

2026 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN *Birthday Offering*

City Mission of Findlay

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CRISIS SHELTER

FINDLAY, OHIO

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—Romans 15:13*



Learn more and give to the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering
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PRELUDE "Speak, O Lord"

by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- Welcome, Announcements, Guests & Prayer Requests

SENIOR RECOGNITION –

Major Giles, Jenna Robinson, Kayden Watson

MINUTE FOR MISSION –Susan Wyman

✠CALL TO WORSHIP - (Recite in unison)

(Psalm 121, adapted)

*One: I lift my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?*

***All: Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.***

*One: The holy One will not let your foot be moved;
the One who keeps you will not slumber.*

***All: The Holy One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.***

*One: The Lord is your keeper;
and is your shade at your right hand.*

***All: The sun shall not strike us by day;
nor the moon by night.***

*One: The Lord will keep you from all evil;
and will keep your life.*

***All: The Lord will keep our going out and our
coming in from this time on and for evermore.***

✠LORD'S PRAYER *(Pray in unison)*

*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.*

CONTRIBUTING TO TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeter:	Libby Trussell
Ushers:	Bob & Pat Schott, & Bill Wilson
Tech Crew:	Larry Trussell & Steve Tangeman
Organist:	Kelli Glann
Scripture Reader:	Bill Wilson

Prayers requested for health, healing, and peace:

The Family of Susie Schell, Charlene Lloyd, Rita Allmon, Janyth & Ferol Fell and the Family of Paula, The Family of Arlen Anderson, Jeri Smith, The Family of Judy Calbert, The family of Ron Cheyney, The family of Helen Eberle, Stroke, TBI, & Parkinson's Survivors & Caregivers, Tammy Geiger-Stephenson, and Nancy Ice Schulp

THIS WEEK @ FPC May 11th -16th

Today	9:15 am 10:30 am	Adult Sunday School Worship Service
Monday	8:30 – 10am	Ping Pong in basement
Tuesday	3:30 pm 6:30 pm	Revitalization Mtg. Prairie Bronze Bell Practice
Wednesday	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Del Puente PW Circle Nurture Team Meeting Deacon's Meeting
Thursday	12:00 – 4:00 pm 2:00 – 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Neurological Support Group Class of 1966 Planning Mtg. Outreach Team
Next Sunday	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Bible Study on Prayer Ch. 4

✦ **HYMN** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

PH #276

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: *Merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for service in Jesus Christ. Yet we confess we have not always lived up to ur calling. We hesitate to act when we’ve heard you leading us to the unfamiliar and difficult. We fail to love as deeply as Christ loves, pushing away neighbors and co-workers in the faith. We cling to our own preferences and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. Forgive our foolish ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in the world.*

✦ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: *By God’s grace, our past does not define us. When we turn to God, Christ only asks that we be faithful to God now and in the future. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

All: *Thanks be to God!*

✦ **CHORAL RESPONSE** *“Gloria Patri”*

PH # 579

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be! World without end,
Amen, Amen!*

HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

PH #319

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8 NIV

Romans 15:13 NRSVUE

Bill Wilson

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **People:** *Thanks be to God*

SERMON – *Pastor Scott McGinnis*

“Hope and Persistence”

OFFERTORY *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

arr. Stuart Townend

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Peace and power, we thank you for the opportunity to bring a glimpse of your abounding hope to those in despair by dedicating the 2026 Birthday Offering. We thank you for the desire to bless others. May this offering keep us hopeful, knowing we are planting seeds of joy and transforming the lives of others for your glory. We pray in the name of Jesus! Amen.

✦ **DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PH #592

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ **HYMN** *“Live Into Hope”*

PH #332

✦ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

As we go out into this imperfect world, may we always look to God, our source of hope. May we act as beacons and agents of the Holy Spirit in this world which so desperately needs the hope that only God can give. May God continually bless and strengthen us as we bless and strengthen others. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen!

✦ **POSTLUDE** *“Lift High the Banners of Love”*

by Rich Gillard

Romans 15:13 NRSVUE

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Luke 18:1-8 NIV

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Thank you to our Mow Team Volunteers this spring! We appreciate all your help in keeping the lawn looking great!

The Salvation Army needs:

Spaghetti-O's and other canned meals, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, granola bars and boxed individual snacks, crackers, hamburger helper, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels.

New Jerusalem has a food pantry as well to donate to. They are located at 209 E. Broadway St.

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Kendell's Story

Finding Hope at Martha's Home

When I first came to Martha's Home, I was broken, afraid and nearly out of hope. My two children and I had nowhere else to go. With nothing left but the courage to make one phone call, I reached out and that single act of bravery changed everything.

From the moment we walked through the doors, we were welcomed with open arms. The staff and residents didn't just offer us a safe place to stay, they offered understanding, encouragement and faith. Over time, I found healing through chapel services, Bible study, and the support of women who had walked similar roads.

Today, my children and I are preparing to move into our own apartment. I have steady employment, my kids are thriving in school, and we're receiving furniture and household items to make our new place feel like home.

Even more meaningful, I made the decision to be baptized right here at Martha's Home. What began as simply attending chapel grew into a deep, living faith. My baptism is a moment that marks not just a new beginning, but a new foundation for our family's future.

I am living proof of what can happen when someone reaches out and finds hope waiting on the other end. Martha's Home gave me more than shelter—it gave me peace, purpose and a place to start again.



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