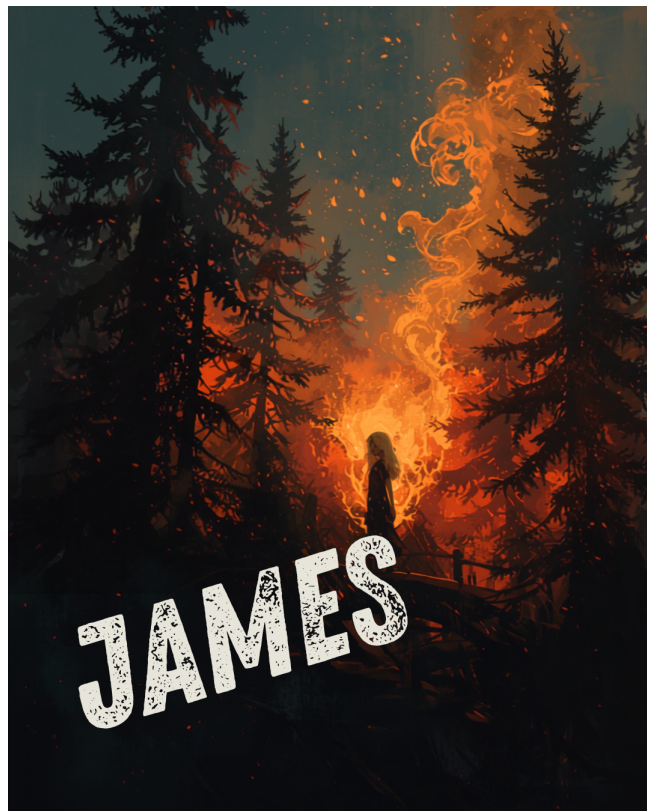




**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**



Our Mission: “To Worship God and Proclaim Jesus Christ”

**Our Vision: “To Grow in Faith, so that every member will impact where they
live, work, worship, and play for Jesus Christ.”**

Sunday, September 27, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m.

143 S. Prospect St.

Marion, OH 43302

Rev. Michael Morris, Pastor – michael@1presby.org

Joann Roszman, Organist

Styler Buyer, Director of Finance/Office Manager – admin@1presby.org

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Deedra Olney, Director of Life Builders

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

You discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. We are in awe of You. All we can do is offer our worship and praise.

***PRAISE TEAM:** (1) *May The Words Of My Mouth*

The Ushers will pick up your prayer request cards.

(2) *Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

VIDEO: "Is Your Faith in Kindergarten?"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus, we have not borne Your image well in the world. Where You are patient and kind, we have been quick to judge. Where You are filled with hope, and desiring all people to be saved, we have secretly hoped that heaven will be filled with people just like us. Where You trust Your father even in the darkest moments, too often our anxieties have drowned out our faith and drawn us from Your path. Send us Your Spirit of help and healing. Give us hearts which love and trust You above all, and shape us to bear Your image in a world longing for salvation. In Your name we pray, Lord Jesus. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silence to confess your own particular sins and failings)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: it is not that we loved God, but that He first loved us, and sent His Son to be a sacrifice for our sins. Sisters and brothers, through the cross God has called you and chosen you to be His people. In Jesus Christ He has forgiven all of your sins. So go, in the power of His Holy Spirit, to bear this good news to all people. You are forgiven! Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI:**

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***STATEMENT 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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO GOD:

Offertory:

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder
American Spiritual

Arr. by Gilbert Martin

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: A Collection of Proverbs

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

*After Moments with Children, those who are kindergarten age and younger,
may go to Worship Child Care located downstairs.
All other children are asked to return to their seats to worship with their families.*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:1-12

MESSAGE:

"Taming the Tongue"

Rev. Michael Morris

***HYMN:**

Our Father, We Have Wandered

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE:**

Adagio

by John Stanley



PRESBY PUMPKINS....

Saturday, October 24th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with Downtown's Monster March to follow at 12 p.m. noon. Pumpkins, crafts, snacks, and games. Grades Pre-K thru 5th. Costumes are welcome. Use alley entrance to the church. If you have any questions please call the church office @ 740-382-9545.

PRESBYTERY MEETING....

The First Presbyterian Church will host the Great Lakes Presbytery Meeting on October 9th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and October 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We welcome any church member who would like to attend. If you would like to sign up to be a greeter, please scan the QR code to sign up. Please call the church office with any questions @ 740-382-9545.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES....

meet @ 9:15 a.m. in the Westminster Room & in the Bell Room.



NEW ITEMS FOR SALE.... to benefit the Deacons' Christmas Fund.

These items are separate from the items for the Diaper Fund and have colored price tags.

New items include Vera Bradley, LUG, and other brands.

Items include handbags, sling bags, wallets, & wristlets.

Purchase a Christmas gift and help our Deacons' Christmas Fund.



COFFEE TIME & FELLOWSHIP



September 27th – Emily Morris

October 4th - OPEN

October 11th – Kathy Goodman on behalf of the Session

October 18th - Deacons

October 25th – Kirkin' O' the Tartan (after worship)

If anyone would like to sign up for Fellowship please do so in the Reception Room or reach out to the church office @ 740-382-9545.

September 27th

#3 – Bridget Chivington

#4 – Patty Muir

Balcony & Elevator – Annette Hartman

October 4th

#3 – Gayle Sutherin

#4 – Deb Thibaut

Balcony & Elevator – Jan Garverick



Worship Meeting – Monday, September 28th @ 5:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting (w/ Elders for Draft)

– Monday, October 5th @ 5:30 p.m.

Family Life Meeting – Thursday, October 7th @ 5:00 p.m.

Budget & Finance – Thursday, October 8th @ 5:15 p.m.

Building & Grounds – Monday, October 12th @ 5:30 p.m.

Session Meeting – Thursday, October 15th @ 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 27TH – Lonnie Brammer
OCTOBER 4TH, 11TH & 25TH – Mish Muir
OCTOBER 18TH – Jim Schertzer



Elders

DiAnna Bishop
Diane Campbell
Kathy Goodman
Karla Hack
Gerry Hopkins
Lois Lust
Brian Penrod
Stephanie Schertzer
Craig Thompson

Deacons

Bridget Chivington
Lu Chivington
Georg-Anne Cunningham
Jan Garverick
Annette Hartman
Patty Muir
Lynda Schlichting
Lynn Schorr
Gayle Sutherin
Deb Thibaut

Worship Leaders



September 27th – Richard Dixon

October 4th – Karla Hack

October 11th – Gerry Hopkins

October 18th – Beverly Marshall

Prayer Requests

Service Men & Women:

Doctors, nurses, fire fighters, police officers, & military personnel

Missionaries:

Mark & Melinda Cathey, Eric & Susan Bartels

Friends & Families:

Loma Wilson (DiAnna Bishop's sister)

Church Family:

John Burns, Don Easley, Mark Hartman, Joyce Ann Jones, Phyllis Larsen, Lois Lust, Kevin Orth, Carol Penrod, Lynda Schlichting, Ruth Stanley, Julia Vanderhoff, Tim Weiss, and our Deacons, Elders, Staff, and Volunteers

Passing of a Church Member:

Karen Arthur passed away on September 10th. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.





WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES....
started up. We need volunteers to
 prepare a light meal for
 approximately 25-30 people. There
 is a sign-up sheet in the Reception
 Room.

THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH

SUNDAY

9:15 a.m.
 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

September 27, 2026

Adult Sunday School Classes
 Children and Youth Sunday School Classes
 Fellowship & Coffee Time: OPEN
 Worship Leader: Richard Dixon
 Moment for Mission: Deedra Olney, Director of Life Builders
 Confirmation Class Orientation

MONDAY

5:00 p.m.

September 28, 2026

Worship Committee Meeting

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m.

September 29, 2026

Carillon-Aires Bell Practice

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.

September 30, 2026

Wednesday Worship/Meal – OPEN
 Wed. Night Security – Jan Garverick

THURSDAY

October 1, 2026

FRIDAY

October 2, 2026

SATURDAY

October 3, 2026

SUNDAY

October 4, 2026

9:15 a.m.
 9:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.
 4:00 p.m.

Adult Sunday School Classes
 Children and Youth Sunday School Classes
 Fellowship & Coffee Time: OPEN
 Worship Leader: Karla Hack
 Confirmation Class



TO OUR GUESTS... We thank you for joining us for worship and
extend a warm welcome from our family at
First Presbyterian Church.

Please come again!

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