

***HYMN** “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

610

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 23, 2025
7th Sunday after Epiphany

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 share the peace of Christ with those around you)

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

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Take delight in the Lord;

All: For God will give us the desires of our hearts.

One: Trust in the Lord;

All: For God will give us security and strength.

One: Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.

All: Let us worship the One who is our refuge in any time of trouble.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Liturgist Lillian Otto

Faithful God,

you have gathered your people in faithfulness throughout many generations. You have offered your blessing to us through their examples, and led the Church through many changes and challenges by your Spirit. Draw near to us this day to guide us in these uncertain times.

Root our faithfulness in the compassion and courage we meet in Jesus.

Renew us through your steadfast love

so that we may dare to trust our future to you.

All praise and honor are yours,

O God: Source, Savior and Spirit of Life. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God,
 you test the mind and search the heart,
 so you know the thoughts and intentions we keep hidden.
 Trusting in your wisdom and mercy,
 we confess the ways we have failed to love one another,
 the times we looked the other way when someone needed help,
 and the ways our actions betrayed your goodness.
 Forgive us for missing opportunities to share your love,
 and carrying grudges that keep us from offering the forgiveness
 we hope for.
 Renew us with your mercy to become more merciful to others we meet,
 in the example of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence is kept...

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Hear and believe the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
 The old life is gone, and new life has begun.
 Trust that you are forgiven by God's generous love,
 and have the courage to forgive one another for Christ's sake.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen

*RESPONSE "Sing Out, My Soul" 646

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Live a Life that's Worthy"

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING Liturgist Lillian Otto

God of wisdom, your Word brings life and hope.
 By the power of your Spirit, open our minds to understanding,
 teach our hearts to love,
 and strengthen our wills to follow Jesus, your Living Word.

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Liturgist Lillian Otto

SECOND SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:3-11,15

SERMON "Favor and Favoritism" Julie Gvillo, CLP

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

unison

We believe in a bright and amazing God,
 Who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf;
 Who has risen in splendor and majesty;
 Who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear white light,
 Twinkling stars and sharp colors, over and over again,
 We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;
 That God believes in us, and trusts us,
 Even though we make the same mistakes over and over again.
 We commit ourselves to Jesus,
 To one another as brothers and sisters
 And to the maker's business in the world.
 God said, "Let there be Light!" Amen

* HYMN "Beautiful Things" Gungor

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

OFFERING

God is the source of all goodness. Through our offering, we express
 our thanks for every good thing we enjoy, and we share good things
 with those in need. Be generous, as God is generous, so that the
 world may know that God is good.

* 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 of generous love, we bring our gifts with grateful hearts, for
 we have received so much through your kindness. Bless our gifts
 and use them to touch lives in situations we cannot even imagine
 with your love. Make us a blessing in our community for the sake
 of Christ, our Friend and Savior. Amen**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

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

Monday, February 24–Youth Group @7-8:30 pm

Tuesday, February 25–Manna @5:00pm

Wednesday, February 26–Story Time 9:30 or 10:30 am

Sunday, March 2–Communion

Sunday, March 2–Youth Group Snow Tubing @12:30-2:30

Tuesday, March 4–Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner @5-6:30pm

Wednesday, March 5–Story Time @9:30 or 10:30 am

Wednesday, March 5–Ash Wednesday Service @6pm

Ruth Circle is starting a new Bible Study in March called “Listening to God” by Carolyn Nystrom. Ruth Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the Library from March through November. If you are interested in an afternoon Bible Study contact Karen Keller to order a study book.

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

