

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* **HYMN** “ Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

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SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** “He Lives!”

He lives, he lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me Along life’s narrow way!
He lives, he lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my heart!

***POSTLUDE**

***Please stand if you are able**

Scripture for May 3:

Scripture for May 10: Acts 17:22-31



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



*Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;*

Helping Our Neighbors to Love God

April 26, 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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Skye Lanham

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 63:1-8) Liturgist: Marcus McCowin

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you, I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom, no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

HEARING THE WORD

***HYMN** “Let All Things Now Living”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord You are life. You are the God of the past, present and future. In your will there is meaning and purpose for each of our lives. Yet we follow a path that we choose, giving little consideration to the path to which you lead us. We seek to enrich ourselves and encourage others to help themselves. Forgive us for turning away from your call. Create in each of us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us of your way and lead us with your love. In Jesus Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

The Psalmist declares, “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 to you 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.

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

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.

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

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 John 10:1-10

SERMON “The Shepherd and the Gate”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Second Helvetic Confession*, 5.126

And since there is always but one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, Jesus the Messiah, and one Shepherd of the whole flock, one Head of this body, and, to conclude, one Spirit, one salvation, one faith, one Testament or covenant, it necessarily follows that there is only one Church.

***HYMN** “Alleluia”

(insert)

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

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

Monday April 20–Deborah Circle @6:30pm

Saturday, May 2–Work Day @9am; big and small jobs with DONUTS!!

Sunday, May 3–Communion

Monday, May 4–Property Meeting @6:30pm

Tuesday, May 5–Women's Association Meeting @6:30
all women welcome

Tuesday, May 12–Deacons meeting @6:30

Tuesday, May 12–Session @7pm

Wednesday, May 13–Ruth Circle @1pm

Thursday, May 14–Ice Cream Fellowship at Bruster's @ 6:30pm
Everyone is welcome. Each person pays for his
own ice cream

REGISTER NOW! VBS IS JUNE 8 – JUNE 12
9:30AM – 12PM
Sign-up coming soon!

VBS Craft items Needed:

Pop/Soda twist off bottle Caps

CDs/DVDs

Marbles

Empty toilet paper rolls

Empty paper towel rolls

There will be a box in the Narthex for the donations

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)

