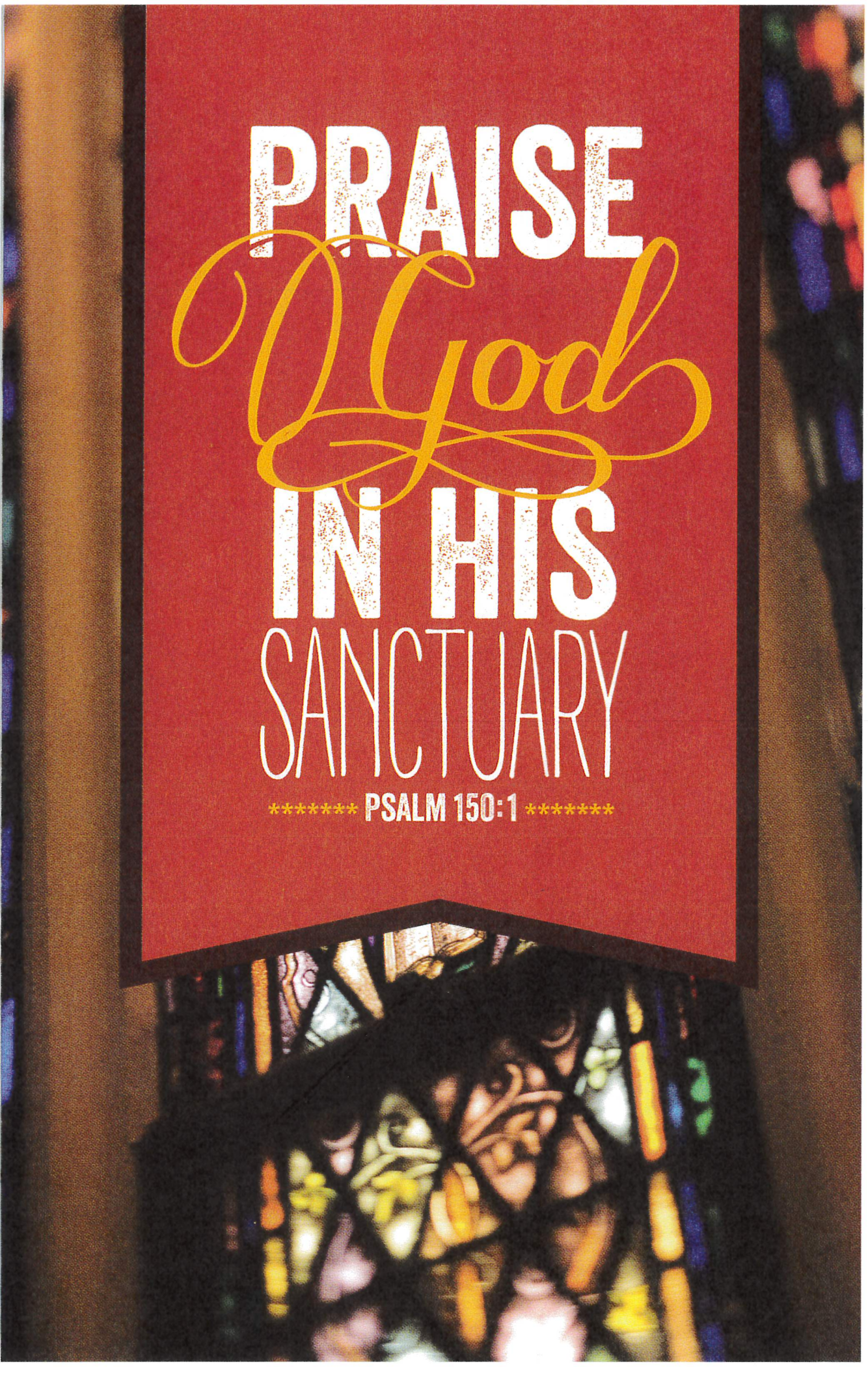

PRAISE
God
IN HIS
SANCTUARY
******* PSALM 150:1 *******

First Evangelical and Reformed Church

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November 1, 2026

PRELUDE: "Prelude on an Early American Hymn Tune: The Church's Desolation" Edward Broughton

WELCOME

HYMN: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Hymnal #546

HYMN: "All to Jesus I Surrender" Hymnal #393

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Robert J. Powell

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: TBA

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:37-47 and Acts 6:1-7

SERMON: "The First Rule of Discipleship: Get Along with Each Other!" Rev. John Hyter

HYMN: "To God Be the Glory" Hymnal #35

BENEDICTION: "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE: "All Saint's Triumphant, Raise the Song"
Richard Blake

Serving You This Week:

Guest Speaker	Rev. John Hyter
Organist	Charles Cheuvront
Secretary	Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Missionary James Reynolds, Paul & Melissa Busick's Prison Ministry, Scarlet Rettig, Tom & Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Mike Lautzenheiser, Connie Ryan, Rob Hyter, Sheila Coon, Christian, Tessa Money, Remy Hefner, Marisha Collier, Kameyan Campos, Charles (Jill's Dad), Karen, Anna, Don, Ruth Ann Russell, Randall Allen, Jr., Jill Thomas, Sue Jamison, Dennis Gladfelter, Danielle McNamara King, Jennifer Lewis, Keith McGloughlin, Alicia Moor, Joe Moor, the family of Tom Moneer and Cletus Hawk.

Life Situations: Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing our new Pastor to us. Grant him wisdom and courage to preach your Word faithfully and grant his family deep peace during this transition. Unite our hearts together and guide us as we serve You. Amen.

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen (Philippians 4:19, 20 NIV)

Shut-In of the Week: Sarah Moneer is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, 310, Lima, OH 45801.

Pondering: Some lies sound reasonable. Without God's Word, feelings begin to define truth. Culture begins to define right and wrong. But when God's Word lives within us, we learn to recognize the difference between what merely sounds true--and what God has actually said. "Satan's greatest weapon is man's ignorance of God's Word." *A. W. Tozer*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For November, **CUP** would like donations of **deodorant**. **CUP** can also use plastic grocerybags. Thank you for your generosity!

Our **Gathering Meal** is today following the worship service downstairs in the fellowship hall. Please join us. All are welcome.

The next Ladies Aid meeting is November 4, at 1 PM here at the church for fellowship and dessert. **Volunteers are needed to make desserts**. Please call Pat if you can help out in this way. 419-222-6700 or 419-371-1505.

On November 15, we will be collecting our **Thank Offering** donations. Envelopes will be provided in your bulletin. This year's collection will go to Samaritan House and the Lima Rescue Mission. Your generosity is appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due November 15.

The November ***Informer Newsletter*** has been released by email. If you do not have email, you can pick up a copy off the table near the entry door.

Additional Prayer Request! Almighty God, prepare our hearts and minds as we head toward voting. We express gratitude for our religious freedom and the right to vote. Empower us to make decisions rooted in the ways of Jesus rather than the ways of the world. Give us wisdom and discernment as we cast our votes. May we be reminded that the candidates we vote for are ***not*** our savior but that You are the bringer of the heavenly kingdom, and our ultimate hope rests in You. We commend this nation for your care. Amen.

Christmas Tree Festival - This year, the theme of our tree is "Snowflakes, One of God's Miracles". Margaret Lewis and her sister, Nancy Halsey, have made crochet snowflakes and many other kinds of snowflake themed items to decorate our tree.

Be sure to stop by the Allen County Museum Christmas Tree Festival, December 2 - 6 and vote for our tree. The Museum is located at 620 W. Market Street, Lima, Ohio. Hours are 10 AM - 5 PM, M-F. Extended hours on Friday from 10 AM - 8 PM and Sunday hours from noon to 5 PM.

Thank you, ladies, for all your planning and ornament crafting.



On Sunday, September 13, Craig Kittock, an applicant for our Pastor position, was our guest speaker. On September 20 at our Congregational meeting, the church voted to hire Craig Kittock as our new part-time pastor.

He attended Indiana Wesleyan University in 2021 and finished in July of 2025 with a Bachelor of Science degree in "Mission Driven Leadership." His credentials are through the CCCC. Craig comes to us with experience as an associate pastor, leader in youth ministry and served on a pastoral care team.

The Pastor and his family come from Parkston, South Dakota. Craig and his wife, Melodie, have four children: Abbygail, Ezra, Joziah and Meleigha. We do not have an arrival time yet as he needs to move his family.

Please welcome the Kittocks into our congregation. We look forward to many happy years under Craig's leadership.

Chiles-Laman Funeral home is doing their 36th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service and Open House on Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 1 PM to 2 PM at the Shawnee Chapel, 1170 Shawnee Road in Lima. Call 419-228-5474 for a reservation or to order an ornament.

If you lost a loved one this year, you might be interested in this. Please see the flier on the bulletin board for more information.

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"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

—Luke 18:16



"Today, I am a Christian because I gave my life to Jesus. I am very happy and thankful to Jesus and to Operation Christmas Child for the joy and peace in my heart."

—Salma, 14, from Senegal