



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

Tuesday: Presbytery on Zoom; shared Ministry meeting at 5 pm at FPC

Wednesday: WeKirk and Youth- dinner at 6 pm- thank you, Nancy Black!

Thursday: Session at 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb 28: Taco Night & Program- Todd Shaffer from the police dept on "Fraud"

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

P: You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

L: You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

P: Grant us your peace.

***SONG PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY/PSALM 100**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Evangelical Lutheran Worship)**

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of the Jesus Christ, your sins and mine are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen!**

***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

LENT

SCRIPTURE READING

**PSALM 32 AND MATTHEW 7: 7-12,
AND THAT PESKY PETITION**

**“FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR
DEBTORS” (MATT 6: 12 NRSV)**

HOMILY

TELL THE STORY

RESPOND

SONG

GRACE LIKE RAIN

OFFERING NOTE

Thank you for your gifts and tithes to the church and its ministry. We gave \$272 to the Path Center for Souper Bowl Sunday and as usual, the

Cleveland Browns won our team loyalty. Congratulations to Kansas City, Super Bowl Champs.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

As you receive communion, you may stop at the prayer station and take material for the Four-Fold Path of Forgiveness. These meditations are our Lenten intention this year.

CLOSING PRAYER

***SONG**

REVELATION SONG

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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 (surgery 2/20), 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, Delilah Joy Clapp (9 week old baby in NICU- Nikki's friends), Isaac (cancer; Aubrey's friend), Rita Gehring (Kristal's mother in law), James Myers (Nikki's grandfather), Annie (Tanner's cousin's fiancé- stage 4 cancer)