

**OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Shelley Z.

Pianist

Mitchell K.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

February 4, 2024, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 2:3, 5

\*HYMN "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" HS #36

\*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Guilt stalks us, O God. Our failure to live as you desire weighs heavily upon us. The damage that we have caused to other people, to you, to your creation, and to ourselves convicts us. Life at times seems like a choice between beating ourselves up for what we have done or chasing after whatever distraction we can find to ignore our shortcomings. We condemn ourselves more harshly than any tyrant ever could. We come to you, Of God, seeking the freedom that we find in Christ alone. Amen."

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 9:14-15

\*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #622

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Genesis 4:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 15:1-15

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

\*HYMN "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" #334

SERMON "The Buck Stops Here"

\*HYMN "Cleanse Me" #438

**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) #624

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

\*APOSTLES CREED (back cover of hymnal)

\*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing) Isaiah 7:4, 9  
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

\*CLOSING SONG "He Is Lord" #105 (Refrain only)

(\* If you are able, please stand.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ruth G. will lead this morning's Scripture readings.

During worship today we will welcome three new members into our fellowship. Lisa S. joins us from Nixon United Methodist Church, Gloria U. joins us from Valencia Presbyterian Church, and Jonathan K. will be an affiliate member as he also retains his membership at Grace Church in Harmony. Please welcome, encourage, and pray for them.

The deacons and the Christian Education Committee will meet after worship today.

The deacons and session members will meet after worship next week to learn more about their role as flock shepherds.

Old Union Church will host an Ash Wednesday worship service on February 14, together with our friends from Crestview and Plains Presbyterian Churches. The service will begin at 7:00.

Old Union, Crestview, and Plains Churches will share Wednesday Lenten worship services. The services will begin at 7:00 and will last for 30-45 minutes. The first service will be held at Crestview Church on February 21.

Mitchell will conclude his service with us as pianist in July. Please speak with the pastor or choir director if you know of someone who may wish to become our pianist after he leaves.

The Evans City Food Bank is accepting tooth paste and soap for February.

End of the year offering statements are available for pick up in the entry way.

The clients of South Butler Meals on Wheels would like to thank each wonderful baker for a month of delicious treats, and a special thank you to those who delivered them to the church.

Thank you to each person who so willingly baked this month for MOW. This ministry provides meals at a very reasonable cost to people in our community.

Special Prayers of Concern:

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

Mission Co-Workers:

Karla Ann Koll, Costa Rica

Military:

Jeremy H.  
Matthew David M.  
Justin T.  
Scott F.  
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.