

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Karen Spear

Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

Counters: Mike Beamish &
John Gibbons

November 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				4p-8p Rummage Sale	9a-2p Rummage Sale	9a-12p Rummage Sale 4p-7p 2nd 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 12, 2023

“Attitude of Gratitude”

Happy Birthday!



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

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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 "Andante" P. Giovagnoni

*OPENING WORDS Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. From I Chronicles 16:34

*SONG OF THE MORNING: #34 (Red Hymnal)
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, all who are anxious or burdened. This is a time to experience good news.

People: This is God's house, and we can meet God here. We are brought together in the family of God.

Liturgist: In our eager waiting, there is a fullness of joy. In our preparation for worship, we discover life.

People: Unless God is the shaper of our lives, we live in vain. Unless we view our city as Gods' own, there is emptiness here.

The Ministry and Worship Committee invites you to be part of this year's Advent/Christmas Poinsettia Display. Please consider a donation of \$10 (or more) in the special Poinsettia Envelope you will find in the bulletin. You may also designate your gift on the fourth line of your regular giving envelope. Please indicate in whose memory or in whose honor you are making your gift.



God is Still Speaking,

Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 11/5/23 = 39

Week of 11/5/23	Month of November	Monthly Budget
\$2,592.65	\$2,592.65	\$10,129.17



Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30am next Sunday, November 19th in the café. Next week's topic is "Moving Past the Past – Remember the Past, Live in the Present, and Look to the Future" with Mike Beamish leading.

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.

Annual Sweatsuit Ministry

The Membership and Outreach Committee will once again be coordinating sweatsuits for Headstart children this Christmas season. Names for the children will be available for distribution beginning Sunday, November 26th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The sweatsuits will then be due to the church Sunday, December 17th. This is a very long-standing ministry of St. John's and we appreciate the congregation's willingness to participate.

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)

In the security of your love, mighty God, we are content. Our work is fulfilling, our relationships reflect your faithfulness, and our ability to trust is strengthened. You are the builder in whose hands the church can become a community of joy and fulfillment. You keep watch over us, strengthening us to be the church wherever we live and serve. Be known to us now and speak to all who eagerly await your word. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

African American Spiritual

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: I Thessalonians 5:12-24

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

"Attitude of Gratitude"

Don Crist

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

We are privileged to contribute out of our abundance in order that the Christian message might be proclaimed among us and to our children. We are challenged to give all that we have – our time, our talents, our work, and our leisure as witness to the love of God. The extent to which we invest ourselves is a measure of our commitment.

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.

Mary Ann Crist: Please keep Mary Ann in your prayers while she fights breast cancer.

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

Becky Fessler: Betsy is back in the Soin Hospital with continuing complications from her surgery for lung cancer. Please include 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 Brieanna 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

OFFERTORY "Allegretto" Robert Schumann

*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)

We give in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love, gracious God. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion that He had for all people, near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor. Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now bring to the work of your realm that is forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN: "Give Thanks" (Insert)

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING FOR OUR THANKSGIVING MEAL

POSTLUDE "Miniature 6" Bela Bartok

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