

# Order for the Worship of God

## Welcome & Announcements

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### GATHERING

Welcome

*from Acts 1:8-11*

L Jesus tells us: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses.

**C When he had said these things, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.**

L Then two angels said: Why do you look up to heaven?

**C Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

Prayer

\*Opening Hymn (Blue #476)

*"O Worship the King"*

Worship from the Psalms

*(Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, ESV)*

L God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

**C And those who hate him shall flee before him!**

L As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

**C As wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

L But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

**C They shall be jubilant with joy!**

L Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

**C His name is the Lord; exult before him!**

L Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

**C God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

L O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**C The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,**

L Before God, the One of Sinai,

**C Before God, the God of Israel.**

L Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;

**C You restored your inheritance as it languished;**

L Your flock found a dwelling in it;

**C In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

L O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;

**C Sing praises to the Lord!**

L To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

**C Behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

L Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

**C Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel**

L He is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

**C Blessed be God!**

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is the head of the church., his body. Amen.**

*Please take a moment and offer your silent personal confessions to God...*

Silent Prayers of Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

*"The Kingdom of Jesus"*

Sermon Text Reading

*Acts 1:6-11 (ESV), p. 1080*

*1 Peter 2:13-25 (ESV), p. 1204*

Message

*Bruce Brown*

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn (Blue #84)

*"In The Cross of Christ I Glory"*

\*Offering Prayer

*Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.*

\*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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

God of our salvation

*Please respond,*

**Answer us with grace.**

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 (Blue #101)

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

\*Blessing and Benediction

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**VANCREST:** Dollie Smith

**BEACHWOOD:** Connie Cobb

**ALPINE VILLAGE:** Sandy Johnson

**PRAYER LIST:** Gene & Carol Detmer, Sandee Schweter, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**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. Thank you, Bruce Brown, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary.

You can give online using the **QR code** or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signups are on the table in the south alcove.



**Session** meets on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Our **Friendship Meal** meets at Hill's on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

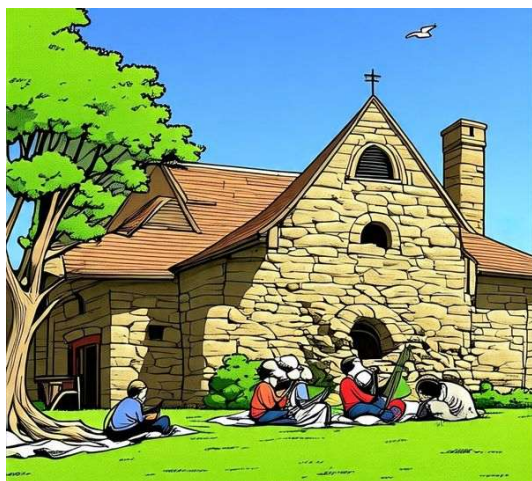
**Maumee Valley Presbytery** meets on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in Findlay.

**Connections Bible Study** meets on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They are studying *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate* by Jerry Bridges. Please talk with Patricia for a book.

**Connect to the Community** meets at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The **Community Picnic and Concert** is on June 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m.

The **227th General Assembly of the PC(USA)** meets from Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. If there is any news that is important for our congregation, I will pass it on.



### First Presbyterian Church

303 West Washington Street, Napoleon

### Community Picnic & Concert

Sunday, June 7, 2025

Picnic 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### Napoleon Community

Band Concert

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please come and enjoy an evening of fun!

### The Kingdom of Jesus

The Porter's Gate · Jon Guerra · Sandra McCracken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dzd9AGuOXoc>

To what shall we compare  
the Kingdom of Jesus if not a seed?  
It's small, it's sewn, it's tended and grown  
and it's sturdy in you and me  
Its branches never break  
and its fruit never withers

His Kingdom is not of this world  
or of any  
kingdom whose ruler's face is on a penny  
He comes to make all things bright  
and put a new wine in us  
He's chosen the small things  
to outlast the great  
The meek and the merciful  
to shine through the hate  
Though it seems some days  
that Hell and its gates are prevailing  
Oh say can you see  
the kingdom within us  
is the Kingdom of Jesus?

To what shall we compare  
the spirit of the hour if not a sword?  
It frees us, unites us, enslaves and  
divides us and violence, help us Lord

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that Hell and its gates are prevailing  
Oh say can't you see  
we have one allegiance?  
It's to the Kingdom of Jesus

He who is in us is greater  
than he who is in the world  
He who is in us is greater  
and He's overcome the world

Oh His Kingdom is not one of  
slander or rage but one that is ruled by  
the Lamb who was slain  
And is worthy of wisdom and honor  
and glory and strength  
No pain, no division, no public disgrace  
will compare with seeing the smile  
on His face as He welcomes the poor  
as children with places at the table  
No death, nor threat, nor power  
can ever separate us  
from the love of God forever  
in Christ Jesus

Everything shall pass away  
but not the Word that's within us,  
no, it's the Kingdom of Jesus