



**First Presbyterian Church of Defiance**

**February 4, 2024**

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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: 5:30 pm Tools for Schools Steering Committee meeting

Tuesday: 5:00 pm Shared Ministry Committee meeting

Thursday: 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Sunday, Feb 11: Annual meeting of the congregation during worship

Monday, Feb 12: 12:30 pm PW&F Queen Esther movie

Wednesday, Feb 14: Ash Wednesday- 5:30 pm Pizza Supper, 6:30 pm  
worship

**PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** (Fred Pratt Green, hymn #793)

O Christ the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends.

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the  
wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from a hymn by John Bell and Graham Maule, Iona Community, #797)

L: Some have come who need your help, God.

**P: Some have come to make amends, God.**

L: We trust that the hands which shaped and saved the world

**P: Are present in the touch of friends.**

L: Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul

**P: To disentangle peace from pain.**

L: And make your broken people whole.

**P: We gather to sing our praise to you, O God.**

**\*HYMN 15                      ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (ST 1,3,4,6)**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as people who have been raised to new life! In 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

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

## **HEAR**

**WeKIRK WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**MARK 1: 21-34**

**HOMILY**

**HEALED, RESTORED, FORGIVEN**

## **RESPOND**

**HYMN 796**

**WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING, LORD**

**OFFERING NOTE**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE COMMUNION:**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 526**

**LET US TALENTS & TONGUES EMPLOY**

**\*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, 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.