

“Choose This Day”

(To the tune of hymn #400, “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”)

1. Have Thine own way, Lord, as Joshua called,
“Serve God alone,” the faithful enthralled,
Remember His works, His mighty strong hand,
He leads us onward to promise and land.
2. Choose this day whom you will follow and trust,
Forsake all idols, obey Him, you must.
With covenant love, His mercy we find.
To Him our hearts and our lives we bind.
3. As for our house, Lord, we will serve Thee.
In grateful surrender, steadfastly free.
Your faithfulness, God, forever we claim,
We worship Your glory, honor Your name.
4. Guide us, O Lord, as we walk in Your light,
Strengthen our courage through each day and night,
With wisdom and grace, Your Spirit impart,
Keep us united, steadfast in heart.

**Getting
ready to:**



Welcome to the **North Benton Presbyterian Church**

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February 22, 2026

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***“Since 1818, A church where everyone is someone
and Jesus Christ is Lord!”***

North Benton Presbyterian Church

February 22, 2026AD First Sunday in Lent

“...being confident in this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 1: 6

PRELUDE

CHURCH LIFE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

CALL TO JOIN IN WORSHIP

- Pastor: As we gather this morning, let us remember the importance of steadfast faith and unwavering commitment.
- People: **We come together, honoring God through our worship and dedication.**
- Pastor: Just as the Israelites sought to prove their loyalty to the Lord, let us encourage one another to keep on in the path of righteousness.
- People: **We will worship with sincere hearts, supporting each other in faith.**
- Pastor: May our fellowship strengthen us to persevere, trusting in God's promises.
- All: **We commit ourselves to keep on, as we join in the worship of our God!**

INVOCATION

+PRAISE SONGS

“Undivided Heart”

“Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (Sunday School to Follow)

“Don’t Give Up!”



In Our Prayers



“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.” Jeremiah 29: 12



Sermon Notes

This Week

Sun 9:30 Worship Service
2/22 (Youth Sunday School
after children's message)
10:45 Searcher's Class

Sun 9:30 Worship Service
3/1 (Youth Sunday School
after children's message)
10:45 Searcher's Class
Birthday Sunday
Coffee & Pastry
1-4 Craft Party

Caring, Sharing, Praying

Nursing Home:

Dan Rowe
Essex #1, Salem, OH 44460
(Rm.#201)

Continued Prayer for:

Denton Herron, James
Hilles, Stan & Sandy
Jozwiakowski, Emily
Winters, Paul & Maeo
Bates, Carol Schiffler,
Chris & Alicia Gamble

*Contact the office to add or
remove a name*

CRAFT PARTY

March 1, from 1-4 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

See Nancy Finch for details

SECRET SISTERS & SIBLINGS

REVEAL PARTY

Saturday Feb 28, 2-4 pm in the fellowship hall

Deacon Greeters -----	Karen Fay
-----	Barb Franklin
Keyboard-----	Sylvia Hammond
Praise Songs-----	Sylvia Hammond
Sound System -----	Dale Fay
Acolyte -----	Addie Pierce

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: As Joshua gathered the tribes of Israel and spoke of God's faithfulness, he reminded them to serve the Lord wholeheartedly and to turn from other gods. Let us now reflect on our own lives, remembering all that God has done for us, and confess where we have fallen short. Like the Israelites, we are called to renew our commitment, to lay aside anything that draws us away from God, and to choose this day whom we will serve. In humility, let us bring our confessions before the Lord, trusting in His mercy and grace.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Let us be assured: when we confess our sins and renew our commitment to serve the Lord wholeheartedly, He graciously forgives and restores us. Just as Joshua encouraged the people to choose whom they will serve and assured them of God's continued presence, we, too, can find confidence in God's unfailing mercy and pardon through genuine repentance and faith.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

+GLORIA PATRI

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE:

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.” -Second Corinthians 9: 11

+DOXOLOGY

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

+Hymn #454 "Trust and Obey"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All: Heavenly Father, may these words that are read and heard be not just words on paper but words from Your heart to ours. May we discover affirmations of our faith and challenges to how we are to live once we hear them. We pray in the Name of Your Son. Amen.

SCRIPTURE "Portions of Joshua 23 and 24"

SERMON "Getting Ready to Keep on Keeping On!"

+HYMN (On Back Cover verses 1-3)

"Choose This Day"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL HYMN (On Back Cover verse 4)

"Choose This Day"

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON:

"Hope for the Worrier" based on Matthew 6: 25-34.



PRAISE SONGS



"Undivided Heart"

If I'm to be whom You desire all throughout my life,
A vessel unto honor, Lord to Thee,
And before Your throne to hear you say
that I have done my part,
Lord, I need an undivided heart.
That I might know You, that I might serve You,
That I might worship You as King.
To see the Morning Star, To know how great You are.
Lord, I need an undivided heart.
If I'm to live in truth and love to glorify Your Name;
If for a living sacrifice to a be. And to share the joy,
The grace and peace Your Spirit does impart;
Lord, I need an undivided heart.
(Repeat verse 2)

"Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"

Jesus, we just want to thank You.
Jesus, we just want to thank You.
Jesus, we just want to thank You,
Thank You for being so good.
Jesus, we just want to praise You.
Jesus, we just want to praise You.
Jesus, we just want to praise you,
Praise You for being so good.
Jesus, we just want to tell You.
Jesus, we just want to tell You
Jesus, we just want to tell You.
We love You for being so good.