



**First Presbyterian**  
Maumee  
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## **September 12, 2021, 10:45 Traditional Service**

Called by God, Blessed to Serve: God Provides Blessings

Prelude

Ciacona in E Minor

Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Tolbert

### **GOD'S PEOPLE OF HOPE GATHER**

\*Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 148*)

Crawford Strunk

One: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights above.  
Praise him sun, moon and all you shining stars.

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord. At his command they were created.  
He established them forever and ever, issuing a decree that will never pass.**

One: Praise the Lord from the earth, kings of the earth and all nations. Praise the  
Lord, young men and women, old men and children.

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his  
splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

\*Hymn

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 482

### **WE APPROACH OUR HOLY GOD**

\*Call to Confession

Crawford Strunk

\*Prayer of Confession

One: Lord God, you are the Creator of the universe. You know how the world truly  
works and you have called us to a particular way of being in this world. Yet,  
we often think we know a better way. We fight against the way you have  
called us to live, taking up our own desires and ideologies, imagining that we  
know better than you.

**All: Forgive us, Lord, for our arrogance and our backwards living. In your  
loving-kindness, teach us that your way is good. Change our hearts to  
desire what you desire and to seek what you seek. Thank you for your grace  
and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

\*Assurance of Pardon

Crawford Strunk

\*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

**\*Response**

**Gloria Patri**

**No. 579**

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Crawford Strunk

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1—2:4

p. 1

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"God's Good Creation"

Pastor Tolbert

## **WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE LORD**

**Hymn**

**"This is My Father's World"**

**No. 293**

Prayers for God's People & the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Tolbert

Offering

Pastor Tolbert

**\*Hymn**

**"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

**No. 288**

## **GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S OWN CHILDREN**

\*Charge and Blessing

Pastor Tolbert

\*Response

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

\*Postlude

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Bedford

*\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

### **Worship Leaders Today**

Senior Pastor: Clint Tolbert

Liturgist: Crawford Strunk

Organist: Wayne Whitten

Director of Worship & Music: Kristen Woodard

Hymn Leader: Heather Speer

Tech Team: Steven Woodruff, Robbie Dunham, Bill Woodruff

## **Offering**

Please make your tithes and offerings for the work of the church by giving as you depart the sanctuary, mailing a check to the church office, or by using the “give” button at the top right-hand corner of the church website.

## **Flowers**

Today’s flowers were given by Jane Howell in honor of the men and women serving in our armed forces.

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## **Sermon Notes**