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10:45AM Rev. Jason Elliott

**November 23, 2025** 

Parker Ryals

## PRELUDE WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Ephesians 2:8

**HYMN** "Hear the Good News of Salvation" see insert/#355

**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** Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**SERMON** "I Will Sing" Rev. Elliott

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Goodness of God" (lyrics on back of prayer list) Kayla Renner, Kendall Buchanan, Chase Corrigan, Isaiah Ramsey (Erik Lucas & Glory Dami)

\*BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL

### Love God. Love Others.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Chancel Flowers Today</u> Both of our vases today are given in loving memory of Andrew "Sonny" Kerr by his family.

<u>Mission Cans-</u> This week our mission cans will go to Soles4Christ.

<u>Hanging of the Greens-</u> Today after service we will be decorating our church. We would love your help decorating for this special season!

Next Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> will be the first Sunday of Advent We will light the first candle of the Advent Season. Advent devotionals will be available for the adults, and Advent pop-up calendars will be available for the youth.

<u>Wednesday Bible Studies</u> Men's Study is at 10:00 am. Bible Study for ladies and men is at 7:00pm. We hope you will join us!

<u>Our Marion Wintringer Mitten Tree</u> is up being decorated with store bought and handmade hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks to help keep our area youth warm.

<u>Poinsettias</u> If you would like to order a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the form in the bulletin. The poinsettias will be displayed at the Christmas Eve worship service. You will be able to take your poinsettia home with you after the service. The cost of each plant is \$10. Order forms need to be turned to the offering plate or sent to the office by December 7, 2025.

<u>Children's Cantata & Christmas Party for All</u> Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> the youth will present the Cantata during worship service. After service, we'll all go downstairs for the party. Please bring cookies or a dessert to share.

Session will meet here Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

<u>Ohio Valley Corale Conce</u>rt will present their 2025 Christmas Concert here Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm under the direction of Erik Lucas. The public is invited.

<u>Steubenville Performing Arts Collective</u> will present Handel's Messiah Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The public is invited.

Candlelight Christmas Service will begin at 4:00 pm. On Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025.

<u>First West Golf League</u> 16 week league, 2 man/ woman scramble. <u>Register by Nov. 23.</u> Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> start date. Call the church 740-282-4591 or George Kuntupis 740-632-4253 to register or for more information.

<u>East Garfield Elementary School's</u> fundraiser to benefit the students goes until Dec.3. We're selling cookies & baked goods online, delivered in time for Christmas. Please use the following link: Store.myfundraisingplace.com. See Cherie Ramsey for any questions. Thank you!

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week - Birthdays: Maelynn Lester (11/27), Joshua Brown (11/28), Hayden Taylor (11/29), David Hindman (11/30), Feran Lovano (11/30), and Niko Nemeth (11/30).