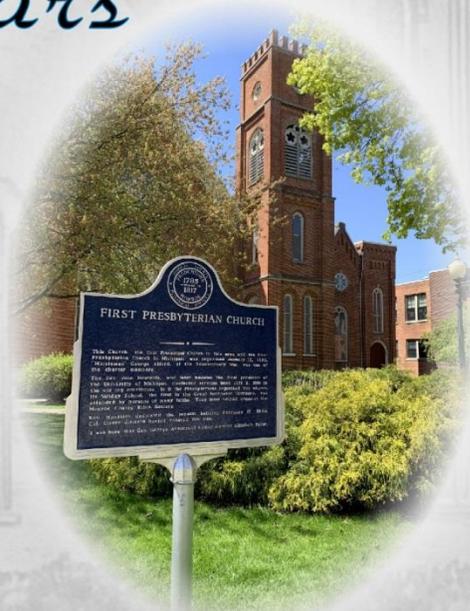




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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

OPENING WORDS

God of grace, you have given us the Holy Spirit to have minds which know you, **hearts which love you, and voices which sing your praise.**

Through the Holy Spirit, may we may celebrate your glory and worship in spirit and in truth today;

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

OPENING HYMN #687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” vss. 1,2,4

- 1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:8-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy and grace, forgive what we have been, and continue to mold us to be more and more like Christ, that, like him, we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579 “Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

If worshipping from home please call others after worship, if here in person, please just turn around where you are and nod to one another in peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

SONG OF AFFIRMATION #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, thank you for your Word that is alive with the Holy Spirit. May it open our hearts and minds as it is read and it is proclaimed; changing us by what you say to us through it today. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Luke 3:2-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Mark 2:13-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“Our Generation”
Jason Armstrong

Matthew 11:16-19

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” vss. 1,2,3

- 1 God of compassion, in mercy befriend us, giver of grace for our needs all availing. Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us, patience untiring and courage unailing.
- 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us, stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling. Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us, guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.
- 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us, you who the stars in their courses are guiding? What shall we fear, with your power to protect us, we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

CALL TO OFFERING

Please reflect on the blessings God has given you and how you might reach out.

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the love, the grace, we have received from you and, in return, from those who love you.

We give thanks for those who love and care for us the way you do, giving us a place of belonging, valuing us as people made in your image.

We give you thanks that we are part of this body of Christ through whom we are able to offer our own abilities and insight.

Show us new ways we can serve others, and the world, in your name.

For the opportunity to glorify you with our lives, this day and every day, we thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Pray for those who are ill and all health care workers and those in essential jobs serving us. Pray for our congregation now separated. Pray for our country's leaders as they make tough decisions. Pray for our world.)*

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN #542 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” vss. 1,2,4

- 1 God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care
 enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
- 2 God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide
 you: God be with you till we meet again.
- 4 God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening
 wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Ushers: Carol Rabun; Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

About our Guest Speaker

Jason Armstrong was the Youth Pastor at First Presbyterian Maumee for ten years before becoming the Assistant Pastor there in the spring of 2019. In his time at the church, he has earned a Master's Degree in Theology from Lourdes University and has become accredited to preach in the Maumee Valley Presbytery by completing their preaching course.

Jason and his wife, Marlo, a Toledo Public Schools special education teacher, live in the Maumee, Ohio area and have three children; Bruin (23), Aubrey (19) and Ian (14).