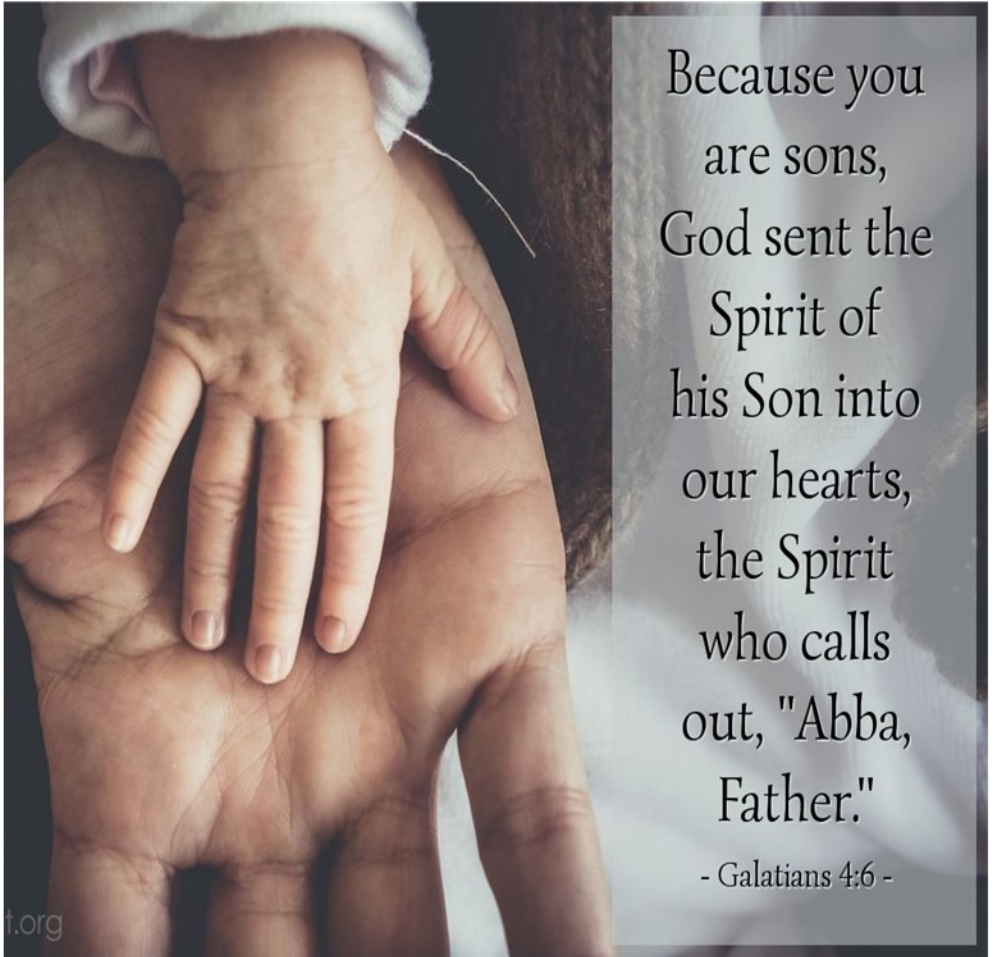


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Because you
are sons,
God sent the
Spirit of
his Son into
our hearts,
the Spirit
who calls
out, "Abba,
Father."

- Galatians 4:6 -

**Deep Roots, Tall Steeple;
Serving Christ, Transforming People
January 12, 2025 - 10:45am**



+ **The Baptism of the Lord** +



WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 100)

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

P: We will serve the LORD with gladness! We will come into His presence with singing!

L: Know that the LORD – He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His!

P: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture!

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him and bless His Name!

P: For the LORD is good! His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations!

L: Friends, we are here to give thanks to God and to give Him praise!

P: Hallelujah! Let us worship Him!

*OPENING HYMN “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” #481

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: As the people of God, let us now confess our sin to Him and to each other:

P: Dear Heavenly Father, we confess that many of us doubt Your goodness. We doubt that You truly love us; we doubt that You have truly forgiven us. We fear Your anger and punishment. At the same time, many of us are living entitled lives. We think that we have earned Your blessings and goodness; we trust more in our own good behavior than we do in Your promises. Forgive us, Lord! Teach us to take our own sins seriously, but also to take the Good News of Your forgiveness and grace just as seriously, so that we may serve You in both humility and freedom. We pray these things in Jesus’ Name, 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

Cherub Choir

*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

2 Samuel 9:1-13 pg. 243

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Galatians 4:1-7 pg. 915

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“For the Sake of the Promise”

WE RESPOND

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

“There is a Redeemer”

Insert ->

*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

“Jesus Paid It All”

#489

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joshua Long

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

Liturgist: Terry Frenz **Head Usher:** Karl Thiele

Ushers: Tim Frenz, Lana Bybee, Judy Gibbs

Moments with Children: Cherub Choir

Library News

Mark your calendar! The next Library Book Club will be held on January 28th. Participants meet from 10am until 12pm in the church library. This is a different kind of book club because each participant selects a book from our library and then reports on it at the next meeting! The book club is open to EVERYONE! If you are interested, contact Phyllis Pridemore.



Young Youth Group

Come and join us for YYG! We meet on Sunday evenings at 6pm. The next meetings will be tonight.



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.



**TWO CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION IS
Today**

Please look for the gold pots at both entrances to the sanctuary to place your monthly donations. If you are not able to make it to a service, please feel free to mail your donation to the church. It goes to a good cause of helping feed the hungry. As always, thanks for your generous donations. ~ *The Mission Committee*



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.



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!)

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.



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.



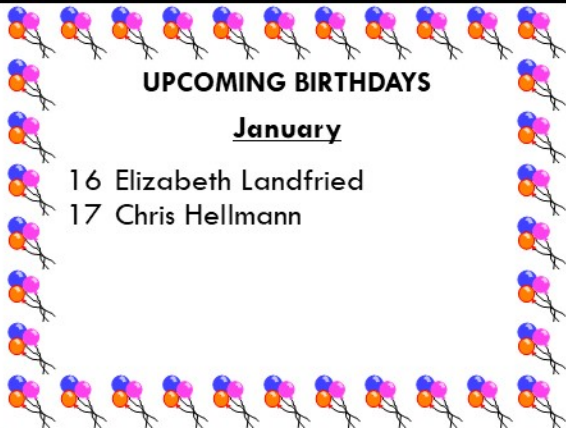
FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Jan. 12	Mary Ellen Watts
Jan. 19	Mindy Sindiong
Jan. 26	Barb Wolf
Feb. 2	Alan & Mona Weiner

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

January

16	Elizabeth Landfried
17	Chris Hellmann



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., Jan. 12	8:30am	Holy Communion Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Worship Service
	12:00pm	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
	6:00pm	YYG (SonRise Hall, Classroom 1B)
Mon., Jan. 13	6:00pm	AA Meeting (Classroom 5A)
	7:00pm	AI-Anon Meeting (Classroom 3B)
	7:00pm	Bible Study (Conference Room)
Tue., Jan. 14	6:30pm	Session (Conference Room)
	7:30pm	AA Meeting (Classroom 5A)
Wed., Jan. 15	12:00pm	Prayer Group (Library)
	6:00pm	Worship & Music Meeting (Library)
	6:00pm	Christian Ed. Meeting (Classroom 5A)
	6:30pm	AOL's Den Meeting (Classrooms 1B & 2B)
	6:30pm	Webelos Den Meeting (Classroom 3B)
	7:00pm	Choir Practice (Music Room)
Sat., Jan. 18	5:30pm	AA Meeting (4th grade classroom)

Reminder for next week: January 19th

8:30 am Service

Deb Menninger

Setup

Karen Wolff

10:45am Service

Liturgist: Bill Gregg **Head Usher:** Deb Frenz

Ushers: Tim Frenz, Phyllis Wolfram, Ken O'Connor

Moments with Children: Bill Gregg

Communion: Judy Gibbs, Deb McCane, Erwin Hein

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



All active members are encouraged to join us today after the 10:45 service 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.



Senior Saints

Shirley Quinn Dick Morris **Vivian Talley** Sherry Schlager

Prayers For Our Church

Our Missionaries: Warmuths, Garrigans & Joneses;

Marian Brandenburg: recovering at home;

Ed Flick: health issues;

Sarah Scherzinger: getting tubes in her ears;

Linda Hellmann: having surgery on Jan. 14th;

Tom Steuver: knee surgery on Jan. 30th;

Wayne Brown: having a surgical procedure soon;

Joy Riegel: recovering from a fall;

Monthly Prayer Focus: Our Church & Presbytery as we negotiate dismissal;

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, Mark O'Day, Howard Hiler;

Mike Westrich: needs a liver transplant;

Keith Gunter: has pneumonia;

Jeff Anders: for father, Jerry, recovering from fall and moving soon;

Tracy Anders: for brother, Jeff, recovering from pancreatic surgery;

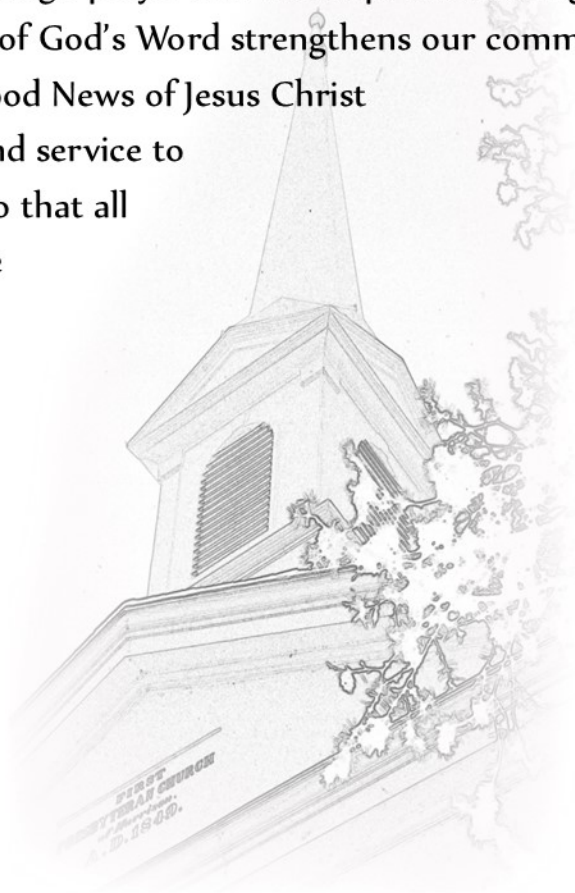
Gloria Minges: for health issues;



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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