

THE COMMUNION

Please hold the elements as you are served until prompted.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

All: O God, you have claimed us in the Spirit's waters, and number us among your own beloved. You feed us with the bread and the cup, and give us power to do your work. Keep us faithful in your service, living holy lives, and showing your love, until Christ comes in final victory and together we feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me (the Summons)" vs. 1,3, 5 726

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place" (chorus only)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel his mighty power, and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings,

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*POSTLUDE



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



Loving God,

Loving Neighbor;

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

February 9, 2025

Ordination and Installation of Officers

5th Sunday after Epiphany

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyn Stewing

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: 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

Let us sing and pray in God's presence.

Praise be to God!

For God has created the world and called it good.

Praise be to God!

In Christ, God had redeemed the world and defeated the powers of death.

Praise be to God!

The Holy Spirit is at work in the world, calling us to follow Jesus.

All praise and glory to God, Holy One and Holy Three!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison) Liturgist Diane Gennaro

God ever creating, ever loving, ever leading;

your presence is peace when we are frantic;

your Word is truth when we face deception;

your Spirit offers freedom when we are paralyzed by fear.

You give purpose in confusing times;

You call for justice when the world settles for inequality.

For all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be,
we worship you as the source of life,
the promise of redemption,
and the spirit of love in action,
one God, now and always.

***HYMN** “Let Everything (Praise the Lord) see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God,
you call us to the fullness of life, but we confess our shortcomings.
We have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts;
we have ignored your grace at work among us,
and focused on loss and complaint.
We have been suspicious of the motives of others,
too quick to judge and too slow to forgive.
Give us the courage to see clearly who and what we are.
With your forgiveness, cleanse us from all our faults and failings,
and inspire us to walk a new way. Amen.**

Silence is kept...

DECLARATION OF PARDON

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God’s love;
as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us
Rejoice that God has forgiven you and opens a new future this day.

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 “I Have Decided”

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of light and life,
we turn to your Word for guidance and inspiration week after week.
Send your Holy Spirit to move in and among us this day
as we listen to the Scriptures read and interpreted.
Help us to hear your challenge and your promise,
and to respond with our commitment to follow Jesus, your Living Word.
Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 138 (Common English Bible Translation)

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 5:1-11

HOMILY “I Call You Into Ministry”

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** “I the Lord of Sea and Sky” 69

OFFERING

The Lord continues his ministry in and through the church.
All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ.
As his body on earth we all have gifts to use and to share,
both in the church and in the world,
to the glory of Christ, our King and Head.
Let us share one type of the gifts that we received now in our offering.

*** 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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

(see insert)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

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

Sunday, February 9–Super Bowl Party at Manse **cancelled**

Monday, February 10– Youth Group 7 to 8:30pm

Tuesday, February 11–Deacons meeting @6:30pm

Tuesday, February 11–Session @6:30pm

Wednesday, February 12–Story Time @9:30 or 10:30 am

The date for the Congregational Meeting has been changed to February 16, 2025 following worship.

The Worship Committee will be meeting to plan future worship events and schedules on Sunday, February 16 after church. We will also be setting up meeting dates for future Worship Committee meetings in 2025. We plan to meet in the library. Anyone who would like to help with this is welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please see Chris Mathias.

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, 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

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Elders: Michael Kamenski, Christina Palmer, Charles Hendrick, Wendi Rybicki (2nd term)

Deacons: Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

Pastor Kalyn: There are different gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor Kalyn: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served

Pastor Kalyn: God works through different individuals in different ways,

People: but it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all

Pastor Kalyn: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: to use it for the common good.

Pastor Kalyn: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: and individually members of him.

Pastor Kalyn: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call people to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as teaching elders, ruling elders or deacons. In ordination and installation, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said:

“Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and whoever wants to be first among you, must be the slave to all.”

People: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Ruling Elder: Speaking for the people of this congregation, I present Charles Hendrick, previously ordained to be installed as elder, and reaffirm Wendi Rybicki’s current installation as elder for a second three-year term. I present Michael Kamenski and Christina Palmer to be ordained and installed as elders, and I present Chris Hurni and Ginny Adams to be ordained and installed as deacons.

Constitutional Questions to Elders and Deacons

Pastor Kalyn: Candidates, we pose to you the constitutional questions of office:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you? **I do**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as

authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

For our elders: Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For our deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendliness and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Ruling Elder: Do you, as members of the church, accept these individuals as Ruling Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Ruling Elder: Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

People: We do.

Ordination Prayers

Pastor Kalyn: Let us pray. Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these persons whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work: and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

All: God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen

Pastor Kalyn: You are now Ruling Elders and Deacons in the Church and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen