



Rejoice...

*great
is your
reward
in heaven*

First Evangelical and Reformed Church

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“Open Hearts, Open Doors”

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Doors Open – 8:45 am
Sunday School – 9:00 am
Worship Service – 10:15 am

Church Website:
www.firstchurchoflima.com

Sunday, October 26, 2025

THE PEALING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: “Abide with Me”

Robert G. Hubbard

WELCOME

HYMN: “To God Be the Glory”

Hymnal #35

OFFERTORY: “We Thank Thee, Lord”

Hudson Howell

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: “How Can I Say Thanks”

Hymnal #23

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:3-14

SERMON: “Thanksgiving and Prayer, The Preeminence of Christ”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymnal #3

APOSTLE’S CREED

BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: “A Mighty Fortress”

Kevin Hildebrand

Serving You This Week:

Pastor
Organist
Secretary

Rev. Ed Rinehart
Cathryn Nihiser
Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Karen Kaufman, Betty Carr, Angela Striff, Kevin Cheney, Nancy Strouss, Mike Lautzenheiser, Missionary James Reynolds, Tom Clutter, Jamie Lewandowski, family of Carol Freed, Connie Ryan, Rich Grossi, Anna Fraley and Shannon Russell.

Life Situations: Pray for the safety of our families, for all seeking public office to have or come to the saving knowledge of knowing Christ and wisdom to know God's heart and direction.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Shut-In of the Week: Betty Carr is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is 465 Partridge Court, Lima, OH 45806.

Bible Trivia: Which apostle was a Roman citizen? (*Acts 22:25*)

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| a) Matthew | b) Stephen |
| b) Paul | d) John |
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Pondering: When I consider the works of His hands, I am overwhelmed. He is holy and He set me apart and sustained my life. He created a way for me to know Him personally. All glory, honor, and power belong to Him.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven, and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten 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 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 One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

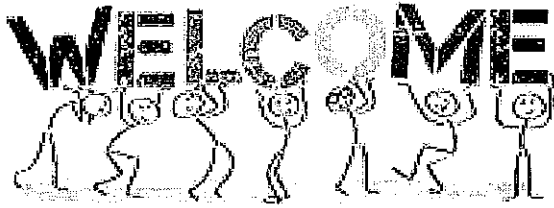


Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the lobby. Favorite items to pack could be school supplies, drawstring bag, puzzle, washcloth, toothbrush, comb, hair clips, socks, sunglasses, hats, gloves, ball, jump rope, stuffed animal.

Do NOT include soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, glass containers or aerosol cans. Do not secure your box with a rubber band. If your box doesn't close, it is too full of your kindness! Please make sure your items easily fit in the shoebox.

Labels are included with the shoebox to designate the box for a girl or boy and their age. Don't forget to enclose the suggested \$10 donation per box to help with shipping and handling. You can donate online if you want to track your box and still bring your gifts to church. You can also build a box online. Be sure to let me know if you participated through the OCC website to be counted with our group. Please bring your shoeboxes to the church by November 16th!

Thank you for sharing God's love. Shannon Rapp



Welcome back, Rev. Ed Rinehart! Ed is our new interim Pastor. Many of you already know him, because he was our 18th pastor and he served at First Evangelical from 2005 - 2014.

During that time he worked closely with the Trustees to oversee the new addition of the building, the Handicap Accessibility Project.

His wife's name is Jodi and they have two grown children, Dietrich and Hannah.



For the month of **October**, CUP is asking for donations of **soap or bodywash**. Thank you for your generosity to the needy in our area.

DONATING YOUR IRA DISTRIBUTION! If you need to take your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and do not need it to live on, consider donating your IRA distribution to a charity. Please see the reference sheets at either entrance for your information.

The next **Ladies Aid** meeting is Wednesday, November 5, here at the church. There will be dessert and fellowship at 1 PM. If you would like to volunteer to bring the dessert, please contact Pat Offenbacher, 419-371-1505. There will be a special speaker for this meeting. All are welcome to attend.

We will have our **Gathering Meal** on Sunday, November 2, following the worship service downstairs in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share.

Afterwards, we will be **crafting ornaments** for our tree at the Allen County Museum.



Please join us for good food, fellowship and crafting. All are welcome.