

## Serving Us Today

**Disciples:** All Members

**Organist:** Ginny Beamish

**Minister:** Don Crist

**Altar Decoration:** Becky Pierce

**Liturgist:** Kathy Holt

**Head Usher:** Mike Beamish

**Choir Director:** Becky Pierce

**Counters:** Mike Beamish &  
John Gibbons



**September 2023**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30a Worship	28	29	30 10a History Team 10a Membership & Outreach	31	1	2
3 9:30a Worship	4 Office Closed	5	6 10a History Team 6p Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9
10 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	11 2p Trustees	12	13 10a History Team 1p Women's Fellowship 6p Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16
17 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	18	19	20 10a History Team 12p Council 6p Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23 3p Annual Church Picnic – Troy Community Park
24 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	25	26	27 10a History Team 6p Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30



**September 10, 2023**

**“Sticking Points”**

**Happy Birthday!**



*Madelyn Reed – 9/8 Spero Mengos – 9/7 Joyce Heffelfinger – 9/12  
Matt Pierce – 9/14 Joan Meredith – 9/15 Traci Kropp – 9/19  
Barb Gibbons – 9/21 Ruth Simpson – 9/27*

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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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

arr. Phillip Keveren

**\*OPENING WORDS** Splendor and majesty are God's;  
strength and joy are in God's dwelling place.

adapted from I Chronicles 16

**\*SONG OF THE MORNING #47** (Red Hymnal)

"Praise To The Living God"

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Liturgist: Come to God, who has loved us through Jesus Christ. Present yourselves to the Spirit who understands your need.*

**People: God has heard our voices and heeded our cries. We will call on God's name as long as we live.**

*Liturgist: Come to embrace the new covenant God offers. Eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus Christ.*

**People: We come to be washed and cleansed and healed. God will equip us here to love one another.**

#### **\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)**

**Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty. We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world's people in a chorus of devotion. Hear us, gracious God. Amen.**

# God is Still Speaking,

## Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 9/3/23 = 25

Week of 9/3/23	Month of September	Monthly Budget
\$2,081.99	\$2,081.99	\$10,129.17

### Office Hours

Monday 9am-1pm (Church Secretary)

Tuesday 9am-1pm (Church Secretary)

Wednesday 9am-1pm (Pastor)

Thursday 9am-1pm (Pastor)

Friday 9am-1pm (Pastor and Church Secretary)

**Wi-Fi Network: Welcome**

**Password: hereiamlord**



### Annual Church Picnic

St. John's Annual Church Picnic will be held at Troy Community Park on September 23 at 3:00pm. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. The cornhole tournament begins earlier at 2:30pm. If you want to play, find a partner and sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. St. John's will provide tableware, chicken, chips and water. Please bring a covered dish to share. You may also want to bring lawn chairs. We will eat at 4:00pm followed by Bingo. Please bring new or gently used items to be used as Bingo prizes. Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with our church family and friends.

### Church World Service

For the month of September, St. John's will be collecting donations to provide blankets to people for comfort in times of crisis. Help our neighbors around the world recover from disasters and get a fresh start. \$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by a tornado or other disaster. Special envelopes are available in the Narthex or you can make a notation on your regular envelopes for CWS blankets.

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

arr. Ginger Littleton

**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**

Pastor 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.**

**WELCOME TO FACEBOOK LIVE VIEWERS**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 12:1-14

**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**

"Sticking Points"

**OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)**

When we perceive all the good we may do for Jesus Christ, we are eager to share. Jesus welcomes into discipleship those willing to hold loosely to all their possessions. What we give today is a symbol of our fuller devotion of all we have and all we are toward the realization of God's reign among us.

**OFFERTORY**

"Moderato"

J.P. Kirnberger

**\*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)**

**Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts  
with you. We have no way to repay you for all we have  
received from your hands. Yet we want to give our  
best to the work you call us to do through this  
community of seekers. We enter, with renewed  
commitment and confidence, the costly venture of  
spreading love through your world. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: #416** "I Will Trust In the Lord"  
(Black Hymnal)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Sonatina" Anton Andre

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***Congratulations!***

Dan & Kate Alexander welcomed their son, William Mideli into the world on August 27<sup>th</sup>. St. John's is supporting them with meals.



Matt, Katie & Billy McKinley welcomed their daughter, Gianna Cecilia into the world on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS**

Wayne and Gretchen Cunningham: Please pray for Stephanie Strope's parents as they continue to battle multiple health issues.

Katie Gascho: Katie underwent surgery last Monday and is recovering. Members of St. John's are supporting the family with meals.

Em Finney: Ginny's sister, Em, has been on our prayer list for a very long time as she continues to battle her illness. Ginny reports that she is holding her own but seems to be getting weaker. Please continue to pray for Em.

Michael Ham: As Michael's health struggles continue, he can certainly use all the prayers that our congregation can offer. Ginny reports that Michael continues to weaken.

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:

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.