Celebration *of the* Seasons



A Service of Music & Word

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GROVE CITY

10:00 am
November 15th, 2026

Welcome to worship! Today's service is a special opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the cycle of the Church Year which grounds the church's worship in the two central events of Jesus Christ: The Incarnation and The Resurrection. Through hymns, scripture readings and reflections, we will walk through this cycle. The Incarnation is celebrated in the three-fold season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. And then the Resurrection is celebrated in the three-fold season of Lent, Easter and Pentecost. In just two weeks the cycle begins anew with Advent, so today is a wonderful time to step back and experience the full cycle. Let us worship God!



We Gather to Praise Our God

**Please rise in body or spirit*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be always with you,
People: **And also with you!**

PRELUDE *Earth and All Stars* Wayne L. Wold

CHORAL & BELL INTROIT *Creator of the Stars of Night* (Hymn #84)

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

The Meaning of Advent

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:3-5

***HYMN #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (sts. 1,2,7)*

REFLECTION

HYMN #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain)*

CHILDREN'S TIME
Following Children's Time, children ages 3 & up will be met by their teachers in the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School.

The Meaning of Christmas

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5

HYMN #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

St. 1 – Women
St. 2 – Men
St. 3 – ALL
Refrain (after each stanza) – ALL

REFLECTION

The Meaning of Epiphany

ANTHEM *Refugee King* arr. Edward M. Wilmington

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 60:1-6

HYMN #127 *Jesus, the Light of the World*

REFLECTION

The Meaning of Lent

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:1-11

HYMN #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

St. 1 – ALL
St. 2 – Left Side
St. 3 – Right Side
St. 4 – ALL

REFLECTION

The Meaning of Easter

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16:1-8

***HYMN #232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

St. 1 All
St. 2 Choir
St. 3 All
St. 4 All

***REFLECTION**

***RESPONSE #591** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (refrain)*

The Meaning of Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-4

HYMN #297 *In Christ Called to Baptize (sts. 1 & 4)*

REFLECTION

We Respond in Thanksgiving and Dedication

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
You may put a donation to the church in the offering plate.
Please take a moment to touch the plate as it is passed and recommit yourself as a disciple.

VOLUNTARY Pastorale on: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* (Hymn #641)
arr. Michael Burkhardt

***DOXOLOGY #606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.
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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CALL TO PRAYER #792 *There is a Balm in Gilead* (refrain)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LIFE OF FAITH

We Depart to Share Good News

***SENDING HYMN #305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***RESPONSE #127** *Jesus, the Light of the World (refrain)*

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

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POSTLUDE Final on: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* arr. Michael Burkhardt

The poetry read in today's service is from ***The Iona Abbey Worship Book,*** *published by Wild Goose Publications, Iona Community, Glasgow UK.*

The flowers in the sanctuary are provided, to the glory of God, by Annette Kiaski in honor of Dale Kiaski's birthday today!

Please register your attendance with us using the card hanging on the back of the pew, near the center aisle. If you are new or newish, please share your contact information!

Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Wendy McCormick Speakers Bridget Okata, David Vukovich, Scott McIntire, Beth Wiggall Ushers: FPCGC Men's Fellowship	Technology: Hannah Stewart, Connie Moneypenny, Kirk Bohanan Worship Music: Chris Dederer, Director of Music FPCGC Chancel Choir FPCGC Bell Choir

News & Announcements



Poinsettia Orders
Please use a form in the narthex or order right on the app! Orders are due **November 22nd.**

Central Community House

Annual Coat Drive
Please make sure you have your coats to the church by end of day today!



Save the Date: Churchwide Holiday Potluck - December 6th!
Join us on December 6th after service for a festive time of food, fellowship, and holiday cheer! Hosted by the Membership Committee, this churchwide gathering is a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate the season together.
Please bring a dish to share. Whether it's a favorite holiday recipe, a savory side, or a sweet treat, we look forward to sharing a delicious meal with you.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS
PLANNING OUR 2027 GIVING

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Thank you to all who have submitted an estimate of giving for our ministry in 2027. We have received 22 estimates so far, and 18 of them are increases over 2026 -- thank you for *stepping up!!* You can still submit an estimate of your own giving to the church for 2027; these estimates are not binding commitments, but they do help us to plan. Use the card in the back of the sanctuary or go to the FPCGC app.



Youth Retreat
Six of our young people have been participating in the presbytery youth retreat this weekend. Cayden, Julia, Praise, Lila, Amanda & Cristabel are joined by chaperone Barbara Mogren. Prayers for a special faith weekend. And thanks to Brenda & Joe Falascino for driving!

Directory 2027
Updating your information in the directory is EASY, just check out the printed directory in the narthex and put a check mark next to your name if your information is correct!
If it isn't, you can update it using the Sunday attendance card, right in or by contacting John Noss in the church office.
Alternatively, you can update your information digitally in the FPCGC app. Look for the button labeled "Directory."
Please verify your information by **December 13th!**

Fill a Shoebox!
Shoeboxes are available in the narthex. Please fill and return by **November 22nd.** If you'd prefer to support the mission by making a donation, you can donate to the church and designate the amount for the shoebox ministry. Our goal is to fill **120 boxes.**

Don't Throw It Away!
You can recycle your bulletin (and other clean paper, glass, plastic) in the blue bin in the back of the sanctuary. And on your way to coffee in the Fellowship Center, you can drop off pop tabs (to benefit Ronald McDonald House), ink cartridges (to benefit cancer patient programs), eyeglasses (to be distributed to those in need).

Live Streaming Reminder
We're thrilled to continue to offer online worship for those who cannot join us in person. As we continue to improve our technology, we encourage you to utilize YouTube to view our service. Compared to Facebook, YouTube is a more stable and accessible platform, and we are finding there are fewer issues with viewing the stream there. Please check the app, website, or the link here: https://www.youtube.com/@FPC-GC-Ohio/live

Lunch Together
Join other church members and friends for lunch on Wednesdays at 12pm. No RSVP required. See to the right for each week's location. Questions? Call Ken Simeral (cell 740-317-9476).

November 18th: ***NEW*** Broadway Standard
November 25th: Planks
December 2nd: Olive Garden
December 9th: Fiesta Mariachi (Georgesville)
December 16th: 3 Brothers
TBD: Bob Evans (Georgesville)
TBD: IHOP
TBD: Sunny Street Café

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"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

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