

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

Lord God, thank you for the blessings
you have given us year after year.
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,
to serve you through all the people around us
who are in need. Amen.

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Go Out as God's People in the World

*Closing Hymn No. 320: "I Am Thine, O Lord"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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March 17, 2019

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:

The Rev. Gary M. Brose at 513-260-8230



CHURCH STAFF:

Transitional Pastor: The Rev. Gary M. Brose

Today's Musician: Laura Keesor

Custodian: Tim Klinker

Nursery Attendant: Linda Flowers

Administrative Assistant: Denise Metzger-Kelling

Today's Elder Assisting: Sally Kean

Worship for The Lord's Day

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. March 17, 2019 Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Gathering of God's People

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME: *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)*

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP *(Please sign & pass the black pew pads)*

PRELUDE

*Call to Worship

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

"Come," my heart says, "Seek the face of the Lord." Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise No. 139: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we forget who we are. We don't listen for a still small voice. We walk with our heads down and miss all the stars that could be ours. But we know, O God, that you are a God of Hope who does not forget your covenant with us. A Shepherd-God who looks for lost sheep. A faithful God who keeps calling us in spite of our deafness. A God who enters our history and opens our eyes and heals our blindness. O God, accept us as your stewards and send us out in the hope of your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*ASSURANCE of PARDON

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE NO. 546:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Rev. Gary M. Brose

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41

SERMON: "So That the Blind Will See"

By The Rev. Gary M. Brose

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn of Response (See Insert): "Near the Cross"

Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER LIST: (New prayers should be given to Denise in the Church Office.)

- Sympathies to the family of Joe Conrad (Tami Conrad's brother-in-law), age 66, passed away March 6; Joe leaves behind three sons, Eric (42), Austin (25) and Jeremy (22). Joe was the oldest of his siblings; Jon David, Jackie and Jeff. Joe's father, as everyone knows, is in the nursing home. June (the mom) is still at home and we are especially concerned for her since she is prone to mini strokes. We have asked her to stay with us during this time but she refuses and wants to stay in her home. Pray that she remains strong and healthy during this period.
- Sympathies to Jean Peters & Family on loss of her Grandfather, Billy Eugene Phillips, age 90, who passed on Feb. 12; services were Feb. 18;
- Emily & Brian (Kathy Wallace's friends) – we rejoice with the safe delivery of baby boy, Calvin, on Feb. 18!!!!
- Jane Crawford, (Don's sister-in-law) pre-leukemia/chemo/further treatments/ultimately will need a bone marrow transplant;
- Chris Goldsmith (Beth Thornton's nephew), burned in gas explosion in PA / mid Dec. / expecting 3-4 mth. Hospital recovery;
- Faye Hammond (Betty Gieseck's Mother) was hospitalized with heart related issues / to be transferred to local Nursing Facility for rehab;
- Jerry Joyner (Dee Spaulding's brother-in-law);
- Kela (Shirley Beckner's sister), needs prayer to lift her spirits after having a hard time with back surgery that she had;
- Sherri Kirkbride (Kim Lightle's family member) has 3rd degree burn on her hand that will need a skin graft;
- Ken Mathews, now home after 3rd surgery on Feb. 28 and doing well;
- Larry Mock (Diana's husband), procedure was done 3/26 at Mt. Carmel;
- Winston Page, pancreatic cancer;
- **Praises for Jean Peters, now home after several weeks of rehabilitation!**
- Tom Watt (Lords' friend) spends the winter in FL, has been hospitalized for pneumonia / has to be medically evacuated back to Ohio for rehab;

Congratulations to Shelly Vanko (Grandma) & Joan Mauger (Great-Grandma) on the birth of new grandson, James Vanko (Shelly's son, Tim Vanko's son)!!!

Church Family & Friends with Cancer:

Rich Arasmith, Brenda S., Dale Fry, Paula Hawley, Jim Hess, Micki Mason, Carol P., Winston Page, Kristi Rudolph, Jon Thom

Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers:

Connie & Victor DeRose, Faye Hammond, Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

Olde First News – March 17, 2019

Childcare offered 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.
If you are visiting today, we thank you for your visit and hope you enjoy the
“Welcome Packet” provided by our Church Greeter.

Please call the Office or an Elder for any prayer needs and emergencies. Call the office at 740-927-4796 and leave a message for changes in the weekly prayer list, updates or announcements. PLEASE NOTE: Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship. If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

After Worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall,
for coffee & light refreshments!



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship at 10:45 a.m.

MONDAY: Clogging, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack #4021, (Every Monday), 6-8 p.m.

WEDS: Karate Class, 6:30 to 8 p.m. –

Illumin8 & Adult Bible Study – Every Week, 6-8 p.m.

THURSDAY: Girl Scout Troop 386, 6-9 p.m. (Every Week)

GOOD NEWS CLUB begins Feb. 21 – Mar. 21 at the Pataskala Elementary

FRIDAY: Daisy Troop, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Every other Week)

Next Berean Meeting: Thursday, March 28, Noon in Fellowship Hall



Come & Enjoy the Deacons' Annual Potato Bar, TODAY Following Worship

Giving Totals for Sunday – March 10, 2019: Deacons \$20

Missions: OGHS \$50 / Kroger Community Rewards \$227.04

Pancake Supper \$372 Per Capita \$321.75 Plate \$3,717

Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 plate offering weekly

Feb. 17: 28/\$2,175 Feb. 24: 40/\$3,124 Mar ch 3: 29 / \$3,883 March 10: 32/\$3,717

Remaining ARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

18 Mike Bowlby, Ava Wandersleben

23 Joyce Mathews

27 Catherine Baird, Brian Ladd

29 Brian & Genie Dixon, Larry & Diana Mock

30 Brian Dixon

31 Betty Gieseck



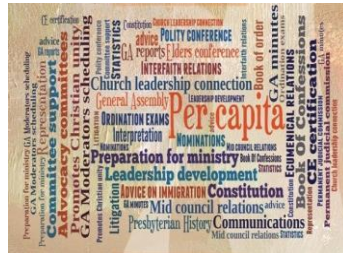
Kroger Community Rewards:

Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to First Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money to your favorite charity every time you use your Kroger card. All you must do is go online to **Kroger.com** and create an online Account if you haven't done so already. Go to the Savings & Rewards Section and choose Community Rewards in the drop-down menu. Sign in. Click on enroll. Search for **First Presbyterian Church-Pataskala** or **PAI28** and enroll. Doing this does not affect your regular Kroger Rewards or Gas Points. And, once you enroll, you no longer have to re-enroll. The more folks we have registered the more money Kroger donates to our church. *This Reward Program helps earn money to support the Local Missions of our Church! Your support is greatly appreciated! If you have any problems, please call Denise Kelling (614-560-6022) or Chuck Long (740-927-6056) for assistance.*



PER CAPITA TIME: The amount per person this year is \$35.75.

You may place your giving in the offering plate or mail to the church. Please mark your checks in the memo as: **Per Capita**. Thank you in advance!



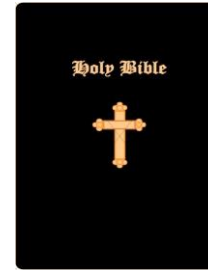
Dear Church Family:

Session accepted the resignation of Jim Boggs, March 12, 2019, with grateful appreciation for his nineteen years of faith-filled service to our church. Jim indicated his decision was not made in haste but was one he has been considering for more than a year.

Jim's service and contributions as clerk of Session, Sunday School teacher, pulpit supply, and Christian friend have touched each of us in immeasurable ways. His knowledge of scripture, his fun teaching "walk through the Bible", his helping hands at Street Fair and VBS have been valued contributions to the life of our church family.

We wish Jim peace and continued spiritual fulfillment as he pursues new directions and seeks God's purpose and plan for his life. In the words of the apostle Paul, "May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit", Jim.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES



Wednesdays, March 13 – April, 17

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY –The Lord's Prayer

Study lasts for six weeks 6: 30 to 7:15 p.m.

Choir Practice to immediately follow.

We will use The Lord's Prayer as a model to renew our understanding and commitment to pray.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunrise Service is at 8 a.m. /Fellowship Hall

Traditional Service is at 10:45 am. / Sanctuary