

Epiphany



First Presbyterian Church Bucyrus, Ohio

January 5, 2025
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves.
Loving Our Neighbors.

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:30AM

Please use time before the service for prayer and reflection.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Please turn off all cell phones.

Welcome
Prelude

Announcements and Concerns

***Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and rulers to the brightness of your dawn.

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart"

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***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleans us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen, Amen

***Sharing of the Peace**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Debt/debtors)

Commitment through Giving

Offertory

***Response**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessing 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

Message

New Testament

"The Chosen"

Romans 11:1-10

Pastor Josh Hanson, Gateway Church

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Please use this time to be quietly reflective.)

Invitation

Preparation

Consecration

Apostles' Creed

Minister: As we draw near to the Table of our Lord, let us confess our Christian faith:

All: I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: Let us now go to our heavenly Table, and receive the gift of God for our souls. By the promise of God, this bread and wine are for us the body and blood of Christ. Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

Words of Institution and Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Thanksgiving Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Keep the Pastor Search Committee in your prayers. Please pray for wisdom and discernment.

Shut-Ins:

Mary Lou Hastings

Sue Headley,

Joe Ann Johns is currently in Altercare, 1929 Whetstone Street, room 411. Prayers & cards are greatly appreciated.

Chet Johnston, cards can be sent to Altercare, Room 108. He would appreciate visitors.

Cancer

Marcia Dishon, prayers needed as she begins chemotherapy

Annette Cheney, a friend of Kathy Bardon

Amanda Compton, Lori Rager's step-daughter

Surgery

Tami Robinson, will be having cataract surgery this month

Abigail Sutherland, for upcoming procedures on 12-31 & 01-02, Dishon's granddaughter

Members, Family and Friends of Members:

Major Tom Grace, Bucyrus Salvation Army, recuperating from a massive stroke and deep brain bleed.

Kathy Hildebrand, Courtney's Mother, in the hospital

Judy Eichhorn, prayers while Judy lives with chronic pain

Dan Price, Parkinson's

Lou Ross, Lori Rager's Dad, Dementia

Whitney Hildebrand, Courtney Posey's sister

Mike McKee, Heart problem, Jenny McKee, torn retina, friends of Kathy Bardon

Becky Bellamy, Parkinson's, sister of Kathy Bardon

Military:

Keagan Rios, Gennie Rios grandson

Levi Diebler, member and Carrie Diebler's son

Grayson Robinson, Tami Robinson's grandnephew

Announcements

Chancel Flowers are presented today by Lori Rager to the Glory of God.

Attendance last Sunday was 34

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 26, 2025 following Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. **The Deacons** would also like to have a soup/salad/dessert lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the Information Room to let us know if you would like to bring a soup, salad or dessert. Beverages and table service will be provided.

Ron Bower let us know that he is now available to play the organ for the church on the first, third and fifth Sundays of each month. We look forward to hearing him play for our services. Please let him know how much we appreciate him.

This Week

Sunday, January 5

10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, January 8

2:30 PM Table Toppers

6:15 PM Deacons Meeting

Friday, January 10

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Liturgist & Worship Leader: Marcia Stout

Serving Communion: Tom Britton

Greeter: Lori Rager

Organist: Ron Bower