

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Sarah Wittman

Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

This Week



Today, Sunday, January 15th

9:30 am
10:30 am

Sunday School
Worship

Monday, January 16th

Office is Closed
6:00 pm

Council

Tuesday, January 17th

Office is Closed

Wednesday, January 18th

10:00 am
6:00 pm

History Team
Choir

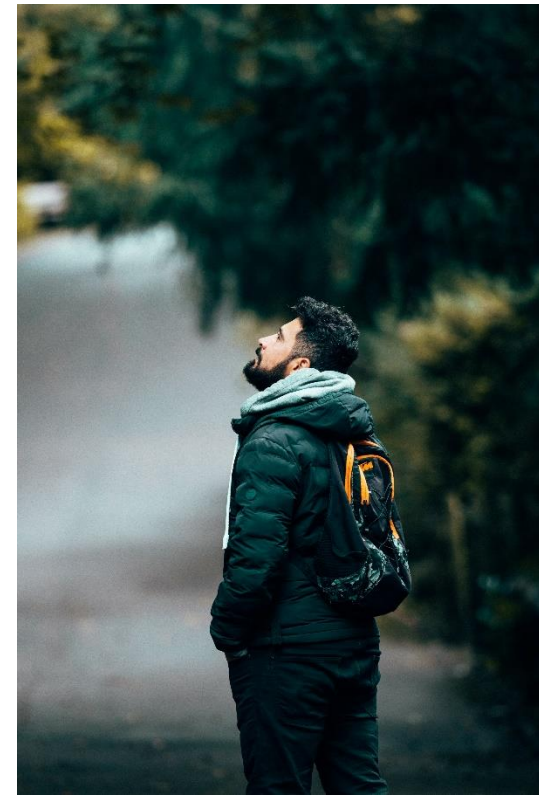
Thursday, January 19th

10:00 am

Twisted Stickers

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God is Still Speaking,



January 15, 2023

“ALIEN”

St. John's United Church of Christ

130 S Walnut St

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INTROIT

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

"Prelude in F"

Francis Linley

OPENING WORDS (Liturgist) We are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of God's household. (adapted from Ephesians 2:19)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship. Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

People: This is the place where all belong. This is a time when all are accountable to God.

Liturgist: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God. Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

People: We bring all our needs to God, our hope. We want to share faith and hope with others.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Author of all humankind, come to lift us up to our full humanity as we worship you in this hour. You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways. You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts. Yet you welcome us, not as strangers but as heralds of your reign. We want to worship you and to represent you well. Come among us now with your transforming power. Amen.

*HYMN#312 "We Love Your Realm, O God" (Black Hymnal)

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. **Wayne Cunningham:** Please pray for Stephanie Strop's father who continues to battle bone and liver cancer. He finished chemo and is awaiting a PET scan. **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.

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

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.



Adult Sunday School

Sunday school will be at 9:30am next Sunday, January 22nd in the café. Next week's topic will be "Hand and Foot – What's Cookin'" with Mike Beamish leading.

Volunteers Needed on January 20th

The Gathering Place will be sponsoring a kid's craft day on Friday January 20th from 4-6pm in the basement of the church. Dawn Babylon, a well-respected art teacher in the area, will be leading the class for kids 5-10 years old. We are in need of 2-3 adults to help out that afternoon with set up and clean up, and to assist with the crafts if needed. Please speak to Mary Ann if you can help. This is being funded by a grant from the Miami County Foundation.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Please stay for our Annual Congregational meeting after worship on January 22nd. Also, please bring your own table service and a dish or two to share.

Help Wanted!

Calling a few people who can tell the difference between a microphone and a flutophone! You might just be qualified to help us re-launch the Facebook Live program on Sunday mornings! We have had a request to start recording the service live again but we can't do it without people willing to be on a team to run on the equipment, focus the camera, and turn it off again. Let us know if you are interested in helping in the way. Call the office, text the pastor, or just talk to us on Sunday morning.

Mark Condy

Mark is returning to St. John's on Sunday, January 23rd! Come welcome him back again and bring someone with you!

Grandparent Support Group

The Gathering Place is hosting a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren monthly on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6:30-7:30p facilitated by Pastor Ann Marie Winters. To register, call Ann at (330) 469-6296.

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist) Matthew 4:12-17, 5:17-20

CHOIR ANTHEM: "In the Garden" C. Austin Miles

A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES: Ginny will be leading us in song. All under 5 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 by 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.

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 "Alien" Don Crist

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

Hear again the proverb: "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." What a joy we can know when our thankfulness exceeds our complaints, and our concern for others outweighs our greed! Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

OFFERTORY "New England" Colin Curtis

***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)**

**May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be
a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and
those not, those deserving and those not, for in this
way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved.**

***HYMN#233** "Amazing Grace" (Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION Don Crist

POSTLUDE "Moderato" Jacques Battman

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Building a Welcoming Community

- Providing a space for children to feel loved and accepted
- Providing a safe and attractive place for our neighbors