



## **First Presbyterian Church of Defiance**

**August 13, 2023 ~ Ordinary Time**

**501 Washington Ave.**

**Defiance, OH 43512**

**419-782-2781**

**[www.1presby.com](http://www.1presby.com)**

*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**

Thank you to Mike Winners for your music leadership today.

Plan to stay to tend the **garden**.

Thank you to all who are helping distribute school supplies yesterday and this afternoon. If you can help with clean up, please come by about 3:30 pm. Thank you to the folks who helped set things up.

Tuesday: Christian Ed Committee meets (after 7 pm)

Friday: 3-8 pm Haircuts downtown at Salon 206 & Bloomfields Barbershop & Shave Parlor.

If you wish to support the Sept, Nov. or Dec newsletter, sign up on the bulletin board. It is an extra \$ 15-20 to support the cost of color copies of the newsletter that go out in the mail.

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

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. Amen.

### **PRELUDE**

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

L: As a doe longs for flowing streams

**P: So, longs our souls for you, O God.**

L: Let our worship be praise, renewal, strength and healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

**P: We give thanks to God, who is our help and our hope.**

**\*HYMN ~ 314**

**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT, stanzas 1,2,5**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, hear our prayer. We so neglect our inner lives that we find ourselves pulled away from your presence. We spend our energies on the noise and activity of our lives, finding scarce time to renew our ties to you, our Maker and Redeemer.**

**We find time to judge but little time to love our neighbors. We grow tired, feel alone, and wonder about our call to discipleship.**

**Have mercy on us, refresh us, restore us, renew us, forgive us. Let us know the still small voice of your presence that continues to speak to our hearts. Then renewed and redirected, we may go and do your will for us and others.**

**Silent Confession**

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

**\*THE PEACE**

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

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

**L: Please share signs of peace with one another.**

**\*HYMN ~ 582      GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

**HEAR**

**SPECIAL MUSIC      "WERE IT NOT FOR GRACE", arr. Mike Winners**

**WeKIRK WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**PSALM 42 & 43, I KINGS 19**

**SERMON**

**Listen! There is still so much work for love to do**

## **RESPOND**

**HYMN ~ 834**

**PRECIOUS LORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING NOTE**

Thank you for your gifts to the church. We continue to receive our offering at the doors to the chapel. We have received many gifts from the community for our Tools for Schools mission. Now is our time to express thanks and welcome!

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

## **SCATTER TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN ~ 837**

**LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

*Cover photo by Brad West from Unsplash.com*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ~** Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler, Scott Solether, Linda Richards, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Bill Kerr (Norm Wasson), Nancy Black, Floyd Culver, Karen Barber, Jennifer Bates' father, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly (cancer, age 1), Nick Mannering, Nancy Jehanyar, Emily (Kristal), Vern Kindinger, Jeanne Peffley, Donna Black, Alan Heinrichs (Wasson cousin), Cara Richard's grandfather.