



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEFIANCE**

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## ***WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEFIANCE***

***As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,  
respecting those who are preparing for worship.***

### **GATHER**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monday: Auglaize Village is hosting a place to experience the Solar Eclipse; concessions available.

Tuesday: 5:30 pm Tools for Schools Meeting

Wednesday: 12:30 pm PW&F meets at St John UCC with their Women's Fellowship: Bible Study on Lydia; 5:30 pm Fellowship Meal: Soup Supper, come vote for your favorite soup!

Thursday: Deacons meet at 6 pm

Thank you, New Wineskins Band, for leading our music today!

#### **PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

O God, in Christ we celebrate that every morning is Easter morning from now on. Every day is resurrection day, the past is over and gone. Help us to live into that reality of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, Amen.

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**(FROM PSALM 133)**

L: How very good it is when kindred live together in unity!

**P: How very good it is!**

L: It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**P: How very good it is!**

L: For there, the Lord ordained blessing,

**P: Life forevermore!**

**\*OPENING SONG**

**WE WILL DANCE**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Hear our confession, great and gracious God. Forgive us for failing to love others as you love us... for wasting your gifts and hoarding your goods... for plundering the earth and abusing the planet entrusted to our care... for fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...for losing heart and abandoning hope... for all the ways we turn from you... forgive us...

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

In baptism you were buried with Christ. In baptism also you were raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Good news to remember and for which to be thankful. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

**\*THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also, with you.**

L: Please share Christ's peace with one another

**HEAR**

**WeKIRK WORD**

**APPEARANCE TO MARY**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**ACTS 4: 32-35**

**SERMON**

**EASTER PEOPLE CARE AND SHARE**

**RESPOND**

**HYMN 482**

**BAPTIZED IN WATER**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ASHER SCHILPEROOT**

## **OFFERING NOTE**

Thank you for your continued offerings to the church for its work.

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION**

### **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **COMMUNION**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**  
**by JEFFREY BARBER**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **\*CLOSING SONG**

**GLORIOUS DAY**  
**by CASTING CROWNS**

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Evan Bates, Larry Bates, Joy Reid, Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Nancy Black, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Sue D'Ambrosia (Nikki's mother-in-law), Marty & Deb Kennedy (Elaine), Nicole D'Ambrosia, Delilah Joy Clapp (home), Isaac (cancer; Aubrey's friend), Rita Gehring (Kristal's mother in law), Shelly (cancer; Kristal's cousin), Jeff (stage 5 kidney disorder; Kristal's cousin), Scotty (rehab, Kristal's brother-in-law), James Myers (Nikki's grandfather), Aaron Quinn Long (Heidi's brother-cancer), McCague family (Antwerp- fire), Jessica Rice's sister and husband at adoption of a new son, Chaz Meyer (type 2 diabetes).