

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

Transitional Pastor:

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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, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Matthias, Ken Jones

CLASS OF 2024: Jeff Barth, Bob Hurni

Eleanor Pike, Corinna Petrella



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***Loving God,
Loving Neighbor;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God
May 5, 2024***

“A good sleep is grace and so are good dreams.
Most tears are grace. The smell of rain is grace.
Somebody loving you is grace. Loving somebody is grace.”

-Frederick Buechner

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bob Goossen

***CALL TO WORSHIP** “I Love You, Lord” (all 2x)

627

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Liturgist Chris Mathias

Creator God, giver of all good gifts,

you invite us to love one another with that passion which comes
from your overflowing heart, so those around us will recognize
us as sisters and brothers, bound together by your love.

Enable us, as we abide in Jesus,

embracing all with a welcome which comes from your inviting heart;
offering forgiveness to those who bring hurt, peace to all filled with
hate, hope to those burdened by despair.

May we hear your gentle Spirit stirring our spirits
in this precious hour of worship. Amen

***HYMN** “Morning Has Broken”

664

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves
only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like
us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and
fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in.

How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. *Silence is kept*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Do you feel it - there deep down in your hearts? God's love abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God's love to bear fruit in us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (chorus, vs. 4, chorus) 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Chorus*

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Wondrous Love"

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 4:7-21

SERMON "Ripples"

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church, as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love another, and that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another.

We believe that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages

and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God. Jesus is Lord. Amen

***SONG** "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" (insert)

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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***SONG** "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" 408

***BENEDICTION**

***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, May 5–The Women’s and Girls’ Tea following worship

Sunday, May 5–Youth Group at Manse 6-7:30

Monday, May 6–Property Meeting @6:30

Tuesday, May 7–Session @7pm

Wednesday, May 8–Story Time @10am

Wednesday, May 8–Choir rehearsal @7 (tentative)

Sunday, May 12–No Youth Group

Tuesday, May 14–Deacons Meeting @6:30pm

Pastor Bob will be on Study Leave Sunday, May 12 through Thursday, May 16

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, Pat & Tony Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Irene Gartley, Martha Piroli, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Janice Adamski, Betty Solinski

Vacation Bible School

June 10 – June 14

9:30 to 12 noon

Age 4 – Finishing 5th grade

Register Today!

at ohiopresbyterian.org/vacation-bible-school-vbs