

31 December 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ

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do good to those
who hate you, bless
those who curse
you, pray for those
who abuse you ...
and you will be sons
of the Most High,
for he is kind to the
ungrateful and
the evil. Be merciful,
even as your Father
is merciful.”

- Luke 6:27, 35-36

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Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Opening Prayer

***Praise**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Kenzie Damron – Columbus, OH

Mission of the Month: Love Inc.

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children's Message

Heather Erwin

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

I Peter 3:8-15

Luke 6:27-36

Sermon

Are You Following the Recipe?

***Praise**

***Benediction**

*— Those who are able, please stand

Thank you to Dave Beazley for sharing the message this morning.

Scripture Readings (ESV):

I Peter 3:8-15:

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life

and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and His ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Luke 6:27-36:

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.

³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who

do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive,

what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend,

expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Kenzie Damron missing from Columbus, OH.

Committee Budgets & Year End Reports: It is that time of year again. Please submit committee budget requests by the end of November and year end reports for the Annual Meeting Booklet by December 31 or financials by the beginning of January.

Un-decorate the church: January 7

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

Office Hours: 8:30-10:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday unless there is a delay/cancellation. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Week at a Glance

Today, 12/31:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Monday, 1/1:	Happy New Year- Office Closed
Tuesday, 1/2:	Office Closed 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 1/3:	5-7 PM Wednesday Night Kids 7:30 PM Bible Study
Friday, 1/5:	Friday w/ Friends- Denny's (Findlay)
Saturday, 1/6:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel 9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study – FH

Ushers:

12/31: Jane Donnelly & Carol Cornell

1/7: Jane Baker & Hope Cauley

