



## **First Presbyterian Church of Defiance**

**January 14, 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**

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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**

We are receiving items for care packages for our college students. You may bring them to the conference room.

Thursday: Shared Ministry Team meets at 4:30 pm at our church.

**PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Gracious God, I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Where can we go from God's spirit?

**P: If we ascend to heaven, God is there; if we make our bed in Sheol, God is there.**

L: If we take the wings of morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**P: Even there God's hand shall lead us, and God's right hand will hold us fast.**

**\*HYMN 663**

**AWAKE MY SOUL**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us approach God with confidence, trusting in God's grace as we humbly confess our sins.

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth. Hear our silent prayers...

## **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

## **\*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**

## **WeKIRK WORD**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**PSALM 139**

## **SERMON**

**TOO WONDERFUL**

### **RESPOND**

## **HYMN 488**

**I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **OFFERING NOTE**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **SCATTER TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN 686**

**GOD OF OUR LIFE**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**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, Karen Barber, 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 (Rehab at Laurels), Pastor Fausto