

First Presbyterian Church of Harrison



**"The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God."
(1 Kgs. 18:39)**

**Deep Roots, Tall Steeple;
Serving Christ, Transforming People
December 29, 2024 - 10:45am**



+ **First Sunday of Christmas** +



WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY VERSE “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14, ESV)

INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 100)

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with Gladness

P: Come into his presence with singing!

L: Know that the Lord, he is God!

P: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

P: Give thanks to him; bless his name

L: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

P: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#62

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before Him and one another:

P: Mighty God, You have been by our side through thick and thin. You have protected us and you lead us. We have not listened and we have not followed your command. Forgive us for turning away from you and leaning on other idols in our life. Help us turn back to you as our one God and savior. We pray all this through the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(time of silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#805

“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.”

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Marilyn Bourquein

*Please stand, if able.

WE HEAR THE WORD

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: Large Print Bibles are available by entrances to the Sanctuary :
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READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 18:20-29 pgs. 279-280

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Glory to the King of Kings” Thompson

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 18:30-40 pg. 280

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “Set the Rain on Fire”

WE RESPOND

*RESPONSIVE HYMN “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” #568

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed #14

Joining our voices with the saints across the ages, let us confess our faith:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #809

“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 OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” #21

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Guest Preacher: Olivia Steuver

Music Director/Pianist: Beth Snape **Audio/Video:** Tom Steuver

Liturgist: Judy Gibbs **Head Usher:** Jeff Gibbs

Ushers: Tim Frenz, Bev Hughes, Phyllis Wolfram

Moments with Children: Marilyn Bourquein



Sunday Morning
Adult Study

We will study the Letter of Jude for the next two weeks. Join us in the Conference Room at 9:30am. We have a great time together! Contact Sean McCauley with any questions.



Notice: Our January **Love Thy Neighbor** mission is our annual **Souper Bowl**. We will be collecting cans of soup to benefit our local organization, Christ's Loving Hands. How many cans can we collect this year? Thank you for your continued generosity in helping area organizations.

From the Desk of Jeff Gibbs, Financial Secretary

Please remember to throw out your old, giving labels from 2024 and use your new 2025 labels! Your number has probably changed and using your old number makes it difficult for the counters and the financial secretary to track your giving.

All active members are encouraged to join us on Sunday, January 12 for our annual **congregational meeting**. This meeting will be for the purpose of electing new church officers, approving the pastor's 2025 terms of call, receiving the 2025 budget, and receiving the 2024 Annual Report. If you have any questions, please contact Clerk of Session, Doug Jones.



Necrology Sunday, the day we remember the members and friends of the church who entered the Church Triumphant in the previous year, will be Sunday, January 5. Be sure to join us in worship as we remember again the Good News of the Resurrection!





Online Giving

Online Giving is available for First Presbyterian Church. Visit our webpage at harrisonpresbyterian.com and click on the GIVE NOW button or scan this QR code. Call the office with any questions.



The Pastor's Bible Study

Bible Study is on Monday evening at 7pm in the Conference Room - and all are welcome! We are studying the book of Exodus. Whether this is the first time or you're an old pro, please join us so we can learn together! (PS—and if you're lucky, there will be some tasty treats too!)

NOTE: No Bible Study on 12/23 or 12/30.

Prayer Warriors Needed!

Please join us on Wednesdays at noon in the library as we pray for our church, our community, our nation and our world.



Our next Bountiful Hearts meal will be on Saturday, **January 4** from 11am – 1pm here at our church. We will need **donations of dessert items**, either homemade or from the bakery/grocery store. Please let Tamela Hinson or Judy Gibbs know if you would like to volunteer; **we also need drivers**. All are welcome for food and fellowship!



Meal Ministry



FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Dec. 29	Dunkin' Donuts
Jan. 5	Bountiful Hearts
Jan. 12	Mary Ellen Watts
Jan. 19	Mindy Sindiong

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

January

4 Foster Harris



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., Dec. 29	Joshua Vacation 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service
Mon., Dec. 30	Joshua Vacation 6:00pm AA Meeting (Classroom 5A) 7:00pm Al-Anon Meeting (Classroom 3B)
Tue., Dec. 31	Joshua Vacation 7:30pm AA Meeting (Classroom 5A)
Wed., Jan. 1	Joshua Vacation Office Closed
Sat., Jan. 4	11:00am Bountiful Hearts (Faith Hall, Kitchen, -ette) 5:30pm AA Meeting (4th grade classroom)

Reminder for next week: January 5th

8:30 am Service

Bob Moul

Setup

Karen Wolff

10:45am Service

Liturgist: Marilyn Bourquein **Head Usher:** Jeff Gibbs

Ushers: Tim Frenz, Ken O'Connor, Mary Tabor

Moments with Children: Lisa Steuver

Communion: Jeff Sindiong (1), Phyllis Pridemore (2), Barry Fury (3), Mary Craft (4), Reta Crone (5), Doug Jones (6)

Communion Setup: **Clean up:** Mary Tabor

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday

Bulletin Deadlines: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Send all bulletin/Evangel items to office@harrisonpresbyterian.com, call the office (367-4301) or drop by the office.

Reminder: the Pastor's Sabbath day is Friday. He is available for emergencies only on that day.



Senior Saints

Shirley Quinn Dick Morris Vivian Talley Sherry Schlager

Prayers For Our Church

Our Missionaries: Warmuths, Garrigans & Joneses;
Marian Brandenburg: doing therapy at Harrison Trails;
Ed Flick: health issues;
Hank & Deb Menninger: have Covid;

Ongoing Health

Needs

Louanna Smith
Arlene Anderson
JoJean Kleinfeld
Fran Myers

Prayers For Others

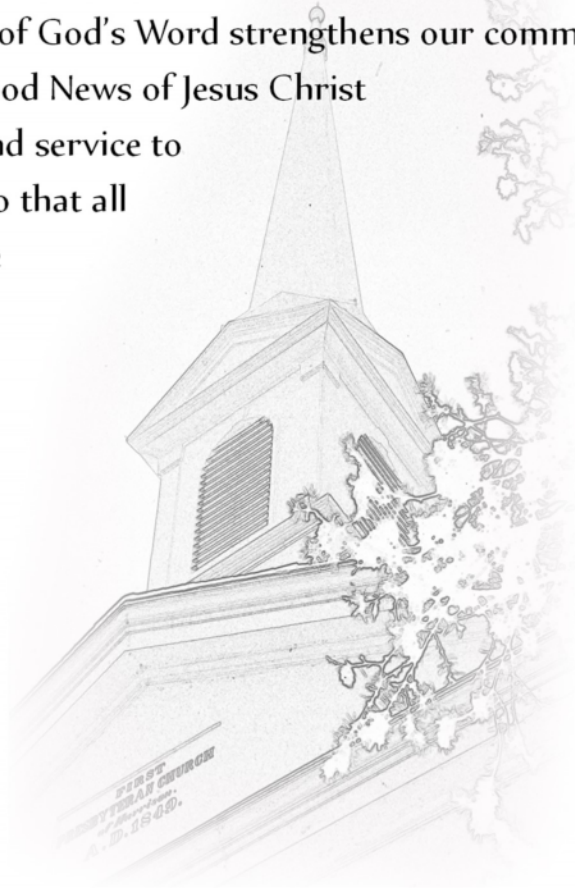
Deb Menninger: for Joey & Hank’s health;
Marilyn Bourquein: for grandson, Kent’s health;
Mary Ann Pickens: for her health and brother, Paul’s health;
Marcia Merse: for husband, George, in hospice care;
For our loved ones with cancer: Jenny Swope, Matt Flury, Mike Cassidy,
Teresa Bishop, Jim Moreland, Yvette Grodi, Mark O’Day;
Joshua Long: for Aunt Linda, who fell and broke her arm and 7 ribs;
Mary Tabor: for little sister, Gloria Knight, g-grandchild born with serious heart issues;
The Troy Family: grieving the loss of Gene’s brother;
JoJean Kleinfeld: for cousin, Phil Teeters, having complications following knee replacement surgery;
Howard Hiler: has stage 4 brain cancer;
Tim Frenz: for bus driver, Mark, having surgery;
Tamela Hinson: for Jax, 4 yr. old who needs brain surgery;
Karl Thiele: for Doug Hartjes, in hospital - could lead to major issues;
Louanna Smith: for DIL, Elaine, had a heart attack;



PRAYER CHAIN CALLS: The Prayer Chain is a group of people who are committed to praying daily for those requesting prayer. This ministry is administered through our Board of Deacons. If you have a prayer request, please contact **Jean Gibbs at (513)715-1048 or (513)207-5419 during the day** or **Phyllis Wolfram 513-367-4578 during the evening.** For two weeks, the people on the chain will pray daily for the person or situation requested.

OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, Ohio is growing in faith by building stronger relationships with God and community through prayer and worship. The reading and understanding of God's Word strengthens our commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through love and service to our neighbor so that all may experience God's grace.



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