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is perfect

THE
HOLY BIBLE

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

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January 4, 2025
Happy New Year!

PRELUDE: “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Dorothy Wells

WELCOME

HYMN: “Amen, Amen!” Hymnal #120

HYMN: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” Hymnal #116

Note: Chorus to be sung only on verses 1 and 5.

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “In Dulci Jubilo” J. S. Bach

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-16

SERMON: “The Wisemen” Rev. John Hyter

HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” Hymnal #222

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION: "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah Chorus"

G. F. Handel

Serving You This Week:

Pastor
Organist
Secretary

Rev. John Hyter
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, and Rob Hyter.

Life Situations: Pray for persecuted Christians worldwide. Pray for people suffering from cancer, for the safety of our children in schools, for the mentally ill, the homeless, for people with addictions and their families.

Praise: Ted Coon, Jamie Lewandowski

"Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!" (*Psalm 4:1*)

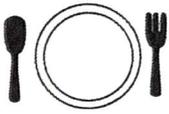
Shut-In of the Week: Tom Moneer is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send him a card and pray for him. His address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, #209A, Lima Ohio 45805.

Bible Trivia: Who intervenes and works out the differences between man and God? (*Hint: 1 Timothy 2:5*)

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| a) Attorneys | b) Priests |
| c) Jesus Christ | d) The Pope |

Pondering: While struggles are part of everyday life, we do not have to be overcome by them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today is our **Gathering Meal**. It will follow the worship service downstairs in the fellowship hall. All are welcome.

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.



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. You may bring your donations to the church during this time. Thank you for caring for the needy in our area.

“Blessed are those who are generous because they feed the poor.”
Proverbs 22:9



Your caring and hard work did not go unnoticed. The church has received some thank you cards. Please check out the bulletin board.



You're Invited! A new Bible Study Discussion group will begin meeting Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM starting January 13th at Alicia Moor's home—and you're invited to join the adventure!

This 12-week study, “Climbing the Spiritual Mountain Trail: From Basecamp to Invitation of Others,” is written by Pastor Ed Rinehart and designed to help you grow in confidence, faith, and your walk with Christ.

Just like any real mountain adventure, we begin at Basecamp, where we'll establish solid footing and gather the spiritual supplies needed for the journey ahead. Throughout the study, you'll be guided by “trained professionals”—insights from Scripture and the Holy Spirit—who have navigated the trail long before us.

Each week will offer new challenges and “confidence builders,” helping you overcome fear, strengthen your faith, and develop a deeper relationship with God, Christ, and the Spirit. Topics will include grace, walking by faith, prayer, and more. Discussions will be heartfelt, personal, and encouraging.

Study copies are available at the church, or Pastor Ed can email you a PDF if you prefer using a laptop or tablet. Want to do the study on your own? That's fine too. Want to bring a friend or neighbor so you don't come alone? Absolutely!

Let's gather around this “campfire” and start our mountain-climbing adventure together. Watch the church bulletin for more details and for Alicia's address. We hope you'll climb with us!

To help defray the cost of printing the **Bible Study** books, a \$10 donation is suggested. Thank you.