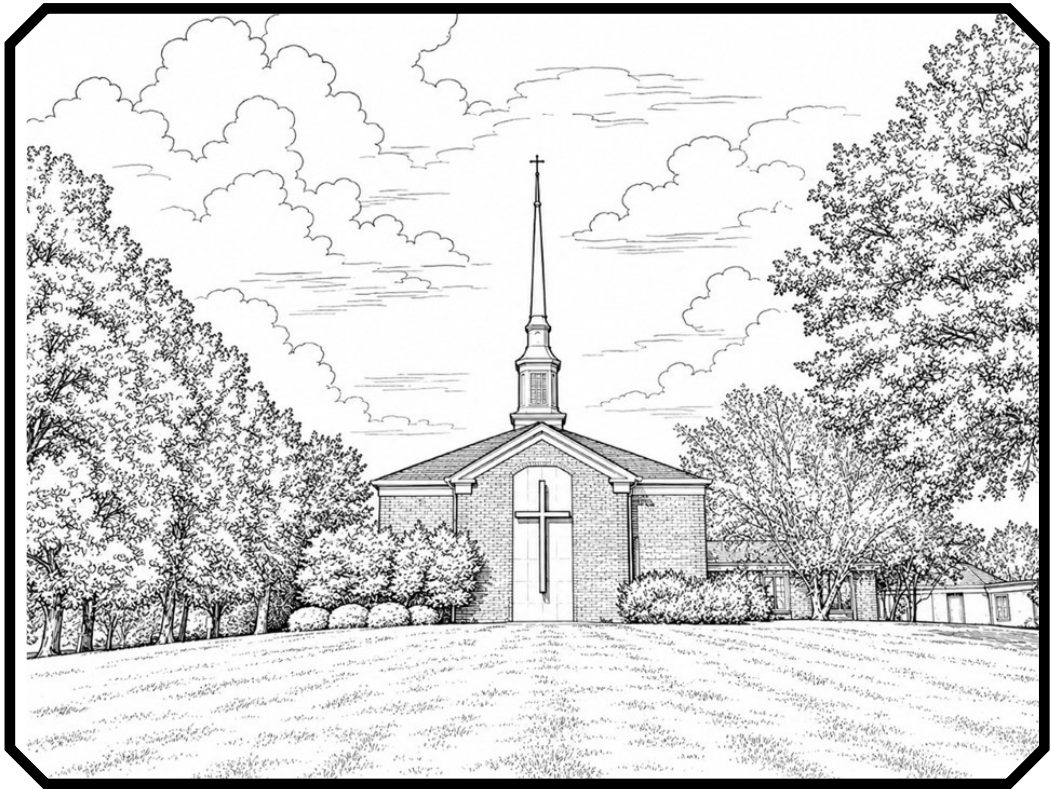


Welcome to

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | 10/04/2026

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: Rev. John Phillips

The hymns are included at the end this bulletin for you.

The chimes call us to a time of worship.

Greeting

Liturgist

Prelude

"My Tribute" - Andrae Crouch/Smith

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 piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature change from one flat to no flats after the first measure. The lyrics are: "1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in." The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature change from no flats to one flat after the first measure. The lyrics are: "To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

* indicates: please stand as you are able

*Call to Worship Liturgist

One: God speaks words of covenant, calling us into lives shaped by faithfulness and love.

All: We come to listen, to remember, and to walk in God's ways.

One: God calls us away from the idols that demand our loyalty and toward relationships of justice, rest, and dignity.

All: We will honor God by honoring our neighbors and cherishing the sacredness of every life.

One: Come, people of God, not in fear, but with reverence, courage, and open hearts.

All: We come to worship the God of liberation, trusting that love will guide our way.

*Opening Hymn "Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit"

*Opening Prayer

God of liberation and love, you call us from every nation and culture to gather at one table as your beloved people. Free us from the idols that divide us, teach us to honor the dignity of every neighbor, and make our worship a witness to your justice and peace. Unite us in Christ, that the world may know your love. Amen.

Anthem "Now I Belong to Jesus" - Clayton/Berry
In memory of John Huffman
Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Children's Message Wendy Brown

Prayers of the People

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Intercessory Prayer

Scripture

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-4, 12-20

Ex. 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20

1 Then God spoke all these words, 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before[a] me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

7 "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

18 When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance 19 and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God
Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation "As We Gather at Your Table" #695

Sermon "Wisdom for the Way" - Rev. Daniel J. Doty

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "Let Us Break Bread Together"

- African American Spiritual/Zabel 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 every nation and every table, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and commitment. Free us from whatever divides your people, and use our offerings to nurture justice, dignity, peace, and abundant life. As we share one bread and one cup, make us generous partners in your beloved community. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Sursum Corda—sung to "Now Thank We All Our God"

L: The Lord be with you all

C: And also with your spirit

L: Give thanks to God above

C: It's right that we should praise God.

L: Lift up your hearts to God

C: We lift them up to heaven

L: We join our hearts as one

C: And feast this happy day.

L: Creating God, we give you thanks And so with your
people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise
your name and join their unending hymn

Sanctus—sung to “Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God the Mighty, Holy One

Heav’n and earth are glory filled

Hosanna to highest heav’n

Blessed is the one who comes

In the name of God most High

Holy, holy hosanna

Glory be to God on high

Sharing the Meal

Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation — sung to the last line of

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Christ has died and Christ is risen

Christ will come and reign on earth

Lord’s Prayer—sung to “We Gather Together”

O Abba in heaven your name is most hallowed

Your kingdom reign now as your work we take up

Grant food for today and grant pardon for our sins

Your power and glory forever be praised.

Breaking the Bread

Prayer after Receiving

Behold: we have experienced a mystery! Ordinary bread and ordinary fruit become for us nourishing life that can transform even the grief and fear of these strange times into hope and love. May it be so not just in this meal, but each meal. And may we who have been fed go forth to feed others. Amen.

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WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*Closing Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #698

*Benediction

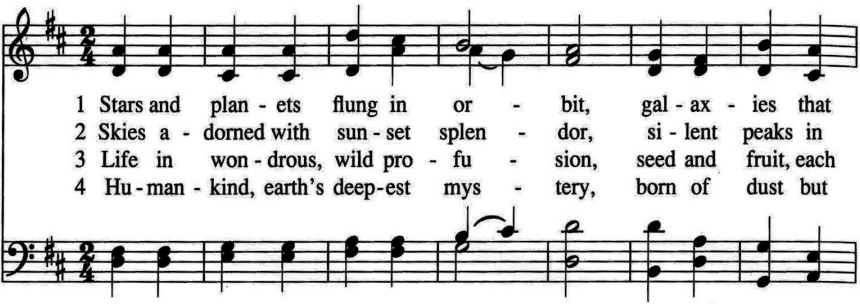
*Congregation Response (sung or said)

**"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."**

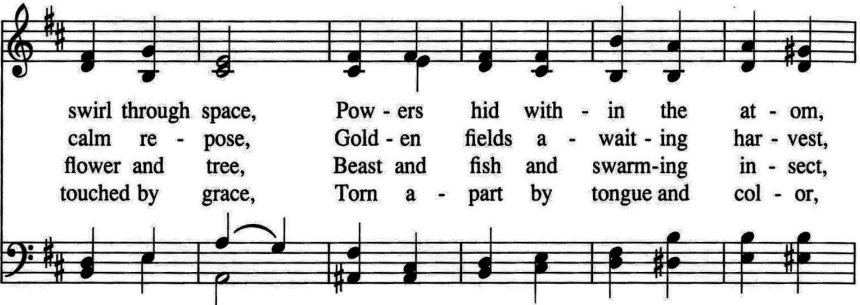
Postlude "Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God" - Mansfield
Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1989



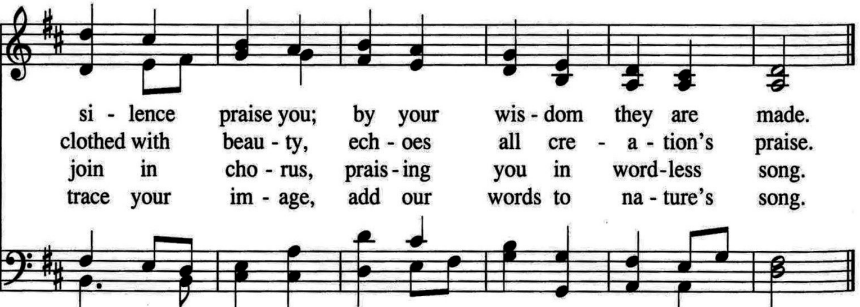
1 Stars and plan - ets flung in or - bit, gal - ax - ies that
 2 Skies a - dorned with sun - set splen - dor, si - lent peaks in
 3 Life in won - drous, wild pro - fu - sion, seed and fruit, each
 4 Hu - man - kind, earth's deep - est mys - tery, born of dust but



swirl through space, Pow - ers hid with - in the at - om,
 calm re - pose, Gold - en fields a - wait - ing har - vest,
 flower and tree, Beast and fish and swarm - ing in - sect,
 touched by grace, Torn a - part by tongue and col - or,



cells that form an in - fant's face: These, O God, in
 foam - ing surf and fra - grant rose: Earth, its boun - ty
 soar - ing bird, re - joic - ing, free: These, your crea - tures,
 yet a sin - gle, striv - ing race: We, in whom you



si - lence praise you; by your wis - dom they are made.
 clothed with beau - ty, ech - oes all cre - a - tion's praise.
 join in cho - rus, prais - ing you in word - less song.
 trace your im - age, add our words to na - ture's song.

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., began his ministry as a parish pastor. His long association with Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg began in 1962 when he joined the faculty as professor of preaching, and continued until 1989 when he retired as president emeritus.

Tune: LAUDA ANIMA 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 John Goss, 1869

As We Gather at Your Table 695

Unison
N.C. F B $\flat$ $\frac{B\flat}{C}$ F

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

N.C. F B $\flat$ $\frac{B\flat}{C}$ F

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

N.C. Am7 Dm Am7 Dm $\frac{Am}{C}$ B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

$\frac{C7}{G}$ F Fmaj7 B $\flat$ $\frac{B\flat}{C}$ F

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

698 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

C G C F Dm7 G Dm Fmaj7 G Dm
F

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

C
E Dm F Am7 G D C E G7 D C F Am D Gsus G

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Dm7 C Dm7 Dm7 C G7 C *Refrain* Am C7 G

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain,
love in word and in deed ex - press.
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

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HOLY COMMUNION

F Dm G F/G Em/G G7 C Dm7/F C

earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE



TECH TEAM:

LITURGIST: Rev. John Phillips

USHERS: Larry Robinson, Dave Marconi, Tom Labay, Dan Thomas

GREETERS: Carol Kroah and Janet McCaulley

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

Joyce Bojarski

Margarete Boschert

Ryan Boylan

Jim Caplinger

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

Yvonne Larson

Bill Laymon

Roberta Lewis

Kitty Maddox

Carol McFarland

Jack and Helen McKee

Donna Phillips

Bob Poff

Lt. John Norton

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Becky Rapini

Daniel Simmons

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Lt. Maxwell Spear

Jeff Sullivan

Richard and Karen Thom-
ason

Troy and Kara

Lloyd Troyer

Kim and Noel Walters

PO3 Kaitlyn Wetter

Don Woerz

Alzheimer's Caregiver Sup-
port Group

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crop Walk
Sunday, October 11
1:30 PM
Goodyear Metro Park

You can make a difference against the fight of hunger! Join FCC Tallmadge for CROP Walk 2026. Register at 1:30 pm and walk at 2:00 pm. Can't walk? Consider donating! See the welcome center for more information.

Roots and Wings
Sunday, October 11
4:30 PM
FCC Tallmadge

Roots and Wings is a fellowship group for parents or grandparents and grandchildren to grow in faith and friendship together. The theme of the next meeting will be **Stewardship and how we can get involved.**

**Pastor Emeritus
Service**
Sunday, October 18
10:00 AM

On Sunday, October 18, 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. Please join us for worship as we honor his ministry and express our heartfelt gratitude for his lasting legacy among us. There will be a cupcake and punch reception following the worship service.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 3rd-4th grade Sunday School class will be making scarves and small blankets to donate to the Haven of Rest in January. Please consider donating scarves, hats, blankets, or gloves for adult men. We will have a box in the atrium. Or you can donate money to purchase the scarf and blanket materials. Thanks- Dianne Drummond

Today we dedicate the Neighbors in Need Special Offering. When you give to Neighbors in Need, you make sure the United Church of Christ continues to be a leader for justice. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice projects across the church, and one-third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries. Thank you for your gifts!

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Mon-Thurs
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Join us for Worship

Sundays @ 10 AM

COMING UP THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 AM Faith in Action
10:00 AM Worship/Communion

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:30 PM Ladies Video Study
2:00 PM Chair Yoga
5:00 PM Social Action
6:00 PM Heritage
6:00 PM Boy Scouts
6:30 PM Trustees Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:00 PM Naranon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:30/9 AM WW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 AM Executive Council
10:00 AM Worship
1:30 PM Crop Walk
4:30 PM Roots and Wings