

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

In the season of Epiphany, God's gift to us in Christ is revealed to the world. Our gifts to God in Christ's name reveal our commitment to the love and mercy, the forgiveness and hope we have received. Our gifts proclaim that we are beloved to God and God is beloved to us.

* **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**

God our Maker, we bring our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation. Bless what we bring and who we are, so that our gifts will bless the world you love in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 475

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** "He Came Down" 137

He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah forevermore.

***POSTLUDE**

Please take time to catch up with your neighbors and learn more about those around you.



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



Loving God,

Loving Neighbor;

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

January 12, 2024

Baptism of the Lord; Communion

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stewing

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

Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

We belong to God. Alleluia!

One: Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

We are called to be like Christ and follow him.

One: We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

Let us worship God who claims us and loves us! Praise be to God!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Liturgist Denise Mathias

**Creator of the sun and moon and stars,
you stir in our midst to reveal your light.**

By the work of your Spirit, you lead us in new directions.

Your beloved Son has called us to new life

and by his grace, reconciles the divisions among us.

Holy One, we praise you for the blessings you give us

in our baptism into Christ,

and through your love that surrounds us day by day.

**To you we give all praise, glory and honor,
through Jesus Christ,
who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and always. Amen**

***HYMN** “Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways” 164

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways.
We cling to destructive habits,
we harbor grudges,
and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another.
Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities.
In your loving kindness, forgive us.
Have mercy upon us and move among us
so that we might pursue new life in Christ together.**

Silence is kept...

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Do not be afraid, for Christ has redeemed you.
Baptized in the deep waters of death, he has washed away your sins.
Risen from death, he invites you to be washed in the cleansing tide of
God’s mercy.
Your sins are forgiven; be at peace with God, with yourself, and with each
other.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

***RESPONSE** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” verse 3 132

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, you blessed Jesus in his baptism, proclaiming him
beloved of God. As we give our attention to God’s holy Word,
descend on us we pray. Speak to us of God’s love for us
and renew our faith and commitment to follow Jesus, God’s
living Word. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON “Baptism by Fire”

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Baptized to begin lives of faith,
we would witness to all you do
in our communities, in our midst, in our world.
Baptized to serve,
we would speak up for the voiceless,
we would bring justice to those who have none.
Baptized to speak,
we would heal, and not hurt;
we would bless, and not curse.
Baptized to do what is right,
we would not play favorites,
but treat each as your Beloved.**

***HYMN** “Come to the Table of Grace” 507

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you;
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts;
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
It is our greatest calling and joy...and now we pray the words
which Jesus gave all his followers:

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the elements as you are served until prompted.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yrs – 6th grade during worship following Children’s Chat
Adult Sunday School–9am to 9:45am

Sunday, January 12–Communion

Monday, January 13–Youth Group 7-8:30pm

Monday, January 13–Property Meeting @6:30pm

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

Tuesday, January 14–Session @7pm

Wednesday, January 15–Story Time @10 am

Sunday, January 19–Youth Group Ice Skating; More Information to come

Starting this Sunday, the Adult Sunday School Class will begin a study of the Book of Daniel. If interested in participating, please contact John Martin at 724-601-0833 or martinjw5@comcast.net

Final 2024 Totals

We spent \$211,242

We collected \$202,110

Per Capita expenses \$8,840

Per Capita collections \$2800 (approx. 31%)

The 2025 Per Capita obligation will be \$8,640. This is based on the fact that at the end of 2023 we had 191 active members.

This year Per Capita amount will be \$45.24 per member.

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

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Treasurer: Chris Hurni

Youth Coordinator: Peggy Franzese

Organist Emeritus: Shirley Fluharty

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2027: Wendi Rybicki (2T), Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

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

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Matthias, Ken Jones

