

**OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Pastor

Rev. Dr. Peter d.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

January 7, 2024, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Revelation 4:11

\*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8

\*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Lord God, we need you. We cannot exist without you. We cannot have meaningful, fulfilling lives without you. We cannot be your people and serve your people without your presence among us. When our sin leads you to turn away from us in anger, may your grace and mercy overshadow your wrath, so that we may know your compassion. May the saving work of Christ atone for our sin, so that we may know the blessing of your presence in our lives and world. Amen."

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 54:7-8

\*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #623

SPECIAL MUSIC

NEW TESTAMENT (Unison): Acts 17:24-31

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #59

SERMON "Understanding the Beginning"

\*HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" #358

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY (Song of Dedication) #626

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

\*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) 1 Corinthians 1:26-30  
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

\*CLOSING SONG "Majesty" #74

(\* ) If you are able, please stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Gannon will lead this morning's Scripture readings.

We will ordain and install new officers during worship today. Incoming session members are Betty C., Dave D., John D., and Ron W. New deacons are Annette B., Ashley B., Ruth J., and Mary M. Please surround them with your prayers as they lead us to seek and to God's will.

Be sure to thank the following people for their leadership as they step down from their roles on session and deacons. Departing session members are Marcy E., Debbie M., Marcus S., and Mary Rae T. Those who are leaving the deacons are Sherry C., Bonnie E., Nancy K., and Pat W.

The deacons and session will have their annual joint meeting after worship today. The deacons will then continue with their regular monthly meeting.

The Lego Tournament will be held this Saturday. There is still space available for you to invite young creators that you know. If you'd like to come and watch, the most interesting competitions will begin at 11:00.

We will celebrate communion during worship next week.

The Evans City Food Bank is accepting puddings for January.

Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in January our church will be supplying desserts for Southern Butler County Meals on Wheels. About 60 desserts are needed. They do not have to be the same thing. Any questions call or text Linda M. 724-816-2665. I will be happy to deliver any desserts you bring to church on Sunday. Thank you from the clients of Meals on Wheels. P.S. several members and neighbors of Old Union do receive meals.

### Special Prayers of Concern:

Louise S.  
Jim P.  
Josh K.  
Maggie D.  
Ed & Jeanne C.  
Betty L.  
Dolly K.  
Joan T.  
Howard B.  
Josh H.

### Military:

Jeremy H.  
Matthew David M.  
Justin T.  
Scott Ford,  
Major Glen P.  
Will B.  
Jacob H.  
Christian C.  
Ryan W.  
Hunter M.  
Christopher H.  
Arthur B.  
Kevin E.  
Danner C.  
Daniel B.  
Spencer K.  
Luke O.  
Addison D.  
Colton V.