



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***
August 30, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As we prepare our hearts and minds to spread the good news of
Christ's salvation**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Skye Lanham

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 93) Liturgist Chris Mathias

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in
majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is
established, firm and secure. Your throne was established
long ago; you are from all eternity.

**The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their
voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than
the breakers of the sea – the Lord on high is mighty.

**Your statutes, Lord, stand firm; holiness adorns your house
for endless days.**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

**God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing
light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new
creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.
On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by
water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in
praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in
union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen**

***HYMN** "Build My Life"

(insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ, you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In baptism we were buried with Christ. In baptism also we were raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. My friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel – I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

***RESPONSE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

God of mercy, you have promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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 Exodus 3;1-22

SERMON “Shaped to Serve God”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.065)

The [effective call of God] is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in [humanity], who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit,...is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.

***HYMN** “Commit Your Way to God the Lord” 706

THE LORD’S PRAYER AND THE 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** “Take My Life” 697

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** “There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit” 408

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place

***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)

***Please stand if you are able**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

No Sunday School on Sunday, September 6

Tuesday, September 1—Women's Association @6:30pm

Monday, September 7—Property Meeting @6:30pm

Wednesday, September 9—Ruth Circle @1pm

Sunday, September 13 –FALL KICKOFF FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Donuts and an activity for everyone following
worship

We have been blessed with a wonderful team of Sunday School teachers, but we would love to add more to our team or if you're not feeling called to teach we are also in need of Sunday School helpers to assist the younger children's class. The helper would be there to help children with crafts, assist in taking children to the restroom, and in any way the teacher might need an extra pair of hands. If interested please contact Patti Strominger for more information. Phone: 724-494-2160 or email: Pattistr@gmail.com

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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Custodian: Monica Ward

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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)

