

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, we thank you for all the goodness we receive in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer to share in the work of the kingdom Jesus declared, and bless our lives so that we may be witnesses to his love and mercy. Amen.

***HYMN** “Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” 166

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*
March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent

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 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

We live in the shelter of the Most High,

We abide in the shadow of Almighty God.

Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

For God is the One in whom we trust.

The Lord will deliver us from the perils that threaten us.

Under God’s wings, we will find refuge and not be afraid.

So let us praise God, in song and in silence, with thankful hearts!

We will worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Liturgist Denise Mathias

Holy and merciful God
you are our refuge and strength,
we rejoice in your grace and love
which has called creation into being,
and makes all life complete.
We praise you for Jesus Christ

who reveals your loving purposes for all people;
in his face we glimpse your love;
in his life we see the pattern for our lives.
We bless you for the Holy Spirit
who guides us and strengthens us,
drawing us into the embrace of your tender love.
And so we praise you, O God,
our eternal, creating father who loves us with motherly care,
united with Christ, our savior,
and your Holy Spirit, the breath of life,
Three in One, now and always. Amen.

***HYMN** “We Gather Together” 336

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in things we have done, and things we have neglected to
do. We have held back from giving to protect what we have.
We have not trusted in your goodness and relied on the world’s empty
promises instead. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall
become. Help us to serve you by serving your world with generous
spirits.**

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession.

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 come.

Know that you are forgiven, and so, in Christ, forgive one another.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen

***RESPONSE** “Sing Out, My Soul” 646

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

***CHILDREN’S CHAT** Pastor Kalyn

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING Liturgist Denise Mathias

As your word is read, heard, and preached, O God,
send your Holy Spirit to aid our understanding
and nurture our faith with the Good News in Jesus Christ, your Living
Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Liturgist Denise Mathias

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 4:1-13

SERMON “To God be the Glory”

***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 is 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 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** “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me” insert

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

We all have something to share. As we present our offering this
Morning, know that what we share enables the Church to reach
out in Jesus’ name, meeting needs, offering hope, and working
for the justice Jesus proclaimed.

*** 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

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

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

Tuesday, March 11–Session @7pm

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

Wednesday, March 12-Ruth Circle @1pm

Monday, March 17–Deborah Circle @6:30

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.

Lenten Mission Project–Join us in reaching our goal of \$3000 to provide a well and access to clean water for a community abroad, as well as, to donate to a water bank in Butler County providing clean water for more than 40 families without access. You can give during the children’s collections (March 9 and April 13), by dropping money in the well, or by designating the Lenten Mission Project in your giving.

March is Baby Shower Month!!! Again this year we are collecting donations for Adoption Connection in Beaver. The most needed items are: new socks and underwear, bedding and all hygiene supplies. Also diapers, wipes and gently used baby gear. Donations can be dropped off in the cry room.

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 Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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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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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

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Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak
Denise Mathias, Ken Jones

