

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Sharon Wilson

Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

Counters: Mike Beamish &
John Gibbons



May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10a History Team 6p Choir	2 Rummage Sale 4p-8p	3 Rummage Sale 9a-12p	4 Rummage Sale 9a-12p
5 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	6	7	8 10a History Team 10a Mem & Out 4:30p Ministry & Worship	9	10	11
12 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	13 3:45p Christian Ed	14	15 10a History Team 6p Choir	16	17	18
19 Recognition Sunday 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship / Congregational Meeting Following	20	21	22 10a History Team 6p Choir	23 10a Council	24	25
26 9:30a Adult Sun School 10:30a Worship	27 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

April 28, 2024

“Can You Hear Me Now?”



Happy, Happy Birthday!!

Carletta Gritzmaker – 5/1 Erica Wilson – 5/4
Diane Gearheart – 5/5 Kate Arnett – 5/7
John Gibbons – 5/17 Earl Reives – 5/21

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Christ

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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 "Wonderful, Merciful, Savior" Selah

*OPENING WORDS *All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. And, it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God!* adapted from Romans 8

*SONG OF THE MORNING #29 (Red Hymnal)

"Morning Has Broken"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Come to praise God, all you faithful people!
Come, for the Holy Spirit is in the place and offers to draw close.*

**People: Praise to God, who rules over all the earth.
Praise to the Spirit, who is as near as our next breath.**

Liturgist: Mountains and hills, trees, and animals praise God. Let all the rulers of the earth do so as well.

People: God provides abundantly for our needs. God makes of one family all who dwell on earth.

Church News

Join us next Sunday in the café for Adult Sunday School at 9:30am. Mike Beamish will be leading us in the topic "The Surprising Samaritan – What Has That To Do with Me?".

Congregational Meeting

More than a hundred years ago, our forbearers purchased and entrusted to future generations the Carnegie pipe organ which sits at the front of our sanctuary. It was last refurbished in the 1950s, and now needs some attention. To that end, we will meet as a congregation after worship on Sunday, May 19, to discuss its future. As all of who have recently had anything repaired know, replacing and upgrading parts are often costly, and this case is no exception. We are looking at an estimate of \$95,000 to modernize the organ and ready it for generations to come. Please join us for this discussion and decision.

Our Children's Space is located through the door at the front of the sanctuary. 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.

God is Still Speaking,

Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 4/21/24 = 32

General Fund Donations		
Week of 4/21/24	Month of April	Monthly Budget
\$1,200.00	\$10,914.20	\$9,507.00

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

We praise you, O God, and celebrate your presence with us. Your glory fills all heaven and earth, all time and space. Your spirit surrounds us and dwells within us. We are your children. Come to wipe away our tears and comfort us in our distress. Come to heal our divisions and overcome our prejudices. Come, that we might be loved into discipleship. Amen.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:26-40

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.

SONG OF REFLECTION "Where The Spirit of the Lord Is"

(Insert)

SERMON

"Can You Hear Me Now?"

Don Crist

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Holy Spirit"

Francesca Battistelli

Bethany Evans, Vocal

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

God has called us to a ministry of service: water for the thirsty, comfort to those who grieve, healing for ones in pain, acceptance for persons who have not accepted themselves. This is the time to offer our time and strength as well as money, that God's will may be realized among us.

OFFERTORY "Isn't the name of Jesus" Covenant Worship

*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)

Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us- a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #286 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

(Black Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God be with you (Till we meet again)"

By Jeremiah Rankin

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A special thank you to Bethany Evans for our special music today and filling in for our organist!

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Brent Adkins: Brent is now home and improving slowly.

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 recovers from her surgery at home.

Pat Eichhorn: Please pray for Pat, she is ill

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: Please pray for Joyce, she is having health issues.

Glenn Lytle: Glenn is back home following rehab. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Karen Spear: Is recovering from foot surgery

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