



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

FOR WORSHIP

The lesson from the Book of Revelation begins with Jesus, the One who is the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega, saying, "See, I am coming soon." The revelator encourages all who are thirsty to receive as a gift the water of life that is from Jesus. The coming of Jesus is good news for all who thirst for living water, and so the revelator exclaims, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Variations on "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Janet Linker

Janice Robison, organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Susan Loughridge

L: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

P: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

L: Righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

P: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

L: The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.

P: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist Loughridge

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri – 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen and Amen.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We are glad to have you
join us for worship. If
you are new to First, it is
our prayer that you will
experience the presence
of God while you are
here. At First, it is our
hope that all who enter
find a home.

In the presence of a holy
God, we become aware of the
ways we fall short of God's
best hopes for us, and the
ways we have hurt others.
We turn to God in prayer,
asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that
through of himself on the
cross we are forgiven and
restored to God and one
another.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Barbara Martin

ANTHEM

This Is My Father's World
Joyce Beauvais, piano

Franklin Sheppard/Mark Hayes

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Liturgist Loughridge

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: as your word is proclaimed in our midst, give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Acts 16: 16-34 (page 136 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Loughridge

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (page 260 in pew Bible)

Rev. Dr. Robert Martin

L. This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

How the story ends

Rev. Dr. Robert Martin

*HYMN 309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

1. Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!
2. O ye heights of heav'n adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!
3. Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Robert Martin

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*
Janice Robison, organist

David Johnson

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Liturgist Loughridge

Most merciful and gracious God, from your open hand we have received much: accept the offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it. Remember those who will benefit from it. Through your blessing may it promote peace, justice, and goodness for all. Amen.

All bread for Communion
is gluten-free.

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, and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

**Weekly Worship
Service can be
seen live on
Sunday Morning**
FPC's worship
services can be
found on YouTube
channel here:
[https://
www.youtube.com/
user/athensfpc/
search?
query=sermon](https://www.youtube.com/user/athensfpc/search?query=sermon)

You can access
them on the FPC
YouTube channel
and on the church
web site under
Worship Archive.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER *L: It is truly right and our greatest joy.....who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tim Keyes

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; Lord God of pow'r and might;
Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry! Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est,
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Words of Institution

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift? For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another. Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope until all is finally made well. Amen.

*HYMN 15

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

LLANGLOFFAN

1 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising
and soon he will draw nigh.
Up, watch with expectation;
at midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning;
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand;
arise, O heirs of glory;
the Bridegroom is at hand!

3 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this shadowed sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns
Janice Robison, organist

Charles Callahan

Deacon of the Month of June - Bobbi Conliffe

(740) 707-7461 or conliffb@ohio.edu - *A friend to phone with joys or concerns*

Communion Prep: Bobbi Conliffe and Carol Perry

Communion Servers: Bobbi Conliffe, Mary Costello, and Carol Perry

Ushers: Carol Perry and Ellen Sostarich

Fellowship Hour: Bobbi Conliffe and Ayse Suer

Baked Potato Fundraiser - Join us for a baked potato lunch after worship Sunday, June 15th as we raise funds for the Summer mission trip. We will be having a baked potato bar with all the fixings and drinks.

Outdoor Worship Service - First Presbyterian invites the community to our outdoor worship service and picnic on Sunday, June 8th. The event will be held at the Strouds Run State Park at the Bulldog Shelter House at 10:30 a.m. The Bulldog Shelter is:

The first shelter as you come into the park off County Road 20

40' x 40' open shelter with paved floor

12 picnic tables (Be sure and bring a lawn chair)

30 parking spaces

The church will provide lunch meats, bread, buns, condiments, and drinks. Please bring lawn chairs and your table service.

If your last name begins with:

A-H, please bring a salad

I-P, please bring a side dish

Q-Z, please bring a dessert

Look for more information about the outdoor service in upcoming bulletins, June Newsletter, Facebook page, and weekly email blasts.

Presbyterian Women - We will meet from 10:00 a.m. to noon on June 18th at the Wyngate Clubhouse at The Plains. Lesson 9, *What Are These Women Doing In A Place Like This?* will be led by Lillian Dinos (we combined lessons 7 and 8 in May). Please let Martha Johnson know by August 15th if you would like a lesson booklet ordered for next year's study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Cost is \$15.00 plus postage payable when delivered. You are invited to join the study which meets the third Wednesday of each month (except January and February). Call Martha Johnson at (740) 707-9640 for more information.

Women's Book Study - Join the Women's Book Study on Fridays at noon via Zoom as we discuss *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* by A.J. Jacobs. For more information contact Joan Nease at christianed@athensfpc.org

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