

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Karen Spear

Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

What's Happening

Today, Sunday, November 13th	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
Mike Wilson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner following Worship		
Monday, November 14th	6:00pm	Trustee
Wednesday, November 16 th	10:00am	History Team
	6:00pm	Choir
Thursday, November 10th	10:00am	Twisted Stickers

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God is Still Speaking,



November 13, 2022

“Thank Goodness”

St. John's United Church of Christ

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Liturgist)

A friendly welcome to all! No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here.

BELLS TO WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE "We Gather Together" Murray C. Bradshaw

OPENING WORDS (Liturgist) The Psalmist reminds us this morning to: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (from Psalm 100)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Steadfast One, there is no wavering in you.

People: We come boldly, yet uncertain and unsure.

Liturgist: Fountain of truth, you reveal what is true and what is not.

People: We set our hearts and minds to love ourselves and others, the way that you do.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Unwavering One, we are thankful for the clarity found in you. You welcome us into your presence, even when we aren't sure of our approach to you. We delight in knowing that even when we come stumbling over ourselves, your love is sure to pick us up and steady us. Because you are love, you keep your promises to us. Help us walk unwavering in the love that helps us keep our promises too. Amen.

Remember our homebound in your thoughts and prayers. Cards are welcome:

Barb Bartel: 4675 Orbison Rd., Troy, OH. 45373

Beulah Bowers: 1220 N. Dorset, Troy, OH 45373

Carletta Gritzmaker: 2896 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373

Joan Meredith: Lakeview Wing #213, 1567 Garbry Road, Piqua, OH 45356

Janet Walpole: c/o The Lindley Inn, 9000 Hocking Hills Dr, Room#144, The Plains, OH 45780

Please note: Updates and/or amendments to the prayer list are appreciated. Typically, prayer requests will be removed after 4 weeks. If you or a loved one needs to remain on the list, please contact Betty Schaffner at 937-335-6713 or Joyce Reives at 937-477-8268. Thank you.



PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Donald Schaffner: Please pray for Paul's brother who has been recently diagnosed with liver cancer.

Pam, niece of Joyce Heffelfinger: Please keep Pam in your prayers as she's very ill and hospitalized.

Logan Heath: Prayers have been asked for this student at Fairlawn High School. He was in an auto accident and is paralyzed. Please pray for him and his family.

Dot Thompson: Please pray for Earl Reives' sister who continues with health struggles. She's waiting on a prosthetic arm which should improve her quality of life. In the meantime, a cancerous spot on her intestine was detected and she is working with doctors on a treatment plan.

Wayne Cunningham: Please pray for Stephanie Strobe's father who continues to battle bone and liver cancer. He is currently in treatment now with two more rounds of chemo to go.

Brent Adkins: Brent is participating in both cardiac and pulmonary rehab. Meds are still be tweaked a bit. He's continuing to gain strength and stamina. All in all, his progress has been amazing. Please continue to pray for his progress.

Em Finney: Ginny's sister, Em, has been on our prayer list for a very long time and needs our prayers now more than ever as her illness progresses, and her health deteriorates.

Michael Ham: Despite his life-long health issues, Michael has accomplished a great deal in his life and is very active in the Troy community. As his health issues mount, Michael could certainly use all the prayers that we at St. John's can offer.

Joe Valentine: Please pray for Barb Bartel's son, Joe, as he continues to struggle with family issues.

Erika, Logan and Brianna Wilson: Please pray for Sharon's grandchildren that they may know the love, peace and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

***HYMN:#13** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist) Isaiah 12:1-6

A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES: Ginny will be leading us all in the singing of some children's songs. Children age 5 and under are invited to gather together in the Sunday School area at the conclusion of this time.

MORNING PRAYER

Don Crist

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Give Thanks"

SILENT PREPARATION FOR LISTENING

We invite you to use these few moments of silence to welcome the Inner Teacher to speak to you as Don shares the morning message.

SERMON

"Thank Goodness"

Don Crist

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

God is unwavering in giving to us, so let us give to God. Let us choose to bring our gifts with made up minds to foster and build the Beloved Community. Let these resources be used to steady the work of the Kin-dom.

OFFERTORY

"Voluntary"

Matthias Hawdon

***DOXOLOGY: (In Unison)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***DEDICATION PRAYER: (In Unison)**

Divine One, receive our gifts in the love we give them. Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so the needs of your people can be met. We offer our gifts with made-up minds. May what we give be used to facilitate wholeness for all. Amen.

***HYMN:#14** "How Can I Say Thanks" (Black Hymnal)

BENEDICTION Don Crist

POSTLUDE "Triumph and Thanksgiving" Franklin Ritter

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Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30am next Sunday, November 20th in the café. Next week's topic will be "Better Together – The Holy Spirit Offers Strength in Time of Stress" with Mike Beamish leading.

Poinsettias

The Ministry and Worship Committee invites you to be part of this year's Advent/Christmas Poinsettia Display. Please consider a donation of \$10 (or more) in the special Poinsettia Envelopes you will find in the narthex. You may also designate your gift on the fourth line of your regular giving envelope. Please indicate in whose memory or in whose honor you are making the gift.

Memorial Sunday

Join us next Sunday November 20th for Memorial Sunday.