

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 25, 2026 – 11:00 am

* Those that are able and comfortable standing please stand.

Prelude Welcome and Announcements

Träumerei by Schumann

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather here to worship God with our heart, soul and mind.

People: We gather here as Christ's body, the church; learning how to love each other.

Leader: The Holy Spirit brings us together in worship, strengthens us in faith, and sends us into the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

People: We are here to worship and to be transformed. Let us worship the Triune God!

***Hymn 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus #581**

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we often follow the rules while forgetting the love and grace at the heart of your commandments. We are quick to judge others, yet slow to recognize our own shortcomings. We seek the approval of those around us rather than striving to live according to your will. Forgive us when we allow pride, fear, or selfishness to guide our decisions. Redirect our paths, renew our hearts, and teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. Help us to be instruments of your peace, reconciliation, and transforming grace as we seek to follow the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***Gloria Patri Glory Be to the Father #813**
Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem Blessing

Choir

Scripture Reading:

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Listening for the Way Forward

"A Time to Hold on and Let Go"

Rev. Diane Flynn

Affirmation of Faith:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Holy God,

People: reform us by your love.

Offering

***Hymn Doxology**

#815

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Generous and loving God, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts, trusting in your abundant grace and provision. May they bear the fruit of your Spirit, bringing hope where there is uncertainty, love where there is fear, and generosity where there is need. Bless these offerings and our lives, that they may be used to serve others and share your love with the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn How Great Thou Art**

#147

**Benediction
Postlude**

Amazing Grace

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY, October 25

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service/SCRIP
Choir practice after worship
2:00-5:00 p.m. – OCC Packing Party

MONDAY, October 26

10:30 a.m. – Worship Committee Meeting (Journey Room)

SUNDAY, November 1: All Saints Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service/SCRIP/Communion
Choir practice after worship
Potluck and State of the Church Meeting

Serving This Sunday, 10/25

Liturgist: Ed Jobes

Serving Next Sunday, 11/1

Liturgist: Keith Hare



Calling All Church Family! We need plenty of helpers for the Church Mouse Basement Sale with:

- Moving and sorting items
- Advertising
- Food or baking
- Setting up Fellowship Hall
- Greeting and cashiering
- Cleanup

Setup will continue mainly on Mondays and Tuesdays through October and during the week of November 2. If you would like to donate something from home, please check with us first. Items should be clean, easy to move, and likely to sell. We are not accepting clothing except holiday items and coats. To help, contact the church office or Priscilla Hare. Bring your helping hands and your sense of humor and join the Church Mice as we turn clutter into treasure for a good cause!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Cornerstone Sunday & Veterans Day Recognition 11/8

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Listening for the Way Forward

“A Time to Hold on and Let Go”

Rev. Diane C. Flynn

October 25, 2026

11:00 a.m.

65 N. Third St.

Newark, OH 43055

Chris Rainey, Worship Elder
Katherine Stuart, Church Pianist