

Immediately

they left.....

and followed him

Matthew 4:22

First Evangelical and Reformed Church

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Sunday School – 9:00 am
Worship Service – 10:15 am

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January 18, 2026

PRELUDE: “Lead On O King Eternal” Franklin Ritter

WELCOME

HYMN: “Faith Is the Victory” Hymnal#453
AKA: “Encamped Along the Hills of Light”

HYMN: “What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” Hymnal #410

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” Albert Peace

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:1-10

SERMON: “Faith Produces Eternal Rewards”

HYMN: “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” Hymnal #48

BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: “Go Forth for God” Robert J. Powell

Serving You This Week:

Pastor
Organist
Secretary

Rev. Ed Rinehart
Charles Chevront
Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Kevin Cheney, Mike Lautzenheiser, Missionary James Reynolds, Tom Clutter, Connie Ryan, Anna Grossi, Shannon Russell, Ted Coon, Phillip Butler, Diane Figley, Rob Hyter, Tiffany Smith, Shelia Coon, Christian, Trey, Jordan, Matteo (surgery) and 5 unspoken prayer requests.

Life Situations: Pray for persecuted Christians worldwide. Pray for healing for the above-mentioned individuals. Pray for wisdom, godliness and safety for our country's leaders and law enforcement. Pray for the safety of our children in schools, for the homeless and for people with addictions and their families.

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;” (Colossians 4:2)

Shut-In of the Week: Joy Hadding is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is 1091 E. Bluelick Road, Lima, Ohio 45801.

Bible Trivia: According to Psalm 4, why can we lie down and sleep in peace? (*Hint: Psalm 4:8*)

- a) The angels are surrounding us
 - b) The enemy must depart from us
 - c) God is guarding our dreams
 - d) God makes us dwell in safety
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Pondering: Does desiring intimate knowledge of the Lord and love for your brothers and sisters in Christ fuel your devotional life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2026. It will follow the worship service. All members are urged to attend. Our annual directory, as well as our 2025 Tithing statements, will be available. In case of inclement weather, the annual meeting moves to January 25.

Officers up for Re-election:

Elder: Ted Coon
Trustees: Paul Offenbacher and Chris Hoff
Deacons: Melissa Grapner and Julie Monfort



The SOUPER BOWL is back. We will be collecting soup and crackers to be donated to CUP. If you want to donate money, please give your donation to Jeff Grapner and he will shop for you. The Souper Bowl will run from January 4th to February 8th, 2026.

Our goal is to collect 500 cans. This includes crackers and Ramen noodles. You may bring your donations to the church during this time. Thank you for caring for the needy in our area.

Stay tuned for the “*Souper Bowl*” Sunday luncheon! More information to come!

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.” Proverbs 19:17

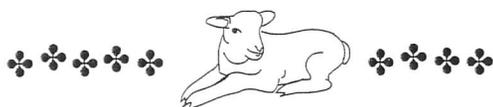
Giving Statements for 2025 are available. They are in alphabetical order and you will find them on the table near the sanctuary.

Tithing envelopes are also ready for pickup. Remember that the new box starts in March of 2026. Continue using your current box until February 22, 2026.



Bible Study Reminder: Our 12-week study started January 13. It is at 7 PM. The title is “Climbing the Spiritual Mountain Trail: From Basecamp to Invitation of Others.” It takes place at Alicia’s house, and the address is 741 Kingswood Drive, Lima, OH 45804.

Member Update: Regina Bailey currently resides at 1650 Allentown Road, #202, Lima, OH 45805. Feel free to send her cards, letters or visit her at this address.



Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths
straight.



Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV