

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 21, 2021

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148, selected verses

*HYMN "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee" #268

*CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison): "Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted. You call us to live in caring community, but we would rather place our own wants and needs first. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 2:17-22

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #622

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Jeremiah 1:4-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 4:6-30, 39-41

CHILDREN'S TIME (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

*HYMN "Standing on the Promises" #271

MESSAGE "Worthy to Serve"

*HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #376

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)

#625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*APOSTLES CREED

(back cover of hymnal)

*BENEDICTION (Closing Blessing)

Psalm 37:3-6

(Response: "...And build each other up.")

*CLOSING SONG

"In His Time"

#465

(* If you are able, please stand.)

Special Prayers of Concern:

Bonnie S.

Louise S.

Carol F.

Peggy M.

Joan T.

Gerry C.

Howard B.

Dolly K.

Rose F.

Geri C.

Josh H.

Mission Co-Workers:

Dan and Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are not vaccinated and have not had COVID, please wear a mask when indoors.

Please welcome Diana Mermon, youth coordinator for Beaver-Butler Presbytery, as our guest speaker.

Today's Thank-Offering Service will be led by members of the Women's Association.

The pastor will return from his week of study leave on Friday.

During worship next week, we will decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree with chrismons, sacred symbols that express the Christian faith.

Our livestream team could use another member! If you would like to help on occasion, please speak with Heather I or Roger W.

Prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve on session, as a deacon, or on the church nominating committee. Speak with Jill M for more information.

We will collect cards for the Christmas card exchange until December 12. Please only include cards for regular attenders, and bundle them in alphabetical order. You will be able to pick up your cards on December 19; unclaimed cards will be discarded after New Years.

Collection bins in the lobby:
Butler High School: personal hygiene and feminine products
Lighthouse: shopping bags

The Evans City Food Cupboard is in need of Christmas cookies, candy and treats for the month of November.

The Christmas Cookie Sale is back on Dec. 11! We need volunteers to help bake at the church OR you can bake your cookies at home. Church baking days will be on Sat. (12/4) and Sun. (12/5) after church. There will be two sign-up sheets—one for bakers and another for cookie orders. Cost for cookie trays (4 doz.) - \$24.00, cookie boxes (2 doz.) - \$12.00. Get your orders in early and before Dec. 5! Direct questions to Linda M or Lorene W.

We will be collecting for the Light House Toy Drive from Nov. 14-Dec. 5. Ages birth to 14 years old want gifts and ages 15-16 years old would like \$25 gift cards. The set up will be displayed in the lobby. Also please give the gift cards to the deacons.

Military:

Jeremy H.
Matthew D.
Justin T.
Scott F.
Frank D.
Michael S.
Glen P.
Will B.
Jacob H.
Christian C.
Ryan W.
Hunter M.
Christopher H.
Arthur B.
Kevin E.
Danner C.
Daniel B.
Spencer K.