

The First Presbyterian Church – Willoughby



7th Sunday of Easter ~ May 12, 2024

The Rev. Shane Nanney – Pastor

Lectors

9:00 am – Harriet Speece

11:00 am – Beth Falkner-Brown

The Scripture readings for the 7th Sunday of Easter are:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, John 17:6-19

Sermon

“He is praying for you”

Welcome to worship!

Welcome to worship and fellowship as the family of God this day.
Your presence adds joy to our gathering.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Amos, Beulah, Ann, Bob, Carrie, Dena, Evelyn, Linda, Jan, Jessica, Joyce, Katie, Lauren, Mark, Michelle, Nicholas, Paul, Ralph, Terry, the Emry family, Tracy, Sean, Elsie, Nancy, the Rahmani family. We continue to pray for peace in the world.



HONOR LOVED ONES AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Share the beauty of flowers with the congregation in worship, by sponsoring the flowers and dedicating them to a loved one or to honor a special occasion. The 2024 flower chart is posted in the east entryway. Select a date you wish to share the beautiful flowers with the congregation. *Suzan Plautz will follow up with you to ask for your dedication wishes.*

FLOWER DEDICATION – This week we thank Suzan Plautz who dedicates the flowers at the front of the church in honor of Al and Steve’s birthdays. The Mother’s Day flowers are gifts from the Membership and Fellowship committee.

SIGNS OF OUR FAITHFULNESS – May 5

Attendance: 83 in person; 33 online

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSISTENT GIVING.

Your dedication is so very much appreciated! To give, you may:

- Place your offerings in the Offerings Box in the Sanctuary.
- Send your gifts by mail.
- Bring your gifts by the church (place in the big black mailbox outside).
- Set up automatic payment through your bank.
- Give online using the QR Code here, or through our **PayPal** button www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving



THE FREE FOOD MINISTRY IS THRIVING. We continue to see generous gifts from our community. Items can be deposited in the grocery cart at the church entrance on Wednesday and Thursday mornings each week, or any Sundays when you come to worship. Requested food donations for May are: **Healthy cereal especially instant oatmeal, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned soup, and toilet paper.**

THE YARN CONNECTION! This is an ongoing opportunity held the **1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month** from **10 am-12 pm**. The ladies and Pastor Shane knitted gifts that were given to Project Hope for the Homeless and *WomenSafe* Shelter. Open to knitters and crocheters to work on their current projects, charity projects, or teach/learn how to knit or crochet.

May Lectionary

May 5	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May 12	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	John 17:6-19
May 19	Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27, 16:4-15
May 26	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

We are a Matthew 25 church!

We serve the least, the last, and the lost.



Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31-46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

Building congregational vitality

Dismantling structural racism

Eradicating systemic poverty

What's new?

Catch up with church events and the photos of you and your loved ones making God's love real.



Pentecost Sunday- Remember to wear red in honor of Pentecost next Sunday, **May 19**. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of over 3,000 people to Christianity, making this holy day the beginning of the church.

Graduates honored – Stay for Coffee and Fellowship next Sunday, May 19.

Home Care items - When accidents or illnesses happen, we may need help to recover. The church would like to provide that help. If you have any gently used medical equipment, such as walkers, wheelchairs, canes, shower chairs, crutches, etc. that are collecting dust, please consider donating them to the church. This equipment would be made available for church members to borrow at no cost to you. All we ask is that you return the item when it is no longer needed. Contact the office at 440-946-0070 x1.



Captains Game – Play ball! Those of you who are interested in a baseball game, fireworks and a meet and greet with Captains players, join us on Friday, June 14. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway leading to the WPG room. This is an annual tradition. All are welcome. Tickets are complimentary so we need a firm commitment by May 31. See you at the ballpark. More details will follow.

Take note – The adult Sunday school will not meet on Sunday, May 12, Mother's day. The final days for meeting will be May 19 and 26. Dismantling racism will be the topic and is consistent with the PC (USA) and Matthew 25 plan. Everyone is welcome to join the adult Sunday school class. Contact Shane Nanney at shanenanne@gmail.com to sign up for this Zoom only meeting.

Stay tuned – You have received an email announcing a monthly newsletter on May 7. **The sign up tab was not working** so you received a second invitation on May 8. **The link is active now.** We hope you sign up for news regarding our Mission partners and human-interest stories about people in our community as well as our church. The Hunger Walk will be the first mission featured.

Hunger Walk – The 36th annual walk for hunger and 5K will take place on **June 1, 2024** at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. For every \$ 1 raised at Walk for Hunger they can provide 3 healthy meals for our neighbors in need. Did you know that 1 in 5 face hunger in Northeast Ohio? For \$10 you will have access to the Zoo for the day and raise money for a great cause. Hunger Walk is one of our 12 Mission Partners, and we support them. Sign up here with this QR code.



Welcome Natalie

We have a new custodian starting May 16. We are so excited to have found a follower of Jesus to care for our beautiful church. Natalie Chmura is a graduate of Willoughby South High School and currently lives in Willoughby.

Save these dates!

~Pentecost coincides with Youth Sunday this year on **May 19**.

~ Graduates will be honored the same day.

~Youth group will gather for a Lock Down the night of **May 26**.

~Next **Agape Feast!** date: **May 30**.

~Hunger Walk at the Cleveland Metropolitan Zoo is Saturday, **June 1**.

~Men's breakfast is on the first Saturday of every month. Next date is **June 1**.

~Dougbe River School fundraising gala is on Sunday, **September 15**.

~Sunday, **May 26**, 7:00 pm-Monday,

May 27, 9:0 a.m.: **LOCK IN**.

RSVP & permission slip is required



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

Sun, May 12	Mother's day	
	9:00 am	Contemporary Service
	10:00 am	Children's Sunday school
	10:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
	7:00 pm	Adult Sunday school - Zoom
Mon, May 13	12:00 pm	One Step at a Time AA Meeting – WPG
	4:00 pm	Free Food Distribution - WPG
	7:30 pm	Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG
Tue, May 14	1:00 pm	Bible Study – BV
	2:30 pm	Mission Committee – Room 1
	7:00 pm	Bible Study – Room 1 and Zoom
	8:00 pm	Willoughby Tuesday AA Meeting – WPG
Wed, May 15	1:00 pm	Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG
	6:30 pm	Families Anonymous – Room 1
	7:30 pm	Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG
Thu, May 16	10:00 am	Yarn Connection
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice (last rehearsal for this season)
	7:00 pm	Stepping Up Al-Anon Mtg – Library
Sat, May 18	1:00 pm	Shankland Saturday – WPG
Sun, May 19	Pentecost	Youth Sunday
	9:00 am	Contemporary Service with Tracy Ammon
	10:00 am	Children's Sunday school (last day for season)
	10:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship to honor graduates
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
	7:00 pm	Adult Sunday school - Zoom

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