

*** RESPONSE** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606
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**

Gracious God, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts, aware of all we enjoy in Christ and in creation. Bless these gifts and service we offer in Jesus’ name, so that others may share in your goodness and know of the love we witness in Christ, our Friend and Savior.

***HYMN** “The Days are Surely Coming” 357

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** “Surely the Presence” (chorus only)

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

Please share the peace of Christ with one another as you leave this space.

***POSTLUDE**



***Loving God,
Loving Neighbor;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God
November 17, 2024***

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION FOCUS

Aliquippa Impact

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us share this peace with one another.

(please greet those around you with signs of peace)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

***CALL TO WORSHIP – responsive**

The God of wisdom calls us to worship;

In humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.

The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;

In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.

The God of past, present and future welcomes us into this moment;

In joy, we celebrate life in God’s presence!

Let us worship God together.

Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Liturgist Patti Strominger

Lord of goodness and life,

we in wonder and awe,

eager to praise your name.

You are the source of all that is good and true,

the essence of your love.

You bring gifts of peace and healing into troubled lives.

You show us the way to love friend and enemy alike,

and how to build a better world together.

**In this time of worship,
inspire us to believe our work in Jesus' name makes a difference.
So may we live to bring you glory, O God,
for the sake of Christ our Lord,
now and always.**

* **HYMN** "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" (insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of justice and mercy,
you call us to take part in our community,
loving our neighbors and serving your purposes.
We confess this is easier said than done.
We often sit in judgment on those who serve in public life,
criticizing any who fall short of our expectations.
Yet we confess we too fall short of your loving purpose for us.
Forgive us when we have been too quick to criticize,
and too slow to join in what needs to be done.**

Silence is kept...

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ—and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. Share that forgiveness with others in his name.

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

O Lord, teach us your ways and give us the grace to follow them.
Give us eyes to see the world as you do.
Give us hearts to love others as you do.
And give us the wisdom to discern how best to follow Jesus, your
Living Word.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 13:1-8

SERMON "Led Astray"

DISCIPLES RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

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

We believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.

We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another through joys and
tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land"
of God's future.

* **HYMN** "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" 100

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PASTOR: Gracious, loving and healing God bless this shawl that it
may be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this
congregation.

ALL: Bless the one who receives this shawl. May she 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

God's goodness fills the world, if only we have eyes to see it
and hearts to share what God has given us.
Know that your gifts come from God's goodness,
so pass that goodness along to others in Jesus' name.

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

Sunday, November 17–Focus on Mission– Aliquippa Impact*

Monday, November 18–Deborah Circle @ 6:30pm

Monday, November 18– Youth Group @7-8:30pm

Tuesday, November 19–Presbytery Meeting; New Sewickley Church @6pm

Wednesday, November 20–Story Time @9:30 or 10:30

Thursday, November 21–Choir Rehearsal @7pm

*Aliquippa Impact is a Christian neighborhood-based, non-profit, youth development organization serving the young people and families of Aliquippa. Their mission is to foster tangible hope to youth by building relational bridges and developmental assets.

We are spreading Christmas cheer at Beaver Rehabilitation Center (Elder Care) on Monday December 2 @ 6PM. We will be handing out presents (handmade blankets) and singing Christmas Carols. It is a great evening for all ages! Hope to see you there! Any questions call or text Gina at 724-809-3215.

The Wish Tree is up in the front of the sanctuary. Please consider taking a tag to help local children have a blessed Christmas. Please return unwrapped gifts with the tag attached by the due date. Any questions call or text Gina at 724-809-3215.

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill open positions on the Board of Session for the Class of 2027. If you have any interest or have questions, contact Chris Otto at 412-722-5325 or cco107@hotmail.com

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller’s friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, 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, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson

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

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OUR SESSION

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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

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CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

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CLASS OF 2024: Jeff Barth, Bob Hurni

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