

Sermon Notes

Message Title: “In the Beginning, God” Jim Jennings

Series: Back to the Basics

Scripture: Genesis 1:1a & Psalm 145:1-7

Date: September 20th

Genesis 1:1a (NIV) “¹In the beginning, God . . .”

“*In the beginning, God . . .*” tells us that the religion of the Bible (the Christian faith) is a religion in which God takes the initiative.

The story of the Bible, the story of God, isn’t about people trying to discover God, but about God reaching out to us, making himself known so that we might come to know Him.

God has created. God has spoken. God has acted.

A foundational belief of the Christian faith, *the Good News*, is not simply a declaration that God has *said* something – but it also affirms that God has *done* something.

God has created, spoken and acted. God took the initiative in seeking us and making a way back to Him in Jesus. Are you seeking to be found by the one seeking you?

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Jodi Packard – Pastor of Family Ministry

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**Ordinary People
Extraordinary God**

September 20th, 2026

Welcome to Perrysburg First!
We are delighted you’ve chosen to worship with us this morning. We offer Children’s Church and a nursery during service. Adult Sunday school is at 9am. We have additional programming for children and youth on Wednesday evenings and adult bible studies throughout the week! Perrysburg First Church is a great place to connect with God and discover community!

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Sanctuary Flowers
Today’s Flowers were given in honor of Violet Vath’s 12th birthday!

Connection Cards
Welcome to First! We’re so glad you’ve chosen to worship with us this morning. We’d love to help you get connected here at First. You can fill out the connection card and drop it in the offering plate. We will be sure to follow up. Blessings!

Serve at Perrysburg First
Use Your Gifts. Serve Others. Make an Impact.
God has given each of us gifts, talents, and a heart to serve. As our church family grows, we invite you to find a place where you can **serve, connect, and make a difference.** Serving strengthens our church, helps us grow spiritually, builds meaningful relationships, and makes a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Whether you have a special skill or simply a willing heart, **you can make an impact.**

Find your place to serve at First Church! Sign up today! Irma will be handing out the forms in the Lower Narthex before church and then in the Upper Narthex after Church!

Evening Ladies Formation Gathering
Amy’s group will meet tomorrow, September 21st at 6:30pm at the Jennings home.

Ministry Partners Spotlight
Thank you to our Children’s Ministry Partners today: Nursery (ages 0-PreK): Rich Bensman, Bonnie Bennion, & Lily Estep
Children’s Church (Grades K-5): Jodi Packard & Cheri Carr

Team Kid and Youth is Back
Team Kid and Youth begin this Wednesday, September 23rd from 6-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall! Dinner is included! Team Kid is for children grades K-5 and Youth Group is for children grades 6-12.

Register:



Meal Sign-up:



New Course this Fall: Alpha!
Alpha is an opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Through a series of engaging discussions, we explore some of life’s big questions around life and faith. Contact the church office or talk with Pastor Jim for more information! Begins: **September 23rd & meets from 6:00-7:30 pm.**

PCU Donations
For the month of **September**, our church is asked to donate **Hamburger Helper**, and in October, canned beans. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

May this be a space where you encounter Jesus and are at ease in the company of his friends.

Today’s Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn #405

“Seek Ye First” (v.1-2, 2x)

Response in Worship
(See Screens)

Hymn #378

“Amazing Grace” (v.1-4 & 6)

Greeting/Doxology

Nicene Creed
(words on screen)

Prayer/Lord’s Prayer/Offering

Special Music

“The Gift of Love”
(by Hal Hopson)

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1a & Psalm 145:1-7

Amanda Costell

Message

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Final Hymn #400

“Come Thou Fount” (v.1-3)

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Participants:
Organist: Tim Cloeter
Liturgist: Amanda Costell
Sound Booth: Dax Rice