



For to me to live
is Christ,
and to die
is gain.

Philippians 1:21

First Presbyterian Church of Defiance

September 24, 2017 ~ 16th 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

O Come, Let Us Worship

Call to Worship

L: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

P: Give thanks to the Lord.

L: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

P: Give thanks to the Lord.

L: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

P: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

Praise Chorus

Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty.

Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

God Is So Good

God is so good, God is so Good, God is so good, God's so good to me.

Jesus is real, Jesus is real, Jesus is real, he's so real to me.

He saved my soul, he saved my soul, he saved my soul, he's so good to me.

I praise his name, I praise his name, I praise his name, he's so good to me!

Morning Prayer

*Hymn

Christ Be Beside Me

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*Call to Confession

*Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. 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"

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The Word is Proclaimed to Us

The Story

The Flood

Prayer for Discernment

Scripture Reading

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message in Song

This is a Redeemer

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

Sermon

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

*Hymn

When We Are Living

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

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

Hymnal, p. 16

Choral Prayer Response O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, and do what you choose with what already belongs to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We Carry the Word Into the World

*Hymn

Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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*Charge & Benediction

*Congregational Response

Kum Ba Yah (verse 3)

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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 – Pam Reid

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betty Hill	Glenn Park
LoisAnn Zimmerman	Glenn Park
Joanne Parker	Glenn Park
Peg Graham	Kingsbury House
Leora Myers	Kingsbury House
Betty Seibel	The Laurels
Mary Reeves	Health Concerns
Russ Ziegler	The Laurels
Joan Gearing	Health Concerns

Home Centered Member of the Week - Peg Graham

Mission Partner of the Week - Evangelism Sunday - As I speak with church leaders, I notice that there is frustration and anxiety around the rapid change in our culture. Since some people are no longer showing up in our churches, I hear the need expressed for evangelism training. Even though I believe training is important, I don't believe evangelism training will solve the problems the church faces in the winds of change. What we need is discipleship training. Just as churches start new churches, disciples make new disciples. What if the training we received was how to be more intentional with the corporate and personal practices that take us deeper in our love of God and one another? Disciples know we have good news to share and understand the call to justice. We cannot be trained to share what is not already good news inside of us. Think about it: Do we need training to share the beauty and glory of the sun setting over the ocean?

Our hope is that we will move into the community with love this Evangelism Sunday. Notice what God is already doing in the lives of the people around us. Clean up the park next door. Share a meal with homeless men and women in our community. Invite our neighbors over for lunch or dinner. Be kind to a stranger. Be open to the conversations that happen because we are being the church in our community. And when prompted, we share how we are a little more courageous, hopeful or forgiving because of this journey in Christ.

In other words, allow the formation inside your walls to become the fuel for mission in your community. What you will experience is that evangelism was never meant to grow our churches. It is simply the ministry of sharing with the people around us the news that has changed our lives. ~ Ray Jones, Associate Director for Evangelism

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/September-24-2017/>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Coffee Hour – If you would like to be a part of the coffee fellowship ministry, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Megan Barber or another deacon. You can be part of the new rotation plan or just volunteer for a specific Sunday. Your help is appreciated and certainly enjoyed by many! All expenses will be reimbursed by the deacons, who will share simple guidelines with you once you sign up.

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu -- Jeanne Peffley's team will serve hot beef sandwiches, salad, fruit, chips and pumpkin cookies. Meal prices --\$3 for children, \$5 for adults and \$15 for a family.

We Kirk would like to thank everyone who contributed to the bake sale to benefit PDA. We raised \$90 just from that sale. We would also like to express a great thanks to the PW and everyone who donated monetarily as well as with items to send for hurricane relief. We prepared 8 cleanup buckets and 12 hygiene kits to send with the help of the generosity of each and every one of you. A great big thank you goes out from all of us to all of you--we could not have done it without you!

The Mexico scholarship campaign—Thanks to all for your incredible and generous support of these friends in the Yucatan. Eight families will be impacted by these gifts and the ripple effect in the area is wide. God be praised!

Thanks to all who participated in the Meal Train for Ed Bowser!

Bibles and Bacon—Next Sunday, Oct 1, is the first Bibles and Bacon intergenerational Sunday School event this year. It starts at 9 am, includes a delicious breakfast served by Craig and Lora Richards, and will be led by Megan Barber. Intergenerational ministry means all ages together, mutually engaged, sharing faith stories, investing in one another, contributing to the wider community, intentional about relationships.

We all LEARN, we all GROW, we are the BODY OF CHRIST TOGETHER

Attendance last week: 39

Coming Events:

Sept. 27, 2017 – Work camp meeting at 6 pm in the Westminster Room. All youth and their parents and anyone else who might be interested in participating in this summer's work camp are invited to come and hear about a great opportunity. Is this the year you will participate? The meeting will last just a half hour so you can be ready to go to other Wednesday activities after. Youth group will meet at 6:30 as scheduled.

October 1, 2017 ~ Bibles and Bacon will start at 9 am followed by worship in the Chapel with the Wineskins.

October 4, 2017 ~ Bell Choir Rehearsals resume! Come on out and try being a ding-a-ling! If Pastor Lynn can do it – so can you! You just need to be able to count.

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 followed by Beer & Hymns at Collingwood Presbyterian Church in Toledo. Watch for more info on this.

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NOTES & DOODLES!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday—09/24

10:15 am

Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday – 09/25

12:00 pm

AA – room 304

Tuesday – 09/26

9:00 - 12:00 pm

Group Meetings - room 302

9:00 - 10:30 am

Group Meetings - room 201

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Life Line Screening in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday – 09/27

9:00 - 11:30 am

Group Meetings – Café 501

12:00 pm

AA - room 108

1:00-3:00 pm

Child Protection Training at Bryan First Presbyterian Church

5:30 pm

Dinner hosted by Jeanne Peffley's team

6:30 pm

AGO/Youth/WeKirk

6:45 pm

Adult Choir

8:30 pm

New Wineskins

Thursday – 09/28

6:00 pm

Session

Friday – 09/29

12:00 pm

AA – room 304

7:30 pm

AA – room 108

Saturday – 09/30

9:00am – 3:30 pm

Communion Training for Ruling Elders at Tontogany Presbyterian Church

Sunday – 10/1

9:00 am

Bibles and Bacon

10:15 am

Worship in the Chapel

Ushers - Team 2

Liturgist – Jean Ziegler

Sound Tech –Rich Reid

PowerPoint –Brysen Bigley