

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**

Baptized this morning: This morning we are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for Beckett John Lanctot, son of Curt and Hannah Lanctot. Beckett is joined by sister Hazel and Brother Paxton. Congratulations and God’s Blessings on Beckett and the Lanctot family

Scripture for March 29 (Palm Sunday): Matthew 21:1-11



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



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

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

**March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Skye Lanham

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Greg Holsinger

When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev.

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

***HYMN** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)” 837

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God our Father, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world and brought mankind the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. Teach us, the people who bear his name, to follow the example he gave us: may our faith, hope and charity turn hatred into love, conflict into peace, death to eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

My friends, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and be taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC “Lead Me To Calvary”

Shirley Fluharty
Chris Mathias

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHILDREN’S CHAT

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 Ephesians 1:15-23
2 Corinthians 7:10

Psalm 32:1-2
Philippians 3:20-21

SERMON “Apostles’ Creed V: What an Ending!”

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.

***HYMN** “Soon and Very Soon”

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THE LORD’S PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

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

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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** “Way Maker”

(see insert)

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, March 22–Last day to order flowers for Easter

Sunday, March 22–Beckett John Lanctot baptism

Sunday, March 22–**Listening Session following Worship**

Thursday, March 26–**Listening Session @7pm**

Sunday, March 29–Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2–Maundy Thursday at One in Christ Church in
Ambridge @6:30pm

Friday, April 3–Good Friday at Ohio UP @7pm

Sunday, April 5–Easter

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Peter Kerlin,
Jack Gennaro, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams, Cherryl Lachowicz, Joanie McCowin

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Dolores Skinner,
Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, 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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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)

