



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance

October 8, 2017 ~ 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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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 ORDER OF THE LITURGY

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

We Are Gathered by the Word

Choral Introit

The Eyes of the Lord are Upon You

Call to Worship

L: The heavens declare the glory of God!

P: The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

L: The day pronounces God's glory without a sound, the night expounds God's knowledge without a word, and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

P: Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

Praise Chorus

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you

Glorify thy name in all the earth

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you.....

Spirit, we love you....

Great and Mighty

Great and mighty is the Lord our God. Great and mighty is he. (repeat)

Lift up your banners, let the anthems ring praises to our King

Great and mighty is the Lord our God. Great and mighty is he.

Morning Prayer

***Hymn**

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

629

***Call to Confession**

***Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love.

Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

***Silent Prayer of Personal Confession**

***Assurance of God's Grace and Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Response**

"Glory Be to the Father"

581

The Word is Proclaimed to Us

The Story

The Great Family

Prayer for Discernment

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the scripture.

Do we still need the law or did that change when Jesus came as the new covenant? What is holding you captive? What would you lose if you claimed Sabbath rest? What would you gain?

***Hymn**

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect

61

(Sung in place of reading Psalm 19)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the Scripture.

Share how you have imitated Christ this past week. How did it make you feel? Did anything change in you or someone else? How do you/we participate in the resurrection now?

Message in Song

Follow Rain and Rivers

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

L: The word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the Scripture.

What are the fruits of the kingdom to which Jesus alludes in Matthew 21:43? How does your life bear fruit for God's realm? What do you contribute to the harvest of God that Jesus describes?

***Hymn**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

There is a Longing In Our Hearts

470

The Lord's Prayer (Sins; sin against us)

Hymnal, p. 16

Choral Prayer Response

God So Loved the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

606

***Prayer of Dedication**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Carry the Word Into the World

***Hymn**

Jesus Calls Us

720

***Charge & Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Go With Us Lord

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***Postlude**

Liturgy resources used regularly:

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Thank you for your service!

Pastor - Lynn Bova

Organist – Martie Kindinger

Choir Director - Vern Kindinger

Liturgist – Jean Ziegler

Ushers – Team 1

Child Care - Andrea Zimmerman

WeKirk – Kristal Alford & Jenni Price

Power Point – Brandon Morgan

Bell Choir Director – Karen Straley

New Wineskins Band

Sound Tech – Rich Reid

Greeters – Paul & Ruth Fitzenrider

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betty Hill

LoisAnn Zimmerman

Joanne Parker

Peg Graham

Leora Myers

Betty Seibel

Mary Reeves

Russ Ziegler

Joan Gearing

Glenn Park

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Kingsbury House

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The Laurels

Health Concerns

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Home Centered Member of the Week - Betty Seibel

Mission Partner of the Week - Domestic Violence Awareness - In 2008, Dorene Seidl, a beloved, longtime member of Briargate Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, was killed by her husband when she was attempting to leave their relationship of over 40 years.

That's when domestic violence visited our church. It was heartbreakingly real.

The following year, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the family and the congregation committed to make something good come from their tragedy. We invited area congregations to a community-wide awareness program. We hoped that what had happened in our congregation wouldn't happen in theirs.

Pam Scanlon, Dorene's daughter, courageously prepared to tell her family's story.

Pam's husband worked with other men in the congregation to make a life-sized Silent Witness silhouette with a placard that gave a brief description of what happened. Silent Witness silhouettes are a project of Silent Witness International, which honors the lives of domestic

violence victims. Although people killed by domestic violence no longer have a voice, the silhouettes “speak” for them.

We used the expertise and the resources provided by the Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network, which is part of the Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association; the video “Broken Vows”; and an exercise called “Janet’s Story,” which attempts to answer the often-asked question “Why does she stay?” Perhaps a better question is “Why does he abuse?” We marked our effort as an excellent start and have been pleased that doors are opening to engagement in this difficult discussion. Unfortunately, too many people, including people worshipping with us, still live in the tragic world of abuse.

As part of our ministry

- we have been invited to share our hard-won knowledge with other faith groups, making this an ecumenical outreach;
- we have identified other Presbyterians with personal experience and expertise to form a network with Mid-Kentucky Presbytery;
- our local community ministry has asked for training for its staff, with the possibility of future programming for its clients.

God’s intention for all of us is abundant life! Join us in taking steps to make that intention a reality. *Rev. Nancy K. Troy, leadership member of the Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network*
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/October-8-2017/>

Please contact Pastor Lynn with other prayer concerns. Prayer Concerns will remain for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu – Donna Black’s team will serve porcupine meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, and a selection of sweets. Meal prices --\$3 for children, \$5 for adults and \$15 for a family.

Coats information – The coat sorters are working on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30 am. Please come if you want to help. It usually takes less than an hour and it’s a fun group! Help is needed!

Bagged coats will be downstairs to be taken home to wash. You can take them Sunday and bring them back on Wednesday night, if that works for you. Thank you to all who faithfully do this.

Please if you have a barrel out, be sure to bring the coats in each week. These can also come in on Wednesdays or Sundays, during the sorting times, when the church is open. Please call Sigrid Emerling, Jeanne Peffley, Rich Reid or Marilyn Smith if you need help getting your coats in to the church.

RADA knives, forks, & more are available from the PW & F. Your purchase supports the ministries of the women and the products make great holiday gifts. RADA products are in stock or can be ordered in time for the holidays.

Contact Lynn Bishop [\(419\)782-0391](tel:419782-0391) or Mary Ann Schroeder [\(419\)899-2316](tel:419899-2316).

Study Leave - Pastor Lynn will be on Study Leave from Oct. 14-21, 2017.

Attendance last week: 48

Coming Events:

October 11, 2017 ~ This Changed Everything: 500 Years of the Reformation! Join us in AGO as we learn more about the Reformation. You can come any Wednesday!

October 11, 2017 ~ Friends and Faith at 6:15 pm – It's not too late to join a small group as a mentor or member! Contact Lora Richards.

October 12, 2017 ~ Creative Concepts – Join us for dinner at the Creative Concepts meeting to discuss ideas for future fun events and the stewardship drive! Contact Beth Sigg or Lynn Bova for more information.

October 15, 2017 ~ Maumee Valley Presbytery Beer & Hymns – Black Cloister in Toledo at 7 pm. Come early if you want a seat!

October 16, 2017 ~ PW & F News ~ The next PW & F meeting is a FIELD TRIP to Lily Creek Farms to experience and understand the ministry that horses and their care gives offer to individuals with physical and mental needs. This is a DIFFERENT DATE than usual--Monday, Oct. 16. Meet at the church at noon and leave at 12:15. Return after the farm visit for dessert and a brief meeting. We'll decide on our November Thank Offering recipient. Bring meditation books, cards and hotel size items for our ministry to home bound members.

October 19, 2017 ~ Night Without a Home with Defiance College. Night Without a Home is intended to raise awareness about homelessness in our area and how we can help them. There will be dinner, a panel of local and state individuals that serve homeless persons, and entertainment. This event is on Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 4:30-9:30 pm at Defiance College.

October 22, 2017 ~ Sunday worship~ The Youth Group will present a look back at the Reformation—how it happened and what it means to us. You'll meet Martin Luther and John Calvin!

October 22, 2017 ~ Maumee Valley Presbytery Reformation Celebration. A variety of opportunities to participate – Crop Walk, service of worship with Rev. Gradye Parsons, former Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) preaching, catered dinner (\$10) followed by Beer &

Hymns at Collingwood Presbyterian Church in Toledo. Watch for more info on this. Please reserve your dinner by emailing belinda@maumeevp.org.

Look for us on the web at [1 presby.com](http://1presby.com), on Facebook at First Presbyterian Church of Defiance, on Twitter at [@FirstPres.Defiance](https://twitter.com/FirstPres.Defiance).

Calendar for the week of October 8, 2017

Sunday—10/08

10:15 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday – 10/09

12:00 pm AA – room 304
5:30 pm Audit Committee Meets – Conference Room
5:15 pm PNC – Westminster Room
6:00 pm Friends of the Library –Café 501
7:00 pm Deacons – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – 10/10

9:00 - 12:00 pm Group Meetings - room 302
9:00 - 10:30 am Group Meetings - room 201

Wednesday – 10/11

9:00 - 11:30 am Group Meetings – Café 501
12:00 pm AA - room 108
5:30 pm Dinner hosted by Donna Black's team
6:30 pm AGO/Youth/WeKirk
6:45 pm Adult Choir
8:00 pm Handbell Choir
8:30 pm New Wineskins

Thursday – 10/12

5:30 pm Creative Concepts
7:30 pm Worship Committee

Friday – 10/13

12:00 pm AA – room 304
7:30 pm AA – room 108

Saturday – 10/14

Sunday – 10/15

10:15 am Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Ushers - Team 2
Sound Tech – TBA

Liturgist – Jean Ziegler
PowerPoint – Kara Retcher