

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

LITURGIST: Christopher Williams

PRELUDE *Trumpet Voluntary, Larghetto* John Bennett

**WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING THE PEACE**

INTROIT *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 105:1-5, 17*

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

One: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

All: He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

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***HYMN #305** *"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"* Darwall's 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION (liturgist)

As the Scots Confession reminds us, "The children of God fight against sin; they sob and mourn when they find themselves tempted to do evil; and, if they fall, rise again with earnest and unfeigned repentance. They do these things, not by their own power, but by the power of the Lord Jesus, apart from whom they can do nothing." Our Lord stands ready to forgive; come, let us confession our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy Lord, you give us your dreams, but still we prefer our idle musings. You give us your protection, but still we scratch and claw at every perceived threat. You have given us roots that will let us blossom and grow, but still we yearn to wander. You offer us hope, but still we choose to dance with despair. Forgive us these sins, remove our debts, and let your grace overwhelm our lives once again.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE *Spirit, Open My Heart*

DECLARATION OF PARDON (responsive) *Psalm 105:42-43*

One: The Lord has remembered his holy promise. He has brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Hymnal Page 582*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 37:1-11*

SERMON *"A Legacy of Dreams"*

ANTHEM *Any Dream Will Do* Andrew Lloyd Weber
Zachary Ortego, solo

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (see insert)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say "debts")

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory *Prelude* Johann Caspar Simon

***Doxology (Unison) Hymn #606**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #315** *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"* New Dimensions

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Know That God Loves You* Carson Cooman

POSTLUDE *Close Every Door* Andrew Lloyd Weber



Venmo

PRAYERS: All those adversely affected by war and all acts of violence, all victims of hate crimes, Miranda Douglas, Kat Nic, Scarlet Gensler-Nic, Lyn Long, Marcy St. John, Linda Myers, Ken Oman, Scott Muellich (relatives of Scotty Huntington), Anna Beeker's parents, Jenny Breyer (niece of Mary Clarke), Mahmoud & family, the LGBTQIA+ Community, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, those picking up and trying to recover from surgery and loss.

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A "More Light" Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



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IT'S A SURPRISE!

Centennial Card Shower

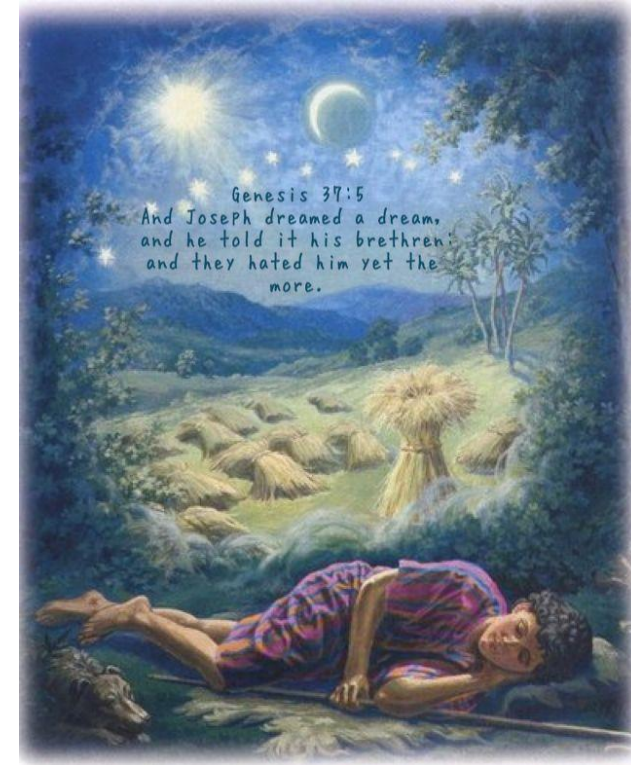
Bette Nelson, mother to our very own Donna Nelson-Beene, is turning 100 years old (!!!) on Wednesday, January 22. Though she lives in Wisconsin, she watches our services every single week and, undoubtedly, prays for us even more often. To celebrate her, we're

holding a card shower. The only request is to make sure you identify yourself clearly (i.e., "I'm a friend of Donna's from church") so she has context for all these cards. Cards can be sent to:

Bette Nelson
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Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
2. Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
3. Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

In the Midst of New Dimensions

1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways, who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways? **Refrain**

Refrain: **God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, we your people, our the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.**

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions, and despair, who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? **Refrain**
3. As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes, grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. **Refrain**
4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young, each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. **Refrain**
5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain, may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. **Refrain**

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Week of Jan. 19 thru Jan. 26

SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service w/ordination/installation officers
	4:00	p.m.	Girl Scouts (Green Lounge)
	7:00	p.m.	Meditation/Recovery Group (Green Lounge)
MONDAY			OFFICE IS CLOSED
	4:30	p.m.	Kindred Spirits Circle in Library
TUESDAY	1:00	p.m.	Book Group (Green Lounge)
	8:00	p.m.	A.A. (FH)
WEDNESDAY	9:00	a.m.	Sorting Clothes in the Deacons' Shop
THURSDAY	9:30	a.m.	Deacons' Shop is open to the public
			Staff meeting in Pastor Jeff's office
	6:00	p.m.	Bell choir rehearsal (Bell Room)
	7:00	p.m.	Choir rehearsal
	7:00	p.m.	Meditation Group (FH)
SUNDAY	10:00	a.m.	Worship Service
	1:30	p.m.	League of Women Voters (FH)

Ushers are needed for January and February. Anyone can usher! You can sign up in Fellowship Hall, or email sudunn@gmail.com. It's a great way to meet and chat with people!

Kindred Spirits Circle will meet on **Monday, Jan. 20th at 4:30 pm** in the Library at the church. Linda Smith will lead the lesson on air quality.



I-75 Youth Group - The **I-75 youth group** will be meeting **Feb. 22 at Christ Church** in Toledo. This youth group meeting will start at 10am and we will be building beds for kids that need them. The youth will do all the building with a group called "Build a Bed ". Besides the meeting the I-75 Youth Group will also welcome donations of twin sheet sets or twin quilts (new or handmade) but not necessary to the project. If interested in coming please let Amanda know by Feb. 17th.

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Profession of Faith (Pastor and Officers)

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith: (responsively)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions (Pastor and Officers)

Anne, Christina, Lisa, Scotty, Ellyn, and Libby, in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now you are called by God through the voice of the Church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name. In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

(For Ruling Elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

(For Deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

To the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept Anne, Christina, and Lisa as ruling elders and Scotty, Ellyn, and Libby as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Closing Prayer