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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 "The Power of Your Love" Groff Bullock
Mark Condy, Soloist

OPENING WORDS (Liturgist) Today, may we have the power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ

adapted from Ephesians 3:18

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Our ever-present God dwells in the sanctuary and in homes, in public spaces and our interior lives.

People: Behold the greatness of the Holy One in each of these sacred spaces.

Liturgist: We call out for God's grace, strength, and guidance.

People: Seek the face of the Holy One. Recognize God's greatness.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Great God, we acknowledge your presence among us and the ways you connect us as a community. Make us receptive to your voice and instruments of your love in the world. We rejoice in this gathering as we bless your Holy Name in the assembly, gathered across time and space as your people. We seek you. We're grateful to find you. Amen.

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 29th in the café. Next week's topic will be "And the Worst Penmanship Award Goes To... - How's Your Handwriting?" with Mike Beamish leading.

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 the equipment, focus the camera, and turn it off again. Let us know if you are interested in helping in this way. Call the office, text the pastor, or just talk to us on Sunday morning.

Grandparent Support Group

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

***HYMN#25** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist) Matthew 5:1-3

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Thy Word" Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist) Matthew 9:9-13

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord, Look Upon My Need" Maranatha! Singers

Mark Condy, Soloist

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

"Poor in Spirit"

Don Crist

