

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**September 20, 2026 – 11:00 am**

\* Those that are able and comfortable standing please stand.

**Prelude** **Träumerei by Schumann**  
**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to God who is good.

*People: We will call on God's name and make known God's wonderful works.*

Leader: Seek the Lord continually.

*People: We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.*

Leader: Together let us worship God.

*People: We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.*

**\*Hymn** **Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome (2x)** **#387**

**Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*God, you are the giver of all good gifts, yet our generosity is often limited. We complain about our circumstances. We compare ourselves to others and see what they have that we do not. We share some of what we have, but we worry about running short. Forgive us our jealousy and greed and give us generous hearts that trust in you day by day.*

**Time of Silent Confession/Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Believe in the Good News! In Jesus Christ, God's generous love reaches out to embrace us.

*People: In Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live again. Thanks be to God!*

**\*Gloria Patri** **Glory Be to the Father** **#813**

**Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

**First Scripture Reading**

**Exodus 16: 2-15**

**Second Scripture Reading:**

**Matthew 20: 1-16**

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon: "This Isn't Kindergarten" Pastor Deb Bergmann**

**\*Hymn** **Jesus Loves Me** **#185**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

*This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*Hymn** **Doxology** **#815**

**\*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering**

*Generous God, you are the source of all good things, of life itself and all that sustains it. Bless the gifts we offer this day. By your Spirit, multiply their impact to support your purposes in the world you love in the name of Christ, our Savior and Friend. Amen.*

**\*Hymn** **They'll Know We are Christians** **#429**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** **The Lord Bless You And Keep You**

*Thank you to Pastor Deb Bergmann for filling our pulpit this morning. We are thankful for you!*

## **This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

### **SUNDAY, September 20**

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Choir practice after worship

### **SUNDAY, September 27**

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Choir practice after worship

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#### **Sunday School 9:30**

Meeting in the Journey Room

We are facilitating a 6 week study by Max Lucado providing insight, inspiration, and Biblical support on dealing with those times in our lives when we hit the wall of frustration that can lead to despair and depression. He will use as inspiration the life of Joseph from Genesis 37-50. The book is titled "You'll Get Through This" and there will also be a DVD study. We may be mature adults but we can still get hit by life's realities that can knock our socks off. It is an easy reaction to curl into a ball of yarn with no path or direction to find a solution. God is always there and He uses Joseph's 20 some years of trials to remind us that by our faith and His love that a path will evolve to get us through our turbulent times.

Books are available in class or contact the church office.

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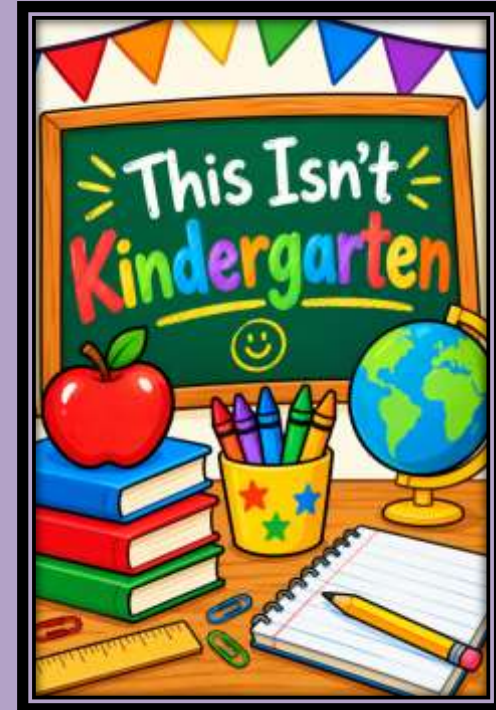
#### **Serving This Sunday, 9/20**

**Liturgist:** Gaye Gibson

#### **Serving Next Sunday, 9/27**

**Liturgist:** Ed Jobes

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



### **“This Isn’t Kindergarten” Pastor Deb Bergmann**

**September 20, 2026**

**11:00 a.m.**

**65 N. Third St.**

**Newark, OH 43055**

**Chris Rainey, Worship Elder  
Katherine Stuart, Church Pianist**