didn't normally come to Bible study. They have also gotten into Christian perspectives of academic and ethical questions, such as how biological and artificial intelligence should be seen and done.

Each Wednesday, he and a colleague meet with a small group of Chinese students for Bible study at Harvard. On Sunday afternoon, he has Bible study with various international students at his church's building, just off campus. Some of the students are coming to the service beforehand and have become connected to members of the church. Many ministries have seen their Chinese students disappear from such activities, apparently from official pressure, but their contingent has remained pretty consistent.

To build relationships with these international students, Joy and David have hosted students in their home, taken them apple picking, gone on a couple of trips to New Hampshire, had an Italian cooking lesson by one of the students and are planning a baby shower for an expectant couple. In these times everyone gets to know each other more deeply, and they begin to trust the Millers more and open up with questions, problems, and holistic friendships are made. In the process, they can also "deconstruct' a lot of opinions many of them have about Christ and Christians

In their household this school year, they have residents from Saudi Arabia, Russia, Egypt, and the U.S. They have also been meeting people from Ireland, China, and Indonesia as they fill in some vacancies with AirBnB.

As for the family - Lausanne, their daughter returned home for the Peace Corps and works in public health. Ian, their son is expected to finish his doctorate in biomedical engineering at Georgia Tech next spring. Joy continues to work full time for a pharmaceutical company.

There is so much going on with Boston International Student Ministries, and we wanted you to know how some of the Second Mile Mission Fund was being used. If you wish to be a part of this ministry, please write a check to the church and note that it is for Second Mile Mission Fund in the memo.

Please continue to pray for the Millers and their work with students. May these students hear of the love of Christ and become believers and disciples.

FATHER FACTOR



Do you like to bake or entertain?

Would you like to provide a treat or snack for Father Factor Meetings?

Father Factor, a parenting skills, resource and support group, has been meeting at the church for the last few years. During their next session on Mondays from November 4 through December 23, would you like to again bless this group with a treat each week. If you'd like to help out, just sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. You can provide cookies, brownies, chips, fruit, donuts, ice cream bars or whatever you'd like. Please have the treat at the church in the Journey Room by 5:45pm on your chosen night. You could even bring it in on Sunday and not need to return on Monday. Please be sure to put out whatever paper products are

needed, too. Those can be found in the cupboard behind the folding door just past the ladies restroom. The leaders will be sure all is cleaned up. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Dershem at 740-877-0346 or kdershem@windstream.net.

Thank you for taking on this opportunity to bless men who seek to be better fathers.



REFIT fitness class Every Monday at 6 pm Led by Kim Frick Cost: \$5 Second Presbyterian

Church Gym, Newark
Park between the church and Park National
Bank, enter in the back door (gym entrance).
Front doors will be locked.

What is REFIT?

REFIT is a positive fitness experience that fits everybody. Age or fitness level are not a barrier in a REFIT workout. REFIT involves repetitive movement to music, providing aerobic exercise with toning. The entire workout is done while standing and without equipment.

How is REFIT different from other formats? REFIT is a fitness experience that centers around helping people change from the inside out. REFIT is is body work + heart work. After the workout (body work), the instructor offers inspiration and encouragement (heart work). All music is family friendly and promotes a positive message. Anyone who attends should leave feeling better than when they came in.

Questions? Contact Kim Frick at 740-405-5666.



FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours are Tuesday – Thursday from 9-2pm. Sheri, the church's secretary, will regularly be there during those times.

Church Emails – Every Wednesday, a church wide email is sent out with announcements, prayer requests, volunteer schedules and other information. Please send your email to firstpresofc@gmail.com if you are not receiving these emails.

No Email? – We are compiling a list of individuals with no email that would like to be called if important information arises. This would include: church cancelations, event changes, important events, or serious events. Please call the church office to be placed on this list.



Prayer Chain – The prayer chain is an email list that updates everyone on new prayer requests as they come in. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email Kim Dershem at kdershem@windstream.net.

Pictures – Please remember to take pictures of church events as they happen. Send them to the church office email if you take a picture you wish to share. firstpresofc@gmail.com



Kroger Rewards: Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to 1st Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money to your favorite charity every time

you use your Kroger card. All you must do is go online to Kroger.com. Go to the community section of the drop-down menu, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Then you sign in with your Kroger Card ID and click on enroll. Search for First Presbyterian Church 84451 and enroll. Doing this does not affect your regular Kroger Rewards or Gas Points. The more folks we have registered the more money Kroger donates to our church.

A Few Notes on Financial Procedures



Monies not Placed in the Offering Plate- If you have money that is going to the church, but not into the offering plates on Sunday morning, please put that money into the gray metal lock box outside of the Finance Office. There are envelopes and a pen provided. Please try not hand cash or checks to other individuals for them to deposit. If a check comes into the church via the mail, this same procedure is followed.

Reimbursement Procedures - If you have purchased something for the church and wish to be paid back, label all receipts. A good way to keep records is to keep a copy your receipts. copied on the church copy machine. These receipts will then need to be approved by the elder who chairs the committee the products you purchased fall under. So if you bought candles for worship, they need approved by Carolyn Durr. If you bought paper plates or cleaning supplies, they need approved by Rose Gibson. Contact the proper elder, or place your receipts into their mailbox for their approval. After, the receipts have been approved they go into the mailbox marked **RECEIPTS**. Our treasurer, Emily Hare, will then issue you a check.

Important Notes on Reimbursements - Please make sure you have the approval of the proper elder *before* buying something that you are planning to request reimbursement for. This process can sometimes be lengthy. Remember, everyone involved in this process is a volunteer with other commitments. Make sure the elder and the treasurer are aware of reimbursements that will need to happen quickly. Other

arrangements for the purchase of those items might need to be made.

Church Account – Anything bought by the church (or purchased and then reimbursed by the church) must go through the church account. This means that donations need to be made to the church. An example would be church dinners. Often times, people generously donate money to offset the expense of dinners the church hosts for memorial services or for VBS. This money should be given to the church directly, not to the person planning the meal. This allows the church to keep careful financial records of expenses. It helps the church keep track of the true cost of activities. And it helps hold us all accountable.

Gifts In-Kind - A gift that is 'in-kind' is a donation that does not involve money. You might purchase an item that the church needs and then donate that item without seeking reimbursement. These types of donations are very generous and are often the easiest kids of donations to give. But did you know that you can still deduct these kinds of donations? There are forms outside of the Finance Office for in-kind donations. Fill out one of these forms and then turn them into the church office or put them into the mailbox of the elder whose committee your purchase best fits under. These donations are then recorded and will show up on your January giving statements. It's always a good idea to have the consent of the proper elder before making an in-kind donation.

Turning in Bills- Sometimes preapproved purchases are made by individuals on behalf of the church with vendors who bill the church directly. If you have a bill or invoice that needs to be paid by the church, put it in the mailbox marked BILLS. So, if you have a bill or an invoice from a vendor that the church needs to pay directly; it goes in the mailbox marked BILLS. If you have a receipt that has been paid by an individual and that individual needs paid back; it goes in the mailbox marked RECEIPTS.

Thank You for Your Continued Commitment to First Presbyterian Church!



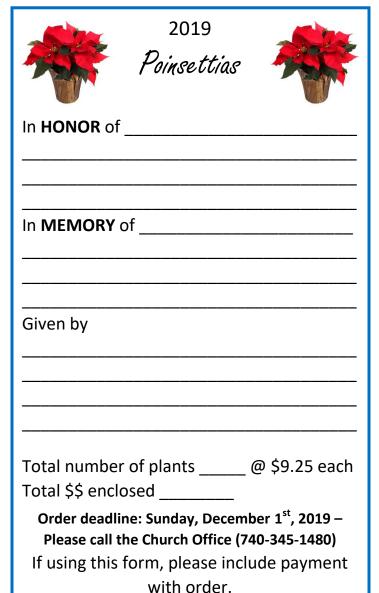
We want to Welcome Janet Simross, who will be playing the organ for us on the following dates:

Nov. 10th, 24th

Dec. 8th, 22nd

Sight and Sounds

Poinsettias – Please use the following form if you would like to order poinsettias for Advent. Orders are due by December 1st.





Welcome Eli Bowles!!

Born on Oct 18th to

Chris and Sarah Bowles.

Congratulations!!

November Birthdays

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November Anniversaries

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Sam and Peggy Lieb	11/20
Bruce and Dee Weekly	11/21



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9:15a - Adult S. S.	6-8pm Father	Noon-1p - SPARK	4-8p - DNA mtg	10a – Bible Study		
10:15a - Coffee Hour	Factor begins	Free Lunch	in FH	6:30p -Alpha - LUC		
10:45a – Worship	Journey Room		7-8p Choir Practice Chapel	7p – Women's AA		
4:00-8:00 OCC Packing Party w/dinner at 6:00			Francisco Citaber			
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9:15a - Adult S. S. 10:15a - Coffee Hour 10:45a - Worship- Special Choir Performance	6-8pm Final Father Factor	Noon-1p — SPARK Free Lunch 7p- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Christmas	10a – Bible Study 7p – Women's AA		