

WEEKLY NEWS

First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 15, 2022

The Rev. S. Shane Nanney - Pastor

Lectors – 9:00 – Harriet Speece; 11:00 – Tom Herlevi

SUNDAY – May 15 – Worship Services at 9 and 11 am

The Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter are:

Acts 11:1-18 and John 13:31-35

Sermon: “Marching Off the Map”

Welcome!

The psalmist calls all creation — sun and water, trees and mountains, animals and people — to praise the Lord (Psalm 148).

And so we shall. Welcome!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today at the 11:00 Worship Service, *Piper Jean Thompson* will be baptized into the family of God. Piper is the infant daughter of Jason and Rachel Thompson, great-granddaughter of Steve and the late Suzanne Adams. Please offer your greetings and prayers on this joyous occasion.



PRAYER CONCERNS

We pray for all of our members and friends in need of prayer for concerns of any kind. Names are not included here for privacy on the internet. We also pray for peace with the situation in Ukraine and Russia, and for all those affected by the COVID-19 virus.



**PLEASE SEND YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES
TO THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

PRAYER CHAIN – If you have prayer requests – of concern or joy – and would like to share them with your church family, please send them to the church office at office@fpcwilloughby.org and indicate whether the request is for sending out on the prayer chain, listing in the bulletin, or both.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Support our Ukrainian siblings

Europe is facing its largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. The United Nations estimates up to 18 million people, both internally displaced and refugees, will eventually be impacted.

According to reports from Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, Ukrainians are facing reduced or disrupted services in water, heating, electricity, transportation and telecommunications. Health services have deteriorated rapidly due to shortages of medical supplies and personnel.

Refugees, mostly women, children, people with disabilities and the elderly, had to leave their homes and spend days traveling to neighboring countries for safety, with almost nothing with them.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing allow for an immediate response from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) when emergencies first occur, often responding to crises that never make it into the news.

In this volatile situation, PDA was able to provide urgent funding to trusted, established partners with the expertise to carry out humanitarian aid. Reformed and Orthodox church partners, like the Community of St. Egidio and Hungarian Reformed Church Aid, are working closely with local churches and organizations to provide food, water, clothing, shelter, psychosocial support and other basic items for survival. They are the “boots on the ground,” listening and responding to the needs of those impacted.



To stay informed about the work Presbyterians are doing in and around Ukraine, visit pcusa.org/pda/ukraine. To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing and the vital ministries it supports, visit pcusa.org/oghs.

In this season of Lent, pray for our siblings in Ukraine. Pray for peace. And pray that all of us will remember that we are the Church, **together**.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- Through your congregation • Online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- Text OGHS to 91999

Please use PDA or OGHS envelopes found in your pews for your donation, or give online with PDA or our website www.fpcwilloughby.org.

Make checks out to **First Presbyterian Church** if you wish to have your donation reflected on your Giving Statement.

Remember, sending cards to our homebound would perhaps brighten their days. Please consider dropping a note in the mail or giving them a call. Printed directories are available in the entry hall of the church. If you need addresses or phone numbers, please contact Gail in the church office.



MAY LECTIONARY

May 1	Acts 9:1-20	John 21:1-19	Easter III
May 8	Acts 9:36-43	John 10:22-30	Easter IV
May 15	Acts 11:1-18	John 13:31-35	Easter V
May 22	Acts 16:9-15	John 14:23-29	Easter VI
May 29	Revelation 21:1-16	John 17:20-26	Easter VII

Signs of our Faithfulness

May 8, 2022

Attendance: 66 in person; 41 online

Thank you so much for your consistent giving.

Your dedication is so very much appreciated!

To give, you can:

- Place your offerings in the Offerings Box in the Sanctuary
 - send your gifts through the mail
- bring your gifts by the church (place in big black mailbox outside)
 - set up automatic payment through your bank
 - or give online through our [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) button at www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving



MISSION COMMITTEE FREE-FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Requested food donations for the month are: **Healthy cereals, peanut butter and jelly, canned chicken or tuna, and bathroom tissue.** Items can be placed in the grocery cart at the church entrance on Wednesday and Thursday morning each week. Your kind donations enable us to feed the hungry and help those in need in our community through our Free-Food Distribution at 4:00 pm each Monday.



The Mission Committee is once again sponsoring a team from our church to walk in the **Greater Cleveland Hunger Walk**. This year's walk will be **June 4 at the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo**. For those runners in our congregation, there is a timed run starting at 8:30. The walk starts at 9:00. It is not as structured as past walks through downtown Cleveland. Instead, participants walk at their own pace through as much of the zoo as they wish. \$30 or more in donation will earn a t-shirt for the participant. To register go to www.hungernetwork.org Wait for the orange and white rectangle to appear and click on *register*. You will then click on team and search for *First Presbyterian Church of Willoughby*. If you have difficulty with the website, send an email to Beth at bethhutton@netzero.net and she will add you to the team.

The money raised will go to support hunger centers throughout the area. You know how much the cost of your groceries has gone up this year. The Food Bank is facing the same issue. But they still make good use of our money to feed thousands of hungry people. If you are unable to join us but would like to contribute, please write a check to the church and put **Hunger Walk** in the memo line. Gail will then send that money to the **Hunger Network**. Thank you to everyone who helps in any way.

~ Beth Hutton

First Presbyterian Church - Willoughby Christian Education

We are evaluating and continuing to adjust our programming as participation evolves. The following are current plans, with changes announced when necessary.



- Childcare for infant to Pre-K is available from 8:45 am to Noon Sunday mornings in the toddler room year-round with occasional closings.
- Pre-K (age 4) to Grade 5 on break until fall.
- Grades 6 to 12 meet as youth group. Deborah Nanney and Pastor Shane Nanney are currently leading activities for this group. An email and texting group of parents and teens is being utilized to communicate meeting times and events.
- Sunday Adult Ed meets at 7pm by *Zoom*.
Study: *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich. Class will meet until the current book is completed then take a break over the summer. End date to be determined.
- Tuesday night Bible Study meets at 7pm via *Zoom*. Topic: Miracles. Classes end on May 31 until fall.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

Sunday, May 15 – 9 and 11 am – Worship Services

Sunday, May 15– 10 am – Sunday School Classes

Sunday, May 15 – 12:00 pm – Lunch & Music!

Sunday, May 15 – 7 pm – Adult Sunday School via Zoom

Monday, May 16 – 12 pm – One Step at a Time AA Meeting – WPG

Monday, May 16 – 4 pm – Free-Food Distribution

Monday, May 16 – 7:30 pm – Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG

Tuesday, May 17 – 7 pm – Bible Study via *Zoom* – Topic: *Miracles*

Wednesday, May 18 – 1 pm – Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG

Wednesday, May 18 – 7:30 pm – Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG

Thursday, May 19 – 7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19 – 7:30 pm – Stepping Up Al-Anon Meeting – Parlor

Saturday, May 21 – 1:00 pm – Shankland Saturday AA Meeting - WPG

Sunday, May 22 – 9 and 11 am – Worship Services

Sunday, May 22– 10 am – Sunday School Classes

Sunday, May 22 – 7 pm – Adult Sunday School via Zoom

TODAY!

Sunday, May 15th at Noon at the Church

**The Fellowship Committee invites
you to join us!**

A light lunch will be provided.

**Denny Carleton will play
a variety of songs for us.**



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church Office Hours M-F 9-5

The Office Manager & Financial Secretary (Gail Schemm) and the Fellowship & CE Director (Lisa Hillegass) are in the office and are available too by phone or email.

Please call or email if you need them for anything!

Pastor Shane is in the office Mondays-Thursdays.

He is always available by phone or email as well.

Please call or email if you need him for anything!

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