



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance
November 12, 2023 – Thank Offering Sunday
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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

Plan to stay for Coffee hour today after worship to greet our guests. Check out the PW&F holiday bazaar in the conference room.

Remember to get your pledge card into the church.

Monday: 10 am Coat Sorting; 12:30 pm PW & F Bible Study & Meeting

Wednesday: WeKirk and Youth Meet

Thursday: 10 am Coat Sorting

Friday: 11 am Floyd Culver Memorial Service

Sign up to help distribute Coats November 17, 18, 19

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Today we celebrate the beloved community of Jesus Christ as manifested in partnership with our siblings in faith.

P: We celebrate God's love for us by sharing that love with others to preserve and create community.

L: We offer radical hospitality to everyone; building an inclusive family rather than exclusive clubs;

P: We recognize and honor the image of God in every human being;

L: We gather together regularly for table fellowship; we seek to meet the needs of everyone in the community;

P: We rely on scripture reading, prayer, and corporate worship for inner strength;

L: We share power and acknowledge the inescapable network of mutuality among the human family.

P: Jesus, be with us as we worship today the Three in One!

***HYMN 320 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE STANZAS 1, 3, 5**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***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, 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**

***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

MATTHEW 25:31-46

Mission Matters- *today our Thank Offering is received to support the work of 3 of our partners in ministry. After each report, we will sing Hymn 205 Ubi Caritas (both verses)*

Zion's Lutheran Church- Laurie Schey on Innkeepers and Nonfood Pantry

St. John United Church of Christ- Becky Simpson on Little Libraries for food & hygiene needs

St Mary's Roman Catholic Church- George Newton on Food Pantry & Volunteer Committee

RESPOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

OFFERING NOTE

Please use the Thank Offering envelope for your gifts. Presbyterian Women and Friends will add to the gift, which will be split 3 ways to honor and support these ministries.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCATTER TO SERVE

***HYMN**

JESUS, BE WITH US

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

*The call to worship lists some of the 25 marks of the Beloved Community in Christ
written by Dr. Arthuree Wright*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Ann Mallet (elbow surgery - Sandy Dunlap's daughter), Craig Richards, Larry Bates, Joy Reid, Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler and her daughter, Helen, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Nancy Black, Karen Barber, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Liat & Aviv and all who are missing out of Israel, and all those seeking refuge from Gaza, family members and friends in recent car accidents (Lily & Kristal).