Today's Children's Lesson: Preparing for Advent: Our Future Hope
As we begin November's theme, *Preparing for Advent*, we turn to Revelation 22 and the Bible's final vision of God's promised future. Scripture reminds us that Jesus Christ is victorious, God is faithful, and all creation will ultimately be restored.
This promise gives Christians hope even in difficult times. We do not know when Jesus will return, but we can trust the One who has promised to make all things new.

As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, we remember that the child born in Bethlehem is also the risen Savior who will return. May we live faithfully, serve lovingly, and share the hope of Jesus with our neighbors.

Building relationships and connecting with others is important to us! We want to stay connected with those who virtually stay connected with us and also those who we see on a regular basis! If you could please scan the QR code above and complete the quick form, it would greatly help us as we update our contact information. Even if you believe we may have your information, please complete as we are cross checking what we have in Power Church. We thank you for all of your time, commitment, and support to First West!

We are so excited to share that we are now streaming our 10:45AM service in multiple locations of the church. For those of you with little ones, you can always catch the service LIVE on the television in the nursery located on the first floor. Also, the service is LIVE in the fellowship hall downstairs on the big screen. Also, our youth leaders have access to the service on a television in our Christian Education wing upstairs.

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235 N. Fourth St., PO Box 580, Steubenville, OH 43952
Phone: (740) 282-4591 Fax: (740) 282-4592
10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott November 1, 2026

PRELUDE Denise Truax

GATHERING SONG "Oceans" (see insert) Glory Dami & Erik Lucas

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP James 1:19

HYMN "For All the Saints" see insert/#526

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Friends, believe the Good News
RESPONSE: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12
1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are
those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will
inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for
they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed
are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for
the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you
when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON "Take a Breath" Rev. Jason Elliott

SPECIAL MUSIC Erik Lucas

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETERS THIS MORNING: Easton and Family

CHANCEL FLOWERS Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of My Loved Ones by Ruth Stevens. If you'd like reserve chancel flowers in honor or memory please call church office 740-282-4591. Flowers are $35 per vase.

MISSION CANS- This week's mission donations will go to Pastor's Discretionary.

EDGE GOLF will be starting mid-November. Grades 1-4 will have a 4-week session and grades 5-8 will have a 6-week session. Call church to register 740-282-4591.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall downstairs (GAR).

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN & WOMEN is held weekly from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Café.

MEAL TRAIN Join our chain of members to share the love with a hot meal to our First West family in a time of need, loss, illness or surgery. We'll use mealtrain.com to organize and inform. Call the church to sign up 740-282-4591.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING SERVICE will be held next Sunday, Nov. 8th. Our guest speaker will be Alisa DelGuzzo, the newly appointed Exec. Director of the Ohio Valley Health Center. We will also be honoring Veterans at this service

NEW MEMBERS will be received at worship service on Sunday, Nov. 15.

BAPTISM WITH POOL PARTY/PIZZA will be held Sunday, Nov. 15th12:30 – 2:30 pm. All of our youth are invited to attend. Don't for

MITTEN TREE us up in the sanctuary until Nov. 29th and ready for us to decorate with our mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks to benefit our area school children. Thank you for helping to keep all "our littles" warm!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We're again participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes are available to fill with gifts like toys, education, health items and will be shipped to children in lesser developed countries. Each child and family then will have the opportunity to Hear the Good News of The Gospel from a Samaritan's Purse staff member. Over 244 million boxes have been sent to 175 countries since 1993. Last day for collection of boxes is Sun. Nov.15. More info is in each box or online at Samaritan's Purse/ Operation Christmas Child.org or call the Church. Thank you & have fun!

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES- ***Birthdays:*** Bianca Tarquinio (11/1), Kimberly Stover (11/3), Bryan Rupert (11/4), Brynn Bednar (11/5), Evaley DeGarmo (11/5), Michelle Timmons (11/5), Mila Timmons (11/5), Liviah Cook (11/6)

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