



First Presbyterian Church  
Bucyrus, Ohio

January 28, 2024  
Rev. Jeremy McNeill  
Worship Service 10:30 AM  
Adult Education 9:00 AM  
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Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves.  
Loving Our Neighbors.

## Service of the Word and Sacrament

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 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)

Trust in God at all times, O People; God is a refuge for us.

**Power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you.**

God alone is our rock and our salvation –

**Our mighty rock! Our refuge is in God!**

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

“Now, With Joyful Exultation”

**#512**

**\*Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose Christ’s way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**#961**

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**

**\*Praise Hymn**

“Speak, O Lord”

**#755**

**Old Testament**

Psalm 27:4-14

**Pg. 543**

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

**Commitment through Giving**

**Offertory**

**Response**

**“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”**

**#965**

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** (Unison)

**Bright Morning Star, your light has come, and your birth, O Jesus, has overwhelmed us with joy. Like the Magi of long ago, may we be drawn to you and offer you such gifts as befits our King of Kings. Amen.**

**New Testament**

**Message**

Luke 14:25-35

**Pg. 1039**

**\*Closing Hymn**

“The Cost of Discipleship”

Pastor Jeremy

**\*Benediction**

“Be Thou My Vision”

**#859**

**Postlude**

## Prayer Requests

### **Shut-Ins:**

Mary Lou Hastings, Sue Headley, JoeAnn Johns

### **Cancer**

Anya Schell

Melody Fagan, friend of Sandy Britton

Annette Cheney, a friend of Kathy Bardon

Ellen Andrews, Kathy Bardon's cousin

Bruce Price, Dan's brother

### **Surgery**

Gennie Rios, recovering

### **Members, Family and Friends of Members:**

Dave Hablitzel

Lou Ross, Lori Rager's Dad

Judy Diederich, Recovering from heart surgery

Whitney Hildebrand, Courtney Posey's sister

Abigail Sutherland, recovering from heart surgery

Mike McKee, Heart problem. Friend of Kathy Bardon

Becky Bellamy, Parkinson's, friend of Kathy Bardon

Mary Dunham, Kathy Byrne's friend

### **Military:**

Keagan Rios, Gennie Rios grandson

Levi Diebler, member and Carrie Diebler's son

Grayson Robinson, Tami Robinson's grandnephew

## Announcements

**Worship folders** for January are presented to the glory of God by Phyllis Cole.

**Chancel Flowers** are presented today by Tasha Nickler to the Glory of God.

**Attendance** last Sunday was 39.

**Annual Congregational Meeting** is today following the Worship Service. There will be a luncheon following the meeting sponsored by the Deacons.

**Newsletter** – Please have your February newsletter information to the office by Monday, January 29. Thank you.

### **BORN Donations**

**Yarn needed** - Carrie Diebler crocheted some beautiful scarves for B.O.R.N. Does anyone have skeins of yarn they won't be using? A few of us would like to work on crochet projects for outreach. We'd love to take your unwanted yarn off your hands. Please let Jan know if you have any or would like to participate in this outreach project.

**Blessing Bags** - Blessing Bags are truly needed for the community, there is a basket to the right of the office door to collect hats, gloves, socks, and blankets to hand out.

**BORN** Blessing Box - Our church is taking food donations for the Blessing Box. Please leave food donations in the box beside the office door. Please make sure these items have not exceeded their expiration date.

### **This Week**

Sunday, January 28

9:00 AM Adult Education

10:30 AM Worship Service – and on-line

Wednesday, January 31

2:30 PM Table Toppers

Friday, February 2

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group @ the Pelican

**Liturgist:** Lori Rager

**January Deacon:** Jan Fulton

**January Elder:** Carrie Diebler

**Greeter:** Gary Irwin