

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pianist

Mitchell K.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2024, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 1:4-5

*HYMN "There Is a Fountain" #196

*CONFESSION OF SIN: "O Lord, it is easy for us to believe that we walk the path of life alone. We are tempted to think that there is no one to help us and that no one stands beside us in our times of distress and anxiety. Remind us, Lord Jesus Christ, of your constant presence and of your continuing work on our behalf. Give us the courage to turn to you and trust in you, and not to rely upon our own strength or ability. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:33-39

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #622

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Psalm 47:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:28-39

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #178

SERMON "The One Who Sticks up for Us"

*HYMN "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" #198

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) Colossians 1:10-12
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

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

(*) If you are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gloria U. will lead both the Scripture readings and Children's Time this morning.

Today is "Blanket Sunday," as we receive donations for Church World Service blankets to be distributed to people in need in the US and around the world.

Join us for a fellowship dinner after worship today!

Session will meet tomorrow at 7:00.

This week's Wednesday Lenten worship service will be held at Crestview Community Presbyterian Church at 7:00. Lay pastor Gregg H. will begin our reflection on the Lord's Prayer with the phrase "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name."

The Mars Friday Lenten Lunch this week will be held at Penn Mar Plaza, beginning at noon. The speaker will be Rev. Brian Hauser of the Mars UP Church.

The Helping Hands will meet after worship next week.

Would you like to lend a hand with Junior Church, when the younger members of our church family go downstairs during the sermon? Speak with Jess Semler to learn more.

Old Union will host a one-hour workshop "Fact & Fiction: Hospice, Alzheimer's, and Memory Care" on Saturday March 2 at 10:00. The workshop will be led by hospice chaplain Gary G. and Noralynn M., RN.

The Presbytery is sponsoring a church leadership event on Sunday March 10, 2:00-5:00, at the Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church. The event is free, and you may select two of ten available workshops to participate in. You can find more information in the church lobby.

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.

A friendly reminder: If you have agreed to do Donut Time, you are responsible for setting up the serving table before worship, and cleaning up at the end of donut time. If you have questions, please direct them to Lorene W., Becky G. or Cheryl D. (Worship committee).

Are you interested in becoming Old Union's head soup chef for 2024? More information will be coming about the soup cook-off to be held on April 13, if there is enough interest. Each contestant will be required to serve his/her soup at the cook-off. However, if you would like to enter a soup, but unable to serve it, please indicate that. If you would be interested in being a contestant or willing to help at the event, please let Lorene W., Linda M., or Julie M. know by March 1.

Special Prayers of Concern:

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

Mission Co-Workers:

Presbyterian Peace Making Program

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.