

Fourth Sunday of Advent



First Presbyterian Church Bucyrus, Ohio

December 22, 2024
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves.
Loving Our Neighbors.

Service of the Word and Sacrament
Sunday, December 22, 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

Lighting of the Advent Candles (Responsive)

Brydan & Victoria Lohr

Today we light the third blue candle of Peace as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

In the wilderness prepare the way of our Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.—

The Lord will give you a sign. A young woman is with child and shall bear a son.

And they shall name him Immanuel, which means “God is with us.” Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low;

The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all the people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

My soul magnifies the Lord.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

The Mighty One has done great things for us.

Holy is God’s name!

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

#87

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

For all the times and all the ways we have resisted your rule in our lives,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

For seeking our salvation through lesser things; for standing in the pride of our own power; for insisting on our own tired, broken ways instead of embracing your life-giving Way;

Christ, have mercy upon us.

For our narrow vision of your expansive love; for our stinginess with your extravagant grace;

Lord, have mercy upon us. Free us from our sin, loving God. Lead us in the new life you give us, that we may follow in the way of 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**

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)

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you, that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Message

“MARY” Christmas

Pastor Ben

Gateway Church

Old Testament

Isaiah 7:14

Page 679

Proverbs 8:17

Page 632

New Testament

Luke 1:1-4, 26-38, & 46-55

Pages 1016 & 1017

*Closing Hymn

“How Great Our Joy”

#90

*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

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.

Dan Price, Parkinson's

Lou Ross, Lori Rager's Dad, Dementia

Whitney Hildebrand, Courtney Posey's sister

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

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

Worship folders for December are presented to the Glory of God by Tami Robinson.

Deacon's Sunday – Thank you to everyone that donated to the Deacon's fund last Sunday, we raised \$82

Newsletters – The office will be closed December 24th through January 2.

Christmas Eve Service – Please join us December 24th, for our Christmas Eve Service, "People and Places of the Nativity," and Candle Lighting, at 7:00 PM

This Week

Sunday, December 22

10:30 AM Worship Service

Friday, December 27

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Sermon: Pastor Ben

Liturgist & Worship Leader: Tami Robinson

Greeter: Gary Irwin



Poinsettias 2024

In Loving Memory and In Honor of Loved Ones

Kathy Bardon In Memory of Doug Bardon, Mary Orselli, Ann Poplpoc, Ranci Titley, John Scott, Jackie Farner, Chuck & Barbra Parsons. In Honor of Joe, Peyton, Kaitlyn Bardon and Sandy Bardon.

Phyllis Cole in Loving Memory of her husband John M. Cole and son Mark Cole. In Honor of son Michael & Daughter-in-law Eva Cole

Carrie Diebler In Memory of Bill & Pat Diebler and James Will. In Honor of Sandy Will.

Al & Jan Fulton In loving Memory of our parents Wilson & Eleanor Fulton and Bob & Dottie Hubble. In Honor of our daughter Tasha.

Dave & Debra Hablitzel In honor of our 18 grandchildren & 1 great grandchild.

Tami Robinson in Memory of Paul Robinson, Clare & Evelyn Sharrock, Kennedy Clare Sharrock and Kennedy Clare Sharrock, II. In Honor Keagan Rios, Levi Diebler and Grason Robinson

Marcia Stout in Memory of Jeffrey W. Stout, and my beloved parents, Allen and Margaret Shaw. In Honor of my beloved sons, Jair Conan and Ian Wayne.

Duane and Connie Watts

You may take your poinsettias home after Christmas Eve service