



# **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**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today is Souper Bowl Sunday: The Youth are ready to receive your vote for the teams in the East Entrance after worship.

Monday 12:30 pm Queen Esther Movie, sponsored by PW & F

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday – pizza at 5:30 pm; worship at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb 28: Pizza and Program will be Taco Night with program by Police Chief Todd Shafer

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

*As we review our past year of ministry together, may we be grateful for your Spirit's presence with us. As we look forward to ministry in this new year, may we be humble and enlivened for service in Jesus' name. Amen.*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **OPENING PRAYER FOR THE MEETING**

We gather today in worship and praise to God for all God has done for us in Jesus Christ. As we review this past year's ministry, let us worship in thanksgiving, hope and resolve to continue to do God's work in God's world. Amen.

#### **SESSION REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Beth Sigg**

Celebrating a 50-year member: Lynn Bishop

#### **HYMN 475**

#### **COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

#### **REPORT OF WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT FROM CREATIVE CONCEPTS**

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

## **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

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

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

L: Let us share that peace with one another.

## **\*HYMN 582**

**GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

## **HEAR THE WORD**

**THE STORY AND WeKIRK REPORT**

**HOMILY**

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

## **RESPOND**

**HYMN 157**

**LORD OF THE DANCE**

**MINUTES FOR MISSION**

**REPORTS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, YOUTH GROUP, PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN & FRIENDS, DEACONS (Our ministry in and with the  
community)**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**REPORT OF PRAYER AND CARE** (What prayers we bring and share)

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**REPORT OF FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP WITH INCOME & EXPENSE, INVESTMENTS, DEFIANCE FOUNDATION** (how are the gifts we receive used to the glory of God in this church)

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

**REPORT OF PROPERTY, TECHNOLOGY, PERSONNEL** (we cannot worship here or do ministry from this place without these active groups)

## **SCATTER TO SERVE**

## **RECEIVE REPORTS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*HYMN 765**

**SONG OF HOPE**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are able*

*Liturgy today is from the Book of Common Worship*

**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, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Nancy Black, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Sue D'Ambrosia (Nikki's mother-in-law), Carla Knoop & Carolyn Knoop, (Marilyn), Marty & Deb Kennedy (Elaine), Nicole D'Ambrosia, Judy Chase (improving at Rehab at Laurels), Pastor Fausto, Delilah Joy Clapp (7-week-old baby in NICU- showing improvement- Nikki's friends), Isaac (cancer; Aubrey's friend), Rita Gehring (Kristal's mother-in-law), James Myers (Nikki's grandfather), the congregation at Wauseon, Family of Patti Heinrichs (Pr Ann's cousin), Annie (Tanner's cousin's fiancé- stage 4 cancer).