



Upcoming Events at FPCYO

As we continue to celebrate 225 years of ministry in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, we are bringing back events and worship services we have enjoyed through the years. This includes a Taizé Worship, the annual Schaff Lecture, and our Labyrinth. See below for more information.

Taizé Worship Service

We will host a Taizé Worship Service on Thursday, March 27 at 7:05 p.m.

Taizé is meditative worship designed to bring all Christian denominations together. Song, silence, and scripture are entwined with the purpose of encouraging peace and reconciliation. Taizé is named for the small town in France where Roger Schütz founded this ecumenical monastic order in 1940. Worship includes Bible readings and texts set to simple tunes, which are then sung repetitively; the music is enhanced by instrumentalists and vocal solos. Attendees will find that Taizé is especially meaningful during Lent since its focus is prayer and introspection.

The sanctuary will lend itself to the beauty of this service as hundreds – yes hundreds – of lighted candles will offer illumination. The simplicity of the music makes it easy enough for all to sing while more experienced singers can fill in various harmonies.

We are inviting other area churches to join us, so please feel free to spread the news yourself and bring any guests with you. All are invited!



The Schaff Lecture – Save the Date

In partnership with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the annual Schaff Lecture is taking place on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown. There was surprise change to the event in the last few days, but we will still be hosting the event. Be on the lookout for details in the coming weeks.

We are excited to offer several ways to engage with the lecturer, including a clergy workshop, dinner, and evening worship. Registration information will be sent out in the Presbytery announcement email when it is available. All fees will be collected at registration.

- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Clergy Workshop: *Relevant Preaching in Unsettling Times*. This event must be registered for in advance. There is a cost of \$10 to cover the cost of supplies and materials for the event. Clergy Registration will open on March __. Public Registration will begin March __.
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available in the parlor, music will be on offer in the sanctuary, and volunteers will be available to share information on the history of the church.
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner in the Helen Chapel. Seating is limited and registration is required. Meal options are Swiss Steak, Stuffed Chicken, and Eggplant Parmesan. The cost of dinner is \$20.
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Community Worship. All are welcome to attend. We are finalizing details on what participation may look like. If you or a group from your church is interested in helping lead worship, please contact Payne Warner at pastor@fpcyo.org.

Labyrinth at FPCYO

During Lent we will have a Labyrinth out in our Helen Chapel every Sunday through Tuesday when the Church is open (Su 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., M 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Tu 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.). It will also be available to walk all of Holy Week (Su 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., MWThF 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tu 7:30 – 7:30 p.m.). We ask that everyone wear socks (no bare feet and no shoes) to protect the canvas. We will have a basket of clean socks available in case you forget. There will be information about the labyrinth and directions for use available.

