

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



January 2024



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2	3 10a History Team 6p Choir	4	5	6
7 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	8	9	10 10a History Team 12p Council 4:30p M&W 5p Christian Ed 6p Choir	11	12	13
14 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	15	16	17 10a History Team 6p Choir	18	19	20
21 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30a Adult Sun School 10:30a Worship Congregational meeting after worship	29	30				



January 28, 2024

“About Sheep and Goats”

Happy Birthday!

Sharon Wilson 1/4 -- Glenn Lytle 1/7
Sarah Porto 1/15 -- Liz Fessler 1/16
Ruth Jeffries 1/29



St. John's United Church of Christ

130 S Walnut St

Troy, OH 45373

(937) 335-2028

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 "Lord Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary"

Roger C. Wilson / Bethany Evans, Vocals

***OPENING WORDS** "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."

from Romans 12:10

SONG OF THE MORNING #305 (Red Hymnal)

"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised. God's righteousness endures forever.

People: We come together as a congregation of believers. We give thanks to God with whole hearts.

Liturgist: A sense of awe before God is the beginning of wisdom. All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

People: Holy and awesome is God's name. We call on God to empower our worship.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

God of prophets, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witnesses to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayers and praise. Light your fires within us so we may heed your summons and give our best in your service. Amen.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Brent Adkins: Brent has had surgery and is now in Cardiac Critical Care. His situation is serious.

Wayne and Gretchen Cunningham: Stephanie Strope'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. She is scheduled for surgery on February 15th.

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

Liz Fessler: Liz is improving. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

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.

Glenn Lytle: Glenn is back in the hospital for testing. After, he will return to rehab.

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: Piqua Manor, 1840 High St, Rm 42, Piqua, OH 45356 ***Please note address change**

Carletta Gritzmaker: 2896 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373

Joan Meredith: Lakeview Wing #213, 1567 Garbry Road, Piqua, OH 45356



New Member Exploration Class

Pastor Don is planning a new member exploration class in the new year. The first two meetings will be February 4th & 11th at 9:30am in The Gathering Place. Anyone is welcome to join us. This is an exploration class and not a commitment to become a member of St. John's.

Congregational Meeting

Please plan to join us for our Congregational Carry-In and Annual Meeting today immediately following our worship service. Food is always plentiful, and table service is available if you forgot yours. Beverages will be provided. The meeting will commence right after dessert. You will find the agenda included in the Annual Report, which is available in the narthex.

Giving Statements

The 2023 annual giving statements are now available in the narthex.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Blessing for a New Year"

John Ritter

A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

MORNING PRAYER

Don Crist

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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: Matthew 25:34-40

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 "About Sheep and Goats"

Don Crist

SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus Use Me"

Randy Scruggs & John Thompson / Bethany Evans, Vocals

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

An important way to give thanks to God is through sharing the bounty we have been honored to receive. We can never do enough to earn God's generous blessings. We can only express our gratitude by passing on our gifts. It is a privilege to be able to give.

OFFERTORY "Reverence"

Betha R. Frick

***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)**

By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, we seek to be healing force in our world. May the offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthful and loving behaviors among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

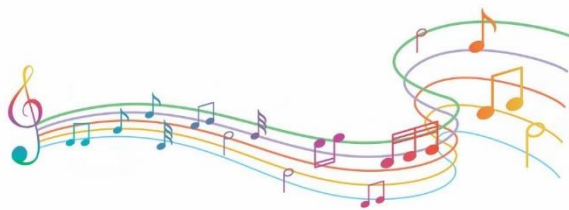
CLOSING HYMN: #314 (Black Hymnal)

“Community of Christ”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Allegro” Arcangelo Corelli

(All Hymns used by permission, CCLI License#11076943)



Thank you *Bethany Evans* for blessing us with your talents!



Please join us next week at 9:30a in the café for Adult Sunday School. The topic will be “The Importance of Being with Friends – Jesus Is Our Friend” with Mike Beamish leading.

God is Still Speaking,

Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 1/21/24 = 24

	General Fund Donations	
Week of 1/21/24	Month of January	Monthly Budget
\$1,222.00	\$2,549.00	\$10,007.16

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.