

OLD UNION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor

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Mitchell K.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 11, 2024, 11:00 AM

PRELUDE (Time for preparation)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Galatians 1:3-5

*HYMN "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" #508

*CONFESSION OF SIN: "Most merciful Father, you have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him. But we have turned away from you. We have run into temptation, and we have committed the sin that we should have hated. Have mercy upon us, because our hope is in you alone. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior Jesus Christ. Amen."

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 30:4-5

*GLORIA PATRI (Song of Praise) #622

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT (Unison): Psalm 30:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #364

SERMON "During the Three Days"

*HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour" #428

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) from Psalm 30:11-12
(Response: "...And build each other up.")

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

(*) If you are able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leading Worship This Morning:
Scripture Reader: Heather I.
Children's Time: Julie M.

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

Old Union will host a Sunday afternoon church volleyball league, beginning today.

Old Union Church will host an Ash Wednesday worship service this week at 7:00, together with our friends from Crestview and Plains Presbyterian Churches.

The Mars Area Ministerium will hold a Friday Lenten Lunch series, based on the theme of community. Lunch begins at noon with a speaker to follow. This Friday's gathering will be held at the Mars UP Church with Rev. Katie M. of St John Lutheran Church speaking on the theme "In Community with Creation." The full schedule is available in the church lobby.

Next Sunday 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.

We will have a fellowship dinner after worship next week. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

Old Union is joining with Crestview and Plains Presbyterian Churches for a series of Wednesday Lenten worship services focusing on the Lord's Prayer. The series will begin next Wednesday (the 21st) at 7:00 at Crestview Church. The full schedule is available in the church lobby.

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 S. 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 Goerk and Noralynn Mayer, RN.

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.

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:

Jeff & Christi Boyd, Democratic of the Congo

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.