

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from Psalm 103:8-10,12*

L The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

L He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #220) *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

Worship from the Psalms *Psalm 71:1-6*

L In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

C In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

L Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

L For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

C From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we find ourselves coming to you, asking for forgiveness for the same things. We still find ourselves in need of your grace, we still reserve parts of our lives from you, we still cherish some sins. We imagine you are frustrated with us as we bring the same things to you again and again. Lord, take our lives and make them yours. Help us to believe that your patience is greater than ours, your grace is deeper than we can imagine, and that your Spirit is always at work within us,

molding and shaping us into the image of your Son. Forgive us once again, and bless us with the presence of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music *"Jeremiah 1 – I Set You Apart"*

Scripture *Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSVUE)*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,'
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSVUE)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her,

immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Message Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (*Blue #302*)

"I Danced In the Morning"

*Offering Prayer

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord in your mercy,
Please respond,
Hear our prayer.

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

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Red Hymn #320)

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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August 24th, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



Session meets on August 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Operations meets on August 26th at 4:00 p.m.

You can now submit **prayer requests** from a tab on our website or at fpnapoleonprays@gmail.com. Please share this link or email with others so we can connect with more people spiritually. We will be distributing **door hangers** to advertise this page at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28th.

Connect to the Community meets at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Congregational Life meets at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 4th.

The **NW MVP pastors** meet at noon on Wednesday, September 10th in our church.

Maumee Valley Presbytery meets on Tuesday, September 16th at 3 p.m. at Cadmus Presbyterian Church in Adrian Michigan.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate. They going through a lot of cereal and could always use cans of no-sugar fruit.

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Joe and Linda McOscar, who have moved to Waterville. Their new address is 5817 Del Lane, Waterville OH 43566.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher **VANCREST:** Dollie Smith
BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb **ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson
PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder’s sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall’s father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek’s Wife)

Jeremiah 1- I Set You Apart

Performed and created by Project of Love.

Project of Love was founded by Dutch singer-songwriter Xander Stok, whose life was radically transformed after a personal encounter with God.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcdhVH9MeHk>

5. I knew you
Before I formed you
In your mother’s womb
I knew you

5. Before you were born
I set you apart.

8. And don’t be afraid of the people,
For I will be with you
Don’t be afraid of the people,
For I will protect you.

9. I have put my words in your mouth!

11. “Look! What do you see?”
I see a branch from an almond tree.

12. “Good eyes! I’m sticking with you
I’ll make every word I give you come true.”

18. Today I’ve made you strong
Like a fortified city
Today I’ve made you strong
Like a concrete wall.

19. They will fight you, but they will fail.
For I am with you
And I will take care of you
Yes, I will back you up every inch of the way.