

**\*HYMN** “Christ , Whose Glory Fills the Skies” 662

**PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING**

Pastor: Gracious, loving and healing God bless these shawls that they may be tangible evidence of the love and prayers of this congregation.

All: Bless the ones who receive these shawls. May they be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in God’s love, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

**THE LORD’S PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERTORY**

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN** “God Reigns” (insert)

**SENDING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** “Change My Heart, O God”

Change my heart, O God:  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God;  
May I be like you.

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*Please stand if you are able**

Scripture for March 1; Matthew 16:13-17

Welcome our new member! Today we welcome Karen Bauder to our membership. Karen has been a member years ago, and is now back in our fellowship. She has served as a Deacon, worked on Vacation Bible School and sung in the choir. Please welcome her into our fellowship and family of faith.



**OHIO UNITED**

*Presbyterian Church*



***Loving God;  
Loving Neighbors;***

***Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***

**February 22, 2026**

**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.

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

Skye Lanham

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist Chris Mathias

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

**If you make the Most High your dwelling– even the LORD, who is my refuge – then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

**“Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.”**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

**God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of Baptism, we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

**\*HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored the truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

*Silence is kept for a time of personal confession*

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. My friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel – I declare in the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.*

**\*RESPONSE** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life.

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave

From the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift your name on high.

**HEARING THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Lord God, source of all light, by your word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**CHILDREN'S CHAT – Well Collection**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

*Now we are all [sitting] here in the presence of God, to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)*

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 1:1-10

Revelation 21:1-4

**SERMON** "Apostles' Creed I – The Almighty God"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday School**

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following children's chat

Adult Sunday School - at 9am studying the Holy Spirit

**Wednesdays** -Story Time is on Wednesdays at 9:30 or 10:30 am

**Sunday, February 22**-Food Drive

**Tuesday, February 24**-MANNA @5:15pm

**Monday, March 2**-Property Meeting @6:30pm

**Tuesday, March 3**-Women's Association Meeting @6:30pm

The Deacons are requesting donations for our food pantry. Any donations are appreciated but we are running low on cereal and canned vegetables. Donations can be placed in the bin at the back of the church.

Sympathies are extended to the family of Sarah Jane Shaffer who passed away on February 15. The Memorial Service is Saturday, February 28. Visitation is at 10:30, with the service at 11:00

**The Ohio Church Session has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, February 22, immediately after worship for the purpose of electing "At-Large" members of the Church Nominating Committee (this is NOT the Pastor Nominating Committee - this will be done later this year) Nominations will be received and voted upon at the meeting. According to the OUPC By-Laws, no less than two persons are to be elected.**

**Keep Them in Your Prayers:** Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim William, Bonnie Martin, Cheryl Lachowicz

**In the Military:** William Barth, Nick Hoth

**Those who are not able to worship regularly:** Dolores Skinner, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, 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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**Worship Accompanist:** Skye Lanham

**Custodian:** Monica Ward

**Treasurer:** Chris Hurni

**Organist Emerita:** Shirley Fluharty

### **OUR SESSION**

CLASS OF 2028: Chris Mathias (2T), Patti Strominger (2T)

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowin, Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

### **OUR DEACONS**

CLASS OF 2028: Denise Mathias (2T), Ken Jones (2T)

Jeff Barth, Missy Sardo

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)

