

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***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

***HYMN** “Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)” (insert)

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** “God be with You til We Meet Again” 542
God be with you till we meet again
Loving counsels guide, uphold you
With a shepherd’s care enfold you
God be with you till we meet again

*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

Scripture for October 4: Jeremiah 31:31-34
1 Corinthians 11:23-32



OHIO UNITED
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***Loving God;
Loving Neighbors;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God***
September 27, 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 (Psalm20)** Liturgist Patti Strominger

May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

**May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.
May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.**

We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests. Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. O LORD, save the king! Answer us when we call!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you,

blessed and holy Trinity, one God forever and ever.

***HYMN** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" 187

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land..." My friends, believe the good news of the gospel – I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

RESPONSE "We Are One in the Spirit" 300

We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love
By our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

Father God, source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you tell us in your Word, through the power of your Spirit. Amen

COMMISSIONING OF THE CHOIR

ANTHEM "Take My voice and Let Me Sing"

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)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" 188

SCRIPTURE Exodus 18:12-27
Romans 12:4-8
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

SERMON "Spiritual Gifts II: The Spirit Leads"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from The Confession of 1967, 9.40)

The church thus orders its life as an institution with a constitution, government, officers, finances, and administrative rules. These are instruments of mission, not ends in themselves. Different orders have served the gospel, and none can claim exclusive validity. A Presbyterian polity recognizes the responsibility of all members for ministry and maintains the organic relation of all congregations in the church. It seeks to protect the church from exploitation by ecclesiastical or secular power and ambition. Every church order must be open to such reformation as may be required to make it a more effective instrument of the mission of reconciliation.

***HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" 307

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Adult Sunday School—9am

Tuesday, September 29—MANNA

Women's Retreat, October 24, 2026

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

Details included on Sign up sheets located in Narthex

A heart-felt thank you to the members of Ohio United Presbyterian Church for your incredibly generous support of the Garden of Knowledge Children's Library automation project. Because of your generosity, we received enough donations to complete the project! Your support will allow us to automate our collection of more than 1,300 children's books and make checking out and managing the library much easier. We are so grateful for your continued support of the Garden of Knowledge Library and, most importantly, for your investment in the children and families who enjoy it. Thank you for helping our library continue to grow!

Baptized this morning...

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism of **Andie Marie Lucas**, daughter of Ryan and Katie Lucas. Andie was born April 6, 2026. Andie is joined by her siblings Colton (7) and Charlee (4). Andie's grandmother is Nancy Lucas. Blessings abound!

Please pray for the PNC: Christi Bechtel, Greg Holsinger, Nancy Lewis, Chris Mathias, Marcus McCowan, Corinna Petrella, and Eleanor Pike

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

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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OUR SESSION

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

Cathy Kapton, Amy Muslin

CLASS OF 2027: Marcus McCowan, 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)

