

# Union First Presbyterian Church

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BLESSED

are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the  
law of the LORD.

PSALM 119:1-2

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are those who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart.

February 12, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Reverend Diane Flynn, Minister

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director  
& Pianist

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

**we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Let us worship God!**

MORNING PRAYER

\* Hymn of Praise #57 CLH "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (Verses 1-3, 6)

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and most merciful God, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We rebelled against your wisdom and have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion. Filled with your mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our cares. Hear our sorrows. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

\* Passing of the Peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "Blessed be Your Name"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 119:1-8

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON "You are Blessed"

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\* OFFERTORY

\* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn #297 CLH "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

\* BENEDICTION

\* Response #333 PH "Seek Ye First" (verse 1 only)

\* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Diane Flynn can be reached by calling/texting 412-997-0642 or by e-mail at [revdcflynn@gmail.com](mailto:revdcflynn@gmail.com).

**Coffee Hour** – Today following worship.

**Session Meeting** – Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Choir Practice** – Wed., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Shrove Tuesday Dinner** - Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

**Ashes to Go** – Wed., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00am – 9:00am.

**Worship Committee Meeting** - Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**Ashes to Go – Wed., Feb. 22nd at 7:00am – 9:00am. Sponsored by the Worship Committee** - The marking of ashes on one's forehead with the sign of the cross is an ancient sign of penitence. It has become a custom practiced at the beginning of Lent as a reminder that we are dust and it turns our attention to the power of God and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives. The offering of ashes became an optional practice as part of our denomination's Directory for Worship in the mid-1970's.

Join Rev. Flynn and others as she administers ashes in the church parking lot to commuters as an outreach to the community. The ashes we receive in the morning are to remind us throughout the day of our need for God, who meets us not just in worship, but in the midst of life. Moreover, it offers those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others on a busy Wednesday the opportunity to remember their faith.

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If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please provide your information by Wednesday morning to Jan Cannon at 724-494-9382 or by e-mail at [djccannon@yahoo.com](mailto:djccannon@yahoo.com).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 15 – Debbie Snyder

Feb. 18 – Marlow Foust

Feb. 17 – Garrett DeBacco

- Ella Douglas

- Phyllis Krieger