

Welcome to
**First Congregational
Church of Tallmadge**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 10/18/2026

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, Senior Minister



IN PERSON | ONLINE WORSHIP: SUNDAYS @ 10 AM

"No Matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

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LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Organist: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Liturgist: Chuck Victor

As you enter the sanctuary please be silent for those who are in meditation.
Please silence your cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

The chimes call us to a time of worship.

Greeting

Liturgist

Prelude

"Jubilation" - G.F. Handel

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Introit

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Holy One,

All: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: As we have gathered here to worship, let us stand
and greet one another in the love of Christ.

*Gathering Song "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and an organ accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The organ part provides harmonic support with chords indicated above the staff.

* indicates: please stand as you are able

*Call to Worship Liturgist

One: God is able to do more than we could ask or imagine.

All: God goes beyond our doubt to give us faith.

One: God is able to give more than we can understand.

All: God goes beyond our cruelty to give us kindness.

One: God soars to reach our minds and hearts.

All: God goes beyond our anger to give us empowerment.

One: God expands our possibilities.

All: God goes beyond our injustice to give us hope.

*Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" # 569

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God of our hearts, today we are seeking wisdom which goes beyond what our eyes can see or our hands can touch. We are seeking wisdom of the heart. Speak to our hearts about your commandments of love and justice. Make our wandering paths straight and our lives holy. Amen.

Anthem "I Am Resolved" - Fillmore/Pethel
Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Children's Message Christine and Katie Higham

SERVICE FOR THE CONFERRING OF THE HONOR OF PASTOR EMERITUS

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Responsive Litany of Affirmation

Leader: We gather in gratitude for the faithful ministry of the Reverend Dr. John Schluep.

All: We give thanks for his years of service, his compassionate heart, and his enduring witness to Christ.

Leader: We remember the sermons preached, the prayers offered, the lives touched, and the love so generously shared.

All: We celebrate the seeds of faith he has planted and the blessings that continue to grow among us.

Leader: As a congregation, do we joyfully affirm the conferring of the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus upon the Reverend Dr. John Schluep?

All: With gratitude, affection, and joy, we wholeheartedly affirm this honor!

Leader: May this recognition celebrate the past, bless the present, and strengthen the bonds of Christian love that unite us.

All: Thanks be to God for faithful ministry, enduring friendship, and the grace that continues to guide our journey together. Amen!

The Conferring of the Honorary Title

Prayer of Blessing

Closing Acclamation

Leader: For the ministry we have shared,

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For the friendships and blessings that endure,

All: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For the future God continues to unfold before us,

All: Thanks be to God, now and always! Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Intercessory Prayer w/ Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lesson Proverbs 3:1-12 (red bible pg. 450, blue bible pg. 987)

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God

Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

Proverbs 3:1-12 -

Admonition to Trust and Honor God

- 3 My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
2 for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.
- 3 Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.
4 Then you will find favor and high regard
in the sight of God and of people.
- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and turn away from evil.
8 It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.
- 9 Honor the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce;
10 then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
- 11 My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline
or be weary of his reproof,
12 for the Lord reproves the one he loves,
as a father the son in whom he delights.

*Hymn of Preparation "As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought"
#570

Sermon "There Our Hearts Will Be: Fruitful Hearts"
- Rev. Daniel J. Doty

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Generosity

Moments of Silent Reflection

Response to the Call

One: God's word inspires us and sustains us.

All: May we build communities of generosity.

One: God's word challenges and provokes us.

All: May we build communities of justice.

One: God's word renews and heals us.

All: May we build communities of the heart. Amen.

*Hymn of Generosity "All Things Are Yours!" vs. 2 # 687

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "He Shall Feed His Flock" - G.F. Handel
Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of our giving, we thank you for the abundance of these gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We have given them with our whole hearts, so that we might follow your commandments. Bless our ministries with joy and hope for your future. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*Closing Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #589

*Benediction

*Congregation Response (sung or said)

"Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you, each hour of every day.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love."

Postlude "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above" - arr. Martin

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE



Tech Team:

Liturgist: Chuck Victor

Ushers: Dave Marconi, Dan Thomas, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers

Greeters: Mark and Cathleen Clark

Today's altar flowers are provided by:

Cliff and Sue Yeager

"In celebration of Isaac and Hannah's wedding."

Diana Fiocca

"In memory of my parents Don and Dona Witten"



569 God of Grace and God of Glory

G C $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{G}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C6 $\frac{G}{D}$ D G $\frac{C}{E}$ C Am7
 1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
 3 Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

$\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G C $\frac{G}{B}$ $\frac{G}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{A}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C6 $\frac{G}{D}$ D G $\frac{C}{E}$
 pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its
 sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

$\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{D}$ D G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G D7 G $\frac{G}{B}$
 bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

$\frac{G}{B}$ D7 $\frac{D}{A}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 D $\frac{G}{B}$ D7 $\frac{D}{A}$ G C $\frac{G}{D}$ D7 G
 for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

As Saints of Old Their First-fruits Brought 570

C F B $\flat$ F Gm F Dm C Dm Gm F B $\flat$ 6 C7 F

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
 3 With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to you,

C F B $\flat$ F Gm F Dm C Dm Gm F B $\flat$ 6 C7 F

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield;
 to make our life an of-fer-ing to God, that all may live.
 not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neigh-bors too.

Dm Am B $\flat$ C F Dm C F A F Gm B $\flat$ Dm C

so we to-day our first-fruits bring: the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

N.C. F B $\flat$ F Gm F Dm C Dm Gm F A Dm Csus C7 F

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed, by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

All Things Are Yours!

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$\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat 7$ $\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat \text{m}$ $\text{E}^\flat$ Fm $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{Edim} 7$ Fm $\text{B}^\flat 7$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{A}^\flat$

1 All things are yours! We make that true when we re -
 2 "Give out of love," your Word com-mands. We are your
 3 O what a joy to give and then, out of com -
 4 All things are yours! We make that true when we re -

$\text{E}^\flat$ Cm Fm $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat 7$ $\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat 7$ $\text{E}^\flat 9$
 G $\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{B}^\flat$

turn our gifts to you. And so we give, and
 head, your heart, your hands. Your Word you un - der -
 pas - sion, give a - gain. You have no needs. Though
 turn our gifts to you. And so we give, and

$\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{D}^\flat \text{maj} 7$ $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{Ddim} 7$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{Edim} 7$ $\text{D}^\flat$ Fm $\text{B}^\flat$ $\text{A}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat 7$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{A}^\flat$
 C $\text{D}^\flat$ F $\text{D}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat$ $\text{E}^\flat$

so we share, in Christ's strong name ex - press - ing care.
 score with deeds by us - ing us to an - swer needs.
 that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.
 so we share, in Christ's strong name ex - press - ing care.

589 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{E}{G\#}$ A Bm7 $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D Bm7 E9 $\frac{C\#m}{E}$ E7 A

1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love;
 3 Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 4 In hope that sends a shin-ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-ening way,

$\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D A7 Bm $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D $\frac{Em}{G}$ A D

tell me thy se - cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o - ver wrong;
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

WORDS: Washington Gladden (1836-1918)
 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith (1825-1898)

MARYTON
 L.M.

THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723 .

Brian Allman
Cindie Anderson
Debbie B.
The Becking Family
Margarete Boschert
Ryan Boylan
Jim Caplinger
Lyn Chapman
Matthew Chapman
Jane Charles
Patty Conely
Jeffry Cotton
Betty Cottrill
Bob Davis
Rylin Davis and family
Sean and Sara Doty
Ron Drake
Mark Engel
Elaine Engle
Ron Evans

Darrell Goodson
Eleanor Hall
Jim Jackson
Nancy Johnson
Anita Kelly-Lahrmer
The Klinginsmith Family
Joey and Mark Labay
Yvonne Larson
Bill Laymon
Roberta Lewis
Carol McFarland
Jack and Helen McKee
Donna Phillips
Bob Poff
Lt. John Norton
Gary Rambler
Becky Rapini
Daniel Simmons
Ensign 5 Kaylie Spear
Lt. Maxwell Spear

Jeff Sullivan
Richard and Karen Thomason
Troy and Kara
Lloyd Troyer
Kim and Noel Walters
PO3 Kaitlyn Wetter
Don Woerz
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

*Blessed be God
who did not
refuse me the
kindness I
sought in
prayer. Psalm
66:20*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our yearly stewardship campaign is in progress. In the coming weeks, we'll share more details about our theme, "There Our Hearts Will Be" and how we truly treasure this chance to draw closer to our Creator God. Please mark your calendar for Consecration Sunday on November 15. It's a day to respond to God's invitation with our financial commitments for the upcoming year!

Today, we will confer upon The Rev. Dr. John Schluep the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus. This recognition celebrates John's faithful service, dedicated leadership, and enduring love for our congregation. There will be a cupcake and punch reception following worship today. Please join us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Men's Prayer
Breakfast**
Saturday, October 24
9:00 AM

All men are invited to join Rev. Dan for breakfast, prayer, and fellowship.

Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 24
10:00 AM

Trunk or Treat is back this year. If you have children or grandchildren that want to come join the fun, we would love to have them. We will have cider, donuts, coffee, games and of course candy.

Voting Day Bake Sale
Tuesday, November 3
ALL DAY

The Board of Christian Education is hosting their annual Voting Day Bake Sale. If you are someone who enjoys baking and can donate a few items, that would be great. We ask that you bring in bake goods on Sunday, Nov. 1- Monday, Nov. 2. We will set up the table on Nov. 2. If you can't bake an item but you'd love to sell things that day, we are scheduling people for 2 hr. shifts.

*Link to sign up for baked items or volunteer hours,
<https://forms.gle/WddnShomcUR1gPxZA>*

WF Card Making
Thursday, November 5
6:30 PM

Join us for a fun and meaningful evening of fellowship as we create cards to send to our military members. Together, we'll share encouragement, kindness, and Christmas cheer with those serving our country. Bring a friend and enjoy this special opportunity to make a difference!

Meet the Author:
Deb L. Brown
Wednesday, November 11
7:00 PM

Christian fiction writer Deb L. Brown, is a former member of our church and will be in Ohio for only a short time. She is excited to return and share an evening of storytelling, encouragement, and conversation with us—including a book signing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Pecan Sale

Our annual Pecan Sale is here! It's time to start planning that holiday baking—our United Youth Ministry are selling fresh pecans to help fund our mission trip and ministry experiences!

Golden Pecan Halves – perfect for pies, cookies, and all your holiday treats

NEW! Candied Pecans – a variety of sweet flavors to choose from! Make great holiday gifts!

Order deadline is November 1. To place an order, visit the table in the atrium on Sunday mornings. Thank you for supporting our youth and helping make these opportunities possible.

REGISTER FOR THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Register now to join us at The Venue on Thursday, December 3rd at 12 PM for our annual Christmas luncheon - A joyful gathering filled with fellowship, holiday cheer, and wonderful memories. We're delighted that our own Dan Doty will sing Christmas music for us! It promises to be a beautiful and festive time together. Cost = \$35 per person. RSVP by November 22nd.

Celebrate the Season with Rev. Dan's Holiday Concerts!

The holiday season is a wonderful time to enjoy beautiful music, share fellowship, and celebrate the joy of the season! Our Senior Minister, Rev. Dan Doty, will be performing in two special holiday concerts this December, and everyone is invited to attend.

Handel's Messiah

Join the Warren Civic Orchestra and Chorus on Sunday, December 6, at 6:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, 3020 Reeves Road NE, Warren, Ohio. Experience the beauty and inspiration of this beloved holiday masterpiece.

Holiday Pops

Enjoy an evening of festive favorites with the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Chorus on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 PM at EJ Thomas Hall in Akron. This joyful concert is a wonderful way to celebrate the season through music.

Ann Hagan will be offering a carpool for those who would like to attend either concert. If you're interested in going, please sign up in the atrium on Sundays. It's a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of music and fellowship together!

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Mon-Thurs
9 am- 3 pm
Fri: 9 am- 12 pm

Join us for Worship

Sundays @ 10 AM

COMING UP THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00 AM Faith in Action
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Pastor Emeritus Reception

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:30 PM Ladies Video Study
2:00 PM Chair Yoga
6:00 PM Heritage
6:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00 PM Naranon
6:00 PM Cards

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00 AM Quilters
12:00 PM Bible Study
1:00 PM Book Study
7:00 PM Cub Scouts

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00 AM WW
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM WW
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:30/9 AM WW
9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:00 AM Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 AM CE Meeting
10:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM WJHM