



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

Sunday, Dec 3, at the end of worship, the congregation meets to elect elders & deacons, to act on the pastor's terms of call, and to review the budget for 2024. We will also receive any questions you may have regarding our "What's Next?" conversations.

Tuesday: Session Meeting at 7 pm

Wednesday: Pizza & Program- pizza service begins at 5:30 pm followed by decorating for Advent and Christmas.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Sovereign God, keep us watching and working for the promise of your heavenly realm, until all the earth rejoices at your coming in glory; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of life, Amen.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

P: who made heaven and earth

L: Cry out with joy, all the earth.

P: Worship God with gladness,

L: Come into God's presence with singing!

***HYMN 701**

LORD, PREPARE ME

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***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 and 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**

Christ transforms, redeems and renews. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.

***HYMN 582**

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

HEAR

WeKIRK WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

PROCLAMATION

NOOMA VIDEO "RICH" BY ROB BELL

DISCUSSION

LED BY KRISTAL ALFORD

RESPOND

HYMN 766

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CANNOT BE BOUND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING NOTE

Thank you for your gifts and tithes to the work of the church. Please gather with us during Advent as we explore what it means to have God with us in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Help us in our prayers to ask less “What can we get?” from you, and more “What can we give?” to you, O God, as we seek to answer Jesus’ call on our lives. What can we do to be more generous in our daily living? What are the next steps for each of us. You have blessed us, show us how to be a blessing. Amen.

SCATTER TO SERVE

***HYMN 765**

SONG OF HOPE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

May you come to see that you are rich. Your possessions, they are luxuries that most people in the world don't have. May you do what Jesus says, may you step into your divine responsibility to give, and when you do, may you take hold of the life that is truly life. And may God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit continue to speak to your heart daily, to eternal life.

POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Ann Mallet (elbow surgery-Sandy Dunlap's daughter), 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 & friends of Peggy Seely (Ann's family), Nancy Berkheiser (West Unity CRE), Kellie Hahn (Mike Price), Sue D'Ambrosia (Nikki's mother in law)