

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: John Gibbons

Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

Counters: Mike Beamish &
John Gibbons



November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 4p-8p Rummage Sale	3 9a-2p Rummage Sale	4 9a-12p Rummage Sale 4p-7p 2 nd Story
5 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	6	7	8 10a History Team 11:30a Ladies Fellowship 4:30p M&W 9p Choir	9	10	11
12 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship Thanksgiving Dinner after Worship	13 2p Trustees	14	15 10a History Team 12p Council 6p Choir	16	17	18
19 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	20	21	22 10a History Team 6p Choir	23 OFFICE CLOSED 	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship Memorial Sunday	27	28	29 10a History Team 6p Choir	30		

November 5, 2023

“The Meeting Place”

St. John's United Church of Christ

130 S Walnut St

Troy, OH 45373

(937) 335-2028

Happy Birthday!



Beverly Ross 11/1 – Joyce Reives 11/9 – Brianna Wilson 11/12 – Beulah Bowers 11/16 – Caroline Maslowski 11/16 – Paul Schaffner 11/25

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 Meditation on "Ein feste Burg" Jean Drahmann

***OPENING WORDS** For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good. Psalms 52:9

***SONG OF THE MORNING: #376** (Black Hymnal)

"God, We Thank You for Our People"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We cry out to God for the help we need. How will we know we have been heard?

People: God stands with us through life's trials and temptations. God send visions of new possibilities.

Liturgist: God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth. Listen to all God would teach us; hear the Word of God.

People: We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another. We would learn to do good and to work for justice.

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 10/29/23 = 44

Week of 10/29/23	Month of October	Monthly Budget
\$828.00	\$9,616.65	\$10,129.17



Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30am next Sunday, November 9th in the café.

Next week's topic is "Permission to Boast – The Virtue of Modesty" with Mike Beamish leading.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will meet at the church at 11:30am this Wednesday, November 8th to leave and go to the Annie Oakley Museum in Greenville and then lunch.

Partners in Hope

You may have noticed the blue barrel in the narthex. It is there for our annual gifts to the Partners in Hope Christmas Shop. They will welcome your donations of new, unwrapped toys (including games and sports balls) for ages 0-12, as well as gifts for senior citizens. They also welcome full-size toiletry items (shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste). Gift cards (with the receipt taped to the back) are also appreciated. Items will be picked up on Monday, December 4.

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.

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

Sow your seed in our midst, O God, for we are prepared to receive what you offer. We want to know you and to bear fruit for your reign among us. We want to meditate on your law and keep your commandments. Draw us into the new covenant you have fashioned for us in Jesus Christ so that we may fulfill our ministry. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Be Strong in the Lord" Thornhill/Nix

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 33:1-11

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 "The Meeting Place" Don Crist

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

Jesus Christ came into the world to seek out and to save the lost. Sometimes those who have much are lost in their possessions. The offering becomes the high point of worship when we are centered on the steadfast love of God. Then our possessions become instruments of grace, for us and for others, and the lost are found.

OFFERTORY

“Andantino”

Cesar Franck

*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)

Gracious God, all that we have is yours. All your children are our brothers and sisters. We are all inheritors of your grace. You have blessed us abundantly. Now bless what we have been moved to share, that our love for one another may increase. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF REFLECTION AND PREPARATION #505 Vs 1&3

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

(Black Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

INVITATION

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ’s table.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Liturgist: God be with you.

People: And with you.

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Liturgist: Let us give thanks to God Most High

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: ...Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole Universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING OF WINE

CALL TO SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Today we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper in the pews.

MOMENTS OF REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN: #210

(Red Hymnal)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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