

OHIO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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Custodian: Monica Ward

Treasurer: Chris Hurni

Youth Coordinator: Peggy Franzese

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

CLASS OF 2024: Gina Arzberger (2T), Rayna Knox

Paul Magee (2T), Wendi Rybicki

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Markish

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Ava Diccico, Dawn Psik

Denise Matthias, Ken Jones

CLASS OF 2024: Jeff Barth, Bob Hurni

Eleanor Pike, Corinna Petrella



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



Loving God,

Loving Neighbor;

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

January 21, 2024

“Amidst the confusion of the times, the conflicts of conscience, and the turmoil of daily living, an abiding faith becomes an anchor to our lives.”

–Thomas S. Monson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bob Goossen

PRAISE SONG “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul;

I'll worship Your holy name

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rose Honess

Eternal God, Lord of heaven and earth, we praise you for your greatness. Your wisdom is seen in all your creation. Your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ your Son. Your presence and power are given to us through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, O blessed Trinity, we worship and adore you for ever and ever. Amen

***SONG** “Here I Am to Worship”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of persistent love, when we try to ward off your call to proclaim the kingdom's good news to those we would never welcome into our tight circle, you remind us that we can never set boundaries on how far your mercy, your love, your hope will extend.

Forgive us for dragging our feet, Compassionate God. May

we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us! Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

***RESPONSE** 'Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory' (tune) 354
Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! God's love is reigning here.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10

CHILDREN'S CHAT

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:14-20

SERMON "Not the Fastest"

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

We celebrate the church of Jesus Christ,
where two or three or thousands can gather together
in the Lord's name and touch this world
with the amazing good news that somebody cares,
that God joins us in community so that someday
this world will be loved to wholeness.

We celebrate the church,
where every child of God is hailed as unique and valuable,
where the tired, disillusioned world is invited in
and surprised by the life-giving word
that Christ accepts the children, all the children of the world.

For God works miracles in common clay pots
changing caterpillars to butterflies and water to wine.
Let's celebrate the church of Jesus Christ

where the wonderful wildness of God
breaks common clay pots and fills us with a holy spirit
that overflows and we see rainbows, many splended colors,
light in pitch darkness—and every day is a festival of faith!

(Ann Weems, *Racing for Rainbows*, p. 57)

***SONG** "Be Still, My Soul" 819

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

***RESPONSE** "We Are an Offering" 710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift up our lives to you:
We are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives;
They are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you;
We are an offering; we are an offering.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (vs 1 & chorus) 408

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Sprit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us filling us with your love
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***POSTLUDE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

- Children 3yrs - 6th grade during worship
- The Adult class resumes on Jan. 21 at 9am

Sunday, January 21–Worship Committee Meeting following worship

Sunday, January 21–Youth Group 6-7:30pm

Wednesday, January 24–Story Time @10am

Saturday, January 27–Presbytery Meeting @10am at N. Sewickley Church

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 28, following worship. We'll distribute the 2023 reports, review the 2024 budget and elect a deacon to fill Ava DiCicco's term as she has resigned to finish high school and head to college later this year.

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller's friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Don Habedank (Shirley Fluharty's brother), Bernie Fedorka (Mark Douglass's friend), David Alexander (Shirley Fluharty's son-in-law), Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

In the Military: Don Sanders, William Barth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Lois Davie, Willa Kocher, Maude Williams, Pat & Tony Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Lois Dancer, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Martha Piroli, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Janice Adamski, Betty Solinski