

Youth Sunday
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

February 11, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name

Welcome

Kaiya Millirons

Prelude - *O God Beyond All Praising* - Callahan

Call to Worship

Kennedie Ward

We seek the light but have long lived in the darkness. Bring your light, O Lord.

Help us be ready to receive that light!

Come to the shining presence of Jesus. Receive healing and hope.

Lord, our lives are ablaze with your love and healing power. Praise be to you, O Christ!

AMEN.

Opening Hymn 128** - *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

Invocation

Cammie Barker

The darkness of winter has been our companion, Lord. Now the days are lengthening. Bring your light to us, that we might see your glory and may work for you, offering hope and peace to this world. We ask this, in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 50:1-5 (Old Testament 519/491)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

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.

God's Word for Young Disciples

Lucy Benson, Kennedie Ward, Cammie Barker

Anthem - *The Fire* - Deb Jackson

Katie Walker, Kennedie Ward (dancers)

Scripture Reading - Psalm 34:1-10 (Old Testament p. 508/480)

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Sermon

Elliote Barker, Lilah Wagner

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn of Response 451 - Be Thou My Vision**

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - Fairest Lord Jesus - Diane Bish

(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew.)

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.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Chad Wagner

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Closing Hymn 701 - When We All Get to Heaven**

Benediction - The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Peter Lutkin

Postlude



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God

in loving memory of her parents, Paul and Florence Jones, and brother, Don Jones, by Carol Lewis;

in loving memory of Lynn Schrier, by Cynthia Schrier and family.

Service Music: Epworth Choir; Phil Lantry, piano

Music: One License A-731491

CHURCH NOTES

Ash Wednesday Worship: Join us here at First Church for our ecumenical Ash Wednesday service **THIS Wednesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m.** Pastor Joy Fenton-Jones will be preaching.

Lenten Study: "Bend" is the name of the ecumenical Lenten study which will be led by the pastors of the Church Square churches. The classes will be held at Pilgrim UCC (on Broad Blvd.) on Mondays at 7 p.m. beginning on February 19. Please call the church office to sign up.

Preston Spring Break Backpacks: We are bringing back the tradition of providing lunches for 60 children at Preston Elementary School during their Spring Break starting the week of March 25. You can help by providing food products to place in these bags. Our Preston Backpack Board will be in the Breezeway starting February 11, and we request that all items be returned by March 10 so the children at ROCK can pack the bags on the 17. Feel free to take a tag or more and help us. Drop off your items in the tote behind the Welcome Center.

Acme Receipts: The Acme Cashback program is about to wind down, but continue to save your receipts dated through February 15! This is an easy way to help fund the projects that are done at Henderson Settlement in June.

Hats, Gloves, Scarves Mission: We are asking for new or gently-used gloves/mittens/winter hats, scarves, or new socks. The donation table is located across from the church library. Items may be left there, or if the line is empty, please feel free to bag the items, then place them directly outside on the line.

Weekday Christian Preschool Registration Open: We offer a Christian preschool program for children who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old by September 30, 2024. The program is state licensed and staffed with degreed lead teachers and trained teachers' assistants. We believe that learning takes place through discovery and play. Each classroom environment is child led and teacher facilitated. Our main objective is to foster a positive self-image in each child while nourishing their social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. We have both half and full day classes. Please call 330-923-5243 for more information.

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MINISTERS & STAFF:

Forrest Waller & Donna Curfman

HOSPITALIZED:

Bill Blank – Akron General

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Mary Griest
Bob Ahonen	Lee & Sharon Minier
Debbie Amundsen	Kathi Sawyer
Glenn Atwood	Martha Shoults
Jim Beebe	Karen Taucher
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Ken Tunstall
Linda Demeter	

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Robin Ruth and family on the death of her grandson, Kei Nell on 2/1.

Harvey and Nockengost families on the death of their mother and grandmother, member Edna Harvey on 1/30.