



First Presbyterian Church Bucyrus, Ohio

November 17, 2024
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves.
Loving Our Neighbors.

Service of the Word and Sacrament
Sunday, November 17, 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)**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** "Now Thank We All Our God"

#543

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall incredibly short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us on earth.

***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**

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)**

Lord, what shall we return to you for all the bounty you have given us? We shall return what our hearts have promised in the presence of all God's people. Amen.

Message

“God’s Sovereign Mercy is Our Only Hope?” Pastor Josh Hanson

Gateway Church

Old Testament

Joshua 24:15

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New Testament

Various versus from John, Acts, Romans & Ephesians

***Closing Hymn**

“We Praise You, O God”

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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.

Cancer

Annette Cheney, a friend of Kathy Bardon

Amanda Compton, Lori Rager’s step-daughter

Surgery

Jeri Hargis, Knee Replacement

Nedra Baum, Judy Diederich’s daughter

Kathy Hildebrand, Courtney’s Mother, received a liver transplant

Members, Family and Friends of Members:

Judy Eichhorn, prayers for acceptance, endurance and patience while Judy lives with chronic pain Bob Thompson, heart issues and resting at home.

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

Dan Price

Lou Ross, Lori Rager’s Dad, Dementia

Whitney Hildebrand, Courtney Posey’s sister

Abigail Sutherland, recovering from heart surgery, Dishon’s granddaughter

Mike McKee, Heart problem. Friend 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

Worship folders for November are presented to the Glory of God by Dan and Barb Price.
Chancel Flowers today are presented by Lori Rager for the glory of God and in joyful celebration of Lou Ross on his 83rd birthday.

Attendance for last Sunday was 43.

****The Mission Team –**

***The Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due today, November 17th.**

***Salvation Army Baskets** will be available for receiving non-perishable gifts on November 17th and 24th. The baskets will be at the front of the sanctuary and all will be collected and delivered to the Salvation Army on Tuesday, November 26th.

Decorating for Advent – We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 24th, right after worship. We will have a light lunch for those decorating.

A Special, 4-week, Adult Sunday School Class “Advent Artwork” will be held on December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall and lead by Marcia Stout. Join us as we explore religious artwork that depicts images central to the messages of Advent: Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace.

Resource Center

***Calendars** – A big thank you to Wise Funeral Home for bringing us their calendars to share with the congregation. If you would like one they are available in the Resource Center.

***Don't forget that there are greeting cards and postage stamps** in the Resource Center at no charge for members to use!

This Week

Sunday, November 17	10:30 AM Worship Service
Monday, November 18	6:00 PM Session Meeting
Tuesday, November 19	6:15 Womens' Discipleship
	7:00 Mens' Discipleship
Wednesday, November 20	2:30 PM Table Toppers
Friday, November 22	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Sermon: Pastor Josh Hanson

Liturgist & Worship Leader: Marcia Stout

Greeter: Gary Irwin