

## 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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**Choir Director:** Amanda Collins

**Accompanist & Bell Choir Director:** Shirley Fluharty

**Worship Leader/Pianist:** Alli Feszko

**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: 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***  
**February 4, 2024**

“Be not afraid of going slowly,  
Be afraid of standing still.”

–Japanese Proverb

### **DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**PRELUDE**

Alli Feszko

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Bob Goossen

**PRAISE SONG** “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

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**\*LITANY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Leader: We gather to worship God,

whose creative imagination never fails:

People: For the sake of God, we listen and pray.

Leader: We gather to praise our God,

whose steadfast love never weakens:

People: For the sake of Jesus, we sing and rejoice.

Leader: We gather to offer our best to God,

who walks with us through eternity:

*All: For the sake of the Holy spirit, we will walk in faithfulness.*

**\*SONG** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today. God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our confusion and despair, reassure us today.

Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace, place your mercy in our souls today. Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and

hold us gently in your goodness.

We confess our need to you, and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope, remembering the promises you have made to us. We ask it through Christ Jesus, our Savior, our brother, our friend...

*Silence is kept*

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: God never tires out, nor is there an expiration date on God's forgiveness. God is ever with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service. 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**

### **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 1:29-39

**SERMON** "Pondering Progressions"

### **DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD**

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (responsively)

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.**

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the Church.**

With believers in every time and place,  
**we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*A Brief Statement of Faith, Excerpts*

**\*SONG** "The Goodness of Jesus" (insert)

### **DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS**

PASTOR: Gracious, loving and healing God bless these shawls that they may be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this congregation

ALL: Bless the ones who receive these shawls. May they be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in God's love, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

### **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

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

### **\*POSTLUDE**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday School**

- Children 3yrs - 6th grade during worship
- The Adult class meets at 9am

**Sunday, January 28**–Youth Group 6 to 7:30pm

**Wednesday, January 31**–Story Time @10am

**Sunday, February 4**–NO Youth Group

**Tuesday, February 6**–Deacons @6:30pm

**Wednesday, February 7**–Story Time @10am

**Sunday, February 11**– NO youth Group

**Monday, February 12**–Property Meeting @6:30pm

**Tuesday, February 13**–Session @7pm

**A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** will be provided by the Deacons on February 13 from 5-7 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! (please see insert)

**Our Ash Wednesday worship** will be held on February 14 at 7pm. This joint service with friends from Concord, New Sewickley and One in Christ Churches will be held in our sanctuary. Imposition of ashes will be offered to those who desire to receive them.

“Local Pilgrim: A Wandering, Wonderful Daily Devotional” for Lent will invite us to purposefully explore, discover and reflect on our community leading to meaningful contemplation and sacred discoveries. Copies are available in the Narthex.

**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