

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Matt Pierce

Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

Counters: Mike Beamish &

John Gibbons



October 2023



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship World Wide Communion	2 5:30p Grandfamilies Group	3	4 10a History Team 10a Membership & Outreach 1p Trick or Treat & Eat Meeting 6p Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
8 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	9 2p Trustees	10	11 10a History Team 1p Ladies Fellowship 4:30p M&W Meeting 6p Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship Children's Sabbath	16 Grandfamilies Group 5:30p	17	18 10a History Team 6p Choir Rehearsal 12p Council	19	20	21
22 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	23	24	25 10a History Team 5p-7:30p Church Not on Sunday	26	27	28 11:30-1p Trick or Treat & Eat



October 29, 2023

“First Place”



Betty Schaffner – 10/5 Becky Pierce – 10/9
Kathryn Porto – 10/16 Larry Eichhorn – 10/28
James Amend – 10/29

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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 "Shout to the Lord" Darlen Zschech
Elizabeth Roland-Evans & Bethany Evans, Vocalists

***OPENING WORDS** Dear friends, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Jude 1:21

***SONG OF THE MORNING: #23** (Black Hymnal)
"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God is gathering us from many different places. No one is worthy. All are invited.

People: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back. God cares for us amid our pain and losses.

Liturgist: Taste and see how good God is. Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

People: We will bless our God in all times and places. Let us exalt God's name together!

Mike Wilson Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner
with your St. John's Family

Sunday, November 12, 2023
right after worship

Just like your own family Thanksgiving,
everyone will bring a dish to share.
Table service and beverages will be provided.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for attendance and
donation intentions.



God is Still Speaking,

Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 10/22/23 = 29

Week of 10/22/23	Month of October	Monthly Budget
\$576.00	\$8,788.65	\$10,129.17

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Brent Adkins: Brent is once again in the hospital. Please keep him and Bethel in your prayers.

Wayne and Gretchen Cunningham: Stephanie Strobe's parents continue to battle health issues. Both have experienced some improvement of late but face long roads. Please keep them in your prayers.

Zoe Darner: Zoe fell and fractured her wrist that required surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

Em Finney: Please continue to pray for Ginny's sister as she continues to battle her illness. Ginny reports that she continues to hold her own but needs our prayers now more than ever.

Michael Ham: Michael continues to need our prayers as his health struggles continue. Thankfully, at the moment, he is holding his own.

Joyce Heffelfinger: Joyce could use our prayers as well. Worrying about everyone else has caused some stability and balance issues. Let's all pray for her mobility to get better so we can see her at church!

Tracy Heffelfinger: Tracy, daughter of Joyce, suffered a mini stroke recently. Thankfully, there was no permanent damage and she is back at work. However, recovery and medication continue so, please, keep the prayers for Tracy coming.

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.

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

All-powerful God, we invoke your presence among us, for we need the knowledge and energy you alone can provide. Your ways are wonderful beyond our understanding. When our strength is spent, our vision clouded, and our hope gone, you reach out to us in ways we often fail to recognize. We take heart to think that you are calling us to yourself, opening our eyes to see your wonders as if for the first time. We want to be a part of your faithful remnant in a world that too often loses sight of the holy. Help us, we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

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.

WELCOME TO FACEBOOK LIVE VIEWERS

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 32:1-14

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

"First Place"

Don Crist

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) (Insert)

Chris Tomlin

Bethany Evans, Vocalist

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

Our offerings are to magnify God's name and to express our deep sense of thanksgiving. They are also an expression of empathy and concern for sisters and brothers who struggle to find life. Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance. Let us give as we are able – with joy!

OFFERTORY "Gaudeamus Pariter" Jayson A. Snipes

*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)

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #349 "I Come With Joy" (Black Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Blessing" Kari Jobe

Bethany Evans, Vocalist

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Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30am next Sunday, November 5th in the café. Next week's topic is "Money and Value"

Second Story Secrets 2023

St. John's and The Gathering Place will be a stop on "Second Story Secrets 2023" hosted by Troy Community Works! on Saturday, November 4th 3p-7p. Please stop by!

Rummage Sale

Our rummage sale begins next week. The days and hours will be: Thursday 11/2 4p-8p, Friday 11/3 9a-2p and Saturday 11/4 9a-12p. We'll be collecting and sorting donated items this next week.

Our Children's Space is located through the door at the front of the church. We know there may be times that children's needs may differ. Families are welcome to come to the area at any time during the service. Simply follow the signs and you will find our children's rooms thoughtfully prepared for your family, including a live feed for you to follow along.

Welcome and Thank you to Bethany Evans & Elizabeth Roland-Evans for today's special music!