

*HYMN “For Everyone Born” 769

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (vs 1 & chorus) 408

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*POSTLUDE



***Loving God,
Loving Neighbor;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God
September 22, 2024***

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stevwing

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From sunrise to sunset,

All: Let us praise God’s holy name.

Leader: With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young,

All: Let us praise God’s holy name.

Leader: In our work, in our homes, and in all we do,

All: Let us praise God’s holy name.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts!

All: We will worship God now and always.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Liturgist Noah Honess

God of all creation, you have opened the world around us
and filled it with beauty and purpose.

Each creature declares your praise - the mountain states
your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity.

Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom;

the tiny ant works with your persistence.

We pray that all our work will honor your justice and mercy.

May all our relationships speak of your compassion.

So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship
but in all the hours you grant us, as we follow Jesus Christ,
our Lord and our Friend. Amen

*HYMN “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all creation, you opened the world around us and filled it with wonder, yet we confess we look away from its harsher realities. Our ears can be deaf to cries of need. Our minds ignore opinions which differ from our own. Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness, and miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.

Silence is kept...

DECLARATION OF PARDON

The prophet Micah reminds us that God requires three things from us: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. To all who truly repent and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen

***RESPONSE** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (chorus, vs 4, chorus) 240

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Shine the light of your Word on the path ahead, O God. Help us choose the way of your wisdom, so we may bear fruit that is pleasing to you and shines your light into the world around us. Amen

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:30-37

SERMON “Who is the Greatest? The Least of These”

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

***THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

***HYMN** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)” 69

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

OFFERING

The Letter of James invites us to show gentleness born of God’s wisdom through our good works. The gifts we offer to God support many good works through our congregation and the work Presbyterians undertake together around the world. May they bear much fruit in Jesus’ name.

***RESPONSE** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God,
whom we adore. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Wise and faithful God, we offer our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation. Bless these gifts and the good works they will support, so that the world may know your wisdom and faithfulness through Christ, our Lord. Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr–6th grade during worship following children’s chat

Adult Sunday School–9am to 9:45am

Sundays September 15 thru December 1–Youth Choir Rehearsal 9-9:45am

Monday, September 23–Deborah Circle planning meeting @6:30pm

Monday, September 23–Youth Group @7-8:30pm

Tuesday, September 24–Presbytery Meeting at New Galilee Church @4pm

Tuesday, September 24–Manna @5:15

Wednesday, September 25–Story time @10am

Thursday, September 26–Choir rehearsal @7pm

Women’s Association is visiting Beaver Elder Care on October 7 at 2pm.

Anyone who’d like to help or just show up is welcome. Games and prizes are handed out to residents. There’s a Christmas visit on Monday, December 2 at 6pm. Blankets will be given to the residents

SAVE THESE DATES: Women’s Retreat is on Saturday, October 26th.

Details coming soon.

The 225th Anniversary Celebration is on Sunday, October 27th, starting with 10am service followed by a luncheon!

The Ohio UP Safety & Wellness team is holding a class at the church on November 2nd. First Aid, CPR/AED and Stop the Bleed. The hours are 7 to 11am and the cost is \$120/person. You do not need to be a member of the team or of the church to attend.

SESSION TEAM LEADERS

Worship Team Leader: Gina Arzberger

Congregational Care Team Leader: John Martin

Mission Team Leaders: Casey Honess/Rayna Knox

Operations Team Leader: Wendi Rybicki

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller’s friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Bernie Fedorka (Mark Douglass’s friend), Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

In the Military: 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, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Janice Adamski, Betty Solinski

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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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Youth Coordinator: Peggy Franzese

Organist Emeritus: Shirley Fluharty

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 Holsinger

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

