

**First Presbyterian Church of Defiance**

**March 24, 2019 ~ Third Sunday in Lent**

**501 Washington Ave. Defiance, OH 43512**

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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. Hearing amplifiers, large print Bibles and Hymnals are available. Ask one of the ushers for assistance.***

***\* The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.***

**PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:** Make us a resurrection people in everything we are. Make us an everlasting gift, in grateful hearts we lift a song of our thanksgiving. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**INTROIT**

***GATHER***

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **– Psalm 100**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**P: Worship the Lord with gladness, come into God’s presence with singing.**

**Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and not we ourselves;**

**We are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

L: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the court’s with praise.

Give thanks to God. Bless God’s name.

**P: For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love endures forever,**

**Whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**\*PRAISE MUSIC SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

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**\*CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: God calls us to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy; let us confess the ways we forget the sabbath and live in unholy ways:

**P: God forgive us our incapacity to feel the suffering of others and to live comfortably with injustice. God forgive us the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion. God, show us your mercy when we live our lives in careless unconcern for others. Forgive our lack of understanding for and our failure to live in community with others. God forgive the times we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, too tired to bother, when we really don’t listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love. Forgive us when we fail to forgive.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW** – (from Matthew 22:37-40)

L: Our Lord Jesus said:

**P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

L: This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it:

**P: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

L: On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

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

L: Let us share that peace with one another.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***HEAR THE WORD***

**THE STORY**

**PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT**

**FIRST READING EXODUS 20:8-11; DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15**

**MESSAGE IN SONG THERE IS A REDEEMER**

**SECOND READING LUKE 12:13-21**

**SERMON SABBATH KEEPING: RISING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE**

**\*HYMN - 692 SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE AMEN**

***RESPOND TO THE WORD***

**MINUTE FOR MISSION – PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SCATTER TO SERVE***

**\* HYMN - 852 WHEN THE LORD REDEEMS THE VERY LEAST**

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

***Liturgy today is taken from The Book of Common Worship (2018) and The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers (prayer of confession from South Africa)***

***“Thank You for Your Service”***

**Pastor –** Ann Wasson **WeKirk –** Kristal Alford & Jenni Price

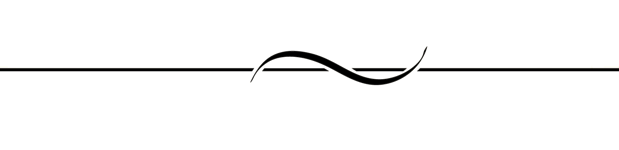
**Organist –** Martie Kindinger **Power Point** **–** Chloe Smith

**Choir Director** **-** Vern Kindinger **Bell Choir Director –** Karen Straley

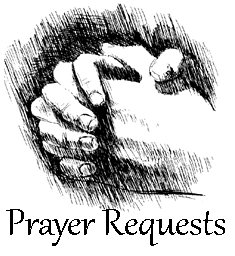
**Liturgist –** Craig Richards **New Wineskins Band**

**Ushers –** Marilyn Smith’s team **Sound Tech –** Mike Winners

**Child Care** – Andrea Zimmerman



Lynn Peters Glenn Park

LoisAnn Zimmerman Glenn Park

Alton Myers Glenn Park

Peg Graham Kingsbury House

Joan Gearing Health Concerns

Sheron and Jack Lee Health Concerns

Ruth Fitzenrider Health Concerns

Wilma Sponsler Health Concerns

Cathy Smith Health Concerns

**Home Centered Member of the Week – Wilma Sponsler**

**Prayer Concerns:** Bill Riggs (terminal illness), Bonnie Vinz’ husband Glen (colon cancer),

Tim Shannon (Joyce’s son), Mike Price, Scott Harris (Pastor Ann’s young friend), Nancy Black, Scott Solether.

***“ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER”***

**TODAY WE HEAR -** about the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which receives 36% of our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.  Their projects provide “more and better food”, create “solidarity with people” such as homeless veterans, community organizing for safe and affordable housing so there is money for good food, and providing a “more

livable environment.”  For this 70th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing, what can you give to lift people up?

**WE ARE INVITED -** to a program at Grace Episcopal Church called Immigration 101;

led by Sister M. Ellen Lamberjack and Sister Andrea Inrott, Dept of Justice accredited Immigration Counselors at Project Hope in Archbold.  Tuesday, March 26 at 7 pm- everyone is welcome to this important conversation.

**NORTHWESTERNAIRES CONCERT** is April 6, if you want tickets contact Foyle or Norm.

**THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO**

**USE YOUR HANDS TO DO GOD’S WORK:**

**CREATIVE CONCEPTS TEAM -** is looking at short term and longer- term projects- Please sign up on the clipboard if you want to help.  These teams will be the planning groups for these projects.

**MAY 8**: Mother and Father Day Dinner- getting ready for summer and enjoying fellowship.

**SUMMER AND FALL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**: at Putt Putt and the Auglaize Village Chapel

**PRAYER CHAPEL**:  this involves construction, cleanup and décor; setting up private worship space in the old pastor’s study off the chancel.  We will need some strong workers.

**MUSA** – Mission to the USA - Hosting Christians from another part of the world for a

3-week itineration in our Synod in the year 2020. We need to apply by April 1, 2019; meeting in March to apply; attending an October event with this year’s visitors; early 2020 planning to host.

**EARTH CARE TEAM** - do we want to become a certified Earth care congregation?  If not, how do we want to lessen our carbon footprint as a congregation? We will review recommended practices, adopt some of them, and renew those commitments we have already made.

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:**

May 11 Fishing Trip - contact Foyle if you are interested.

June 15: Clay Pigeon Sporting Event - contact Foyle if interested.

Another Rocket event is being planned as well.

**COFFEE HOUR**—We meet if you bring a treat! Sign up on the bulletin board near the sanctuary.

**THESE DAYS** - is a daily devotional published by the PCUSA.  Thank you, Ann Small, for sponsoring these booklets. They are available in the greeting area on the main level.  If we run out, we will order some more.

**MONTHLY SHOPPING CART –** March: Canned green vegetables.

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY –**

The space to store items for the **YOUTH YARD SALE THREE** is ready, so you can bring in your good used stuff any time.  Please put it in the room across from the library, the place where the exercise equipment was stored.  If you need help managing your donation, please let the Reid's know.   The youth are ready to help!  Thank you!  Youth Yard Sale Three is planned for June 13 in Fellowship Hall.  Proceeds will support the visit of our Mexican friends this summer.

Thank You,

Rich and Pam



**Sunday—03/24/19**

**10:15 am Worship in Chapel**

**Monday –03/25**

**12:00 pm AA**

**Tuesday – 03/26**

**6:00 pm Session**

**6:00 pm Taekwondo**

**Wednesday – 03/27**

**12:00 pm AA**

**5:30 pm Dinner –Reid/Kreider**

**6:30 pm Youth, WeKirk & Choir**

**8:00 pm Bells**

**8:30 pm New Wineskins**

**Thursday – 03/28**

**6:00 pm Taekwondo**

**Friday – 03/29**

**12:00 pm AA**

**7:30 pm AA**

**Saturday – 03/30**

**Sunday – 03/31**

**10:15 am Worship in Sanctuary**

**Ushers – Combined Teams Power Point – Pam Reid**

**Liturgist – Craig Richards Sound Tech – Rich Reid**

***Look for us on the web at: 1presby.com. Facebook at: facebook.com/fpcdefiance***

***You can reach Pastor Ann at the church most mornings; Friday is her day off.***

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