Christ Presbyterian Church

exists to glorify God,
lead people to a
saving relationship with
Jesus Christ,
build one another up in
spiritual maturity,
and send out servants
to share the Good News
in word and deed.

December 8, 2019
Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church

We’re so glad that you’re here. We hope that worshiping with us today nourishes your spirit and that you will come back to worship with us again. Please be sure to sign the guest pad located at the end of your pew so that we can follow up on your visit with us.

For our visitors with children under 3: our Nursery is open and available to you in our lower level where our caring volunteers are ready to watch over your child. You can worship with peace of mind as you will be given a pager so that you can be contacted immediately should you be needed.

Our Children’s Area located at the back on the Lectern Side of the Sanctuary has many resources to help your child and youth stay engaged in Worship. An usher is able to help direct you if you need assistance.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

*At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit.
Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service.

Large print copies of the hymns and orders of worship are available in the Narthex or from an usher.
The Order For Morning Worship  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2019  
Ten-Thirty O’Clock  

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME  

Organ Voluntary  Two Settings of Hymn No. 87  
Egil Hovland  
Gerald Near  

Welcome & Worship Notes  

Call to Worship  
Leader: Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come,  
welcomes you to this place.  
People: As one body, with one voice,  
we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom,  
counsel, knowledge, and joy.  
All: Amen. So be it.  

*Hymn in Procession No. 87  
“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”  

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)  
O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us,  
that in this time we may await with abundant expectation  
the fulfillment of our eternal presence in creation,  
for you live and reign among us,  
Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.  

Call to Confession  
Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us,  
the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion  
that form our confessions this day.  
For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.  
Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.
Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Gracious and welcoming God,
have mercy on your people.
We confess that we struggle to believe in your incarnation.
We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do.
We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends
as your beloved children.
In your mercy, forgive us,
for we repent in our ways and look to your power
to heal us and raise us up,
so that, at the last, you will gather us to you
and give us peace. *Amen.*

Matthew 3:12

Kyrie—Hymn No. 576

“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Assurance of Pardon*

The reign of God has come near;
the repentant will be judged with righteousness.
We are forgiven.
Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ.
Rejoice and believe. *Amen.*

*Response—Hymn No. 83 verses 3 & 4*

3. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.
LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Anthem “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Hymn No. 85
Children’s Choir; Marilou Berg, organ; Teresa Houston, clarinet

Message for Children
All Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message.
After the lighting of the Advent Candles, children First Grade and older return to their families; children Kindergarten and younger may go downstairs for Kids’ Church and can be picked up in the lower level. Children and families are welcome to use the many resources available in the Children’s Area during Worship.

Lighting of the Advent Candles Karen & Harper Lyons and Doreen Hund

Prayer for Illumination
Leader: Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. Romans 15:4
People: By your Holy Spirit open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10
The Peaceful Kingdom
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible page 558
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 784

Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13
A Gospel for All People
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible page 924
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 199

*Hymn No. 163 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12
The Proclamation of John the Baptist
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. Pew Bible page 784
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 3
Sermon  “In those days . . .”  Rev. David de Vries

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith  The Apostles’ Creed: page 35

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Grace In Our Midst—Nancy Irving

Invitation to the Offering

Proverbs 22:9  “Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.”

Anthem  “People, Look East”  BESANÇON

See Hymn No. 105 for text  Marie Rubis Bauer

*Doxology—Hymn No. 654

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Leader: We give you thanks, Holy One, for all good things:
for this universe and for Earth itself,
for creatures and plants, for water and food, for light and darkness;

People: for Jesus, our brother, who enlarged our vision,
setting himself before us as the bread and wine
of abundant life;

Leader: and for the Holy Spirit, who comes to us in baptism
and moves in our midst with the power to lead us to you.

People: Turn our offerings to your good will,
and turn us always to you in gratitude. Amen.
Reentry into the world to serve the Lord

Being Christ’s Church — Living Our Faith

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found in your pew and return it toward the center aisle, noting names of those with whom you are worshiping.)

*Hymn in Procession No. 421  “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life”
Verse 1 sung by Choir; verses 2-5 sung by All

*Benediction

Choral Response

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

Organ Voluntary  “People, Look East”
Wayne Wold

For anyone wishing confidential individual prayer, immediately following the service a member of the Stephen Ministry will be available in the Chapel.

Preparing for Sunday, December 15, 2019—Third Sunday in Advent

Next Sunday the Chancel Choir leads us in a worship service based on the seven O Antiphon prayers. Here is your opportunity to experience Advent, less through the mind and intellect, and more through prayer and music. Each of the seven antiphons speak to a title or name used for the promised Messiah as found in the Hebrew Scriptures. At the same time, each antiphon also references the promises of God to send a Redeemer King as found in the prophet Isaiah. For example, Isaiah speaks of one to come named (titled) O Sapientia (O Wisdom), through whom God promises to bring true knowledge and understanding. Thus we come to a deeper and fuller understanding of what we celebrate at Christmas. Here, in music and prayer, we can engage the promises fulfilled when Christ takes on bone and flesh.

You can prepare to enter into the very special worship of Scripture, music and prayer by reading the following scripture passages and becoming familiar with the names/titles given the soon-to-come Messiah and the promise fulfilled by Jesus Christ at his birth.

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<td>God with Us</td>
<td>Is. 7:14 &amp; Matt. 1:20b-23</td>
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The flowers in the Chancel vases today are given in honor of my beautiful family—26 in all. My hope for the new year is peace and good health to all my loved ones, from Janet Mason.

The Cathedral Hour today is given in honor of their 69th Wedding Anniversary by a member of Christ Church.

Liturgist: Randy Bailey

Acolytes: Hannah Kemper (Crucifer), Max Roberts (Acolyte), Lily Roberts (Acolyte), Lila Tibbits (Bible Bearer)

Youth Acolyte Master: Ty Ohlinger
Adult Acolyte Master: Vanessa Worley

Update on our Partnership with Habitat’s Hope ReStore:
I am so pleased to let you know that our partnership with Habitat has provided over 35 clients an opportunity to make purchases at the Habitat ReStore. Their vouchers have allowed them to “purchase” things like stoves, microwaves, kitchen tables, recliners, lamps and so much more. We currently have two friends who would like to make some furniture purchases but don’t have access to a truck to transport them from the Habitat ReStore to their home in Canton. If you are able to help us out, please call me and I can discuss the details. My cell # is: 330-495-8963. With much love—Lorraine Murphy

TAG
Tuesday Afternoon Group
Tuesday, December 17—11:30 am
Christmas Music Program

Ham Balls and Handbells, with a side of Pipes! The TAG program for this month features Christmas music played by organist Heather Cooper. As a special bonus, the newly formed Christ Church Ringers will ring the handbells on the beloved carol "Ding Dong Merrily On High." We will gather at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, followed by carol singing at 11:45 a.m., and lunch at noon. The program begins at approximately 12:45 p.m. and concludes by about 1:30 p.m. Despite the special meal and program, the cost is still only $7.00. Please sign up no later than Sunday, December 15 to help make sure we make enough food for this very popular event.
Carol to our Homebound

COME JOIN US!
Sunday, December 22, 2019 following 10:30 am service
A light lunch will be served before we depart.

The light shines in the darkness. . .   John 1:3

The Longest Night
A service of healing and hope in the midst of Christmas
Monday, December 23rd at 5:15 pm

Christmas Lessons & Carols
Combined Worship Service
Sunday, December 29, 2019
10:30 am

No 8:00 am service
There will be no Children’s Sunday School at 9:15 am.
EPIPHANY MADRIGAL FEAST
Saturday, January 4, 2020
in Westminster Hall
Doors open at five o’clock
The Feast begins at half past five

featuring
Firestone High School Madrigal Singers

Tickets are $25 for Adults; $10 for Children
Tickets available online and in the Church office.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry of Christ Church.

Holiday Office/Building Hours
In observance of the Christmas and New Year Holiday, the Church office and Building Hours will be as follows:

Tuesday, December 24—Office Closed All Day
Building Open for Evening Services
Wednesday, December 25—Office/Building Closed All Day
Tuesday, December 31—Office/Building Closed All Day
Wednesday, January 1—Office/Building Closed All Day

Christmas Eve Services
Tuesday, December 24, 2019

6:30pm  
Family Worship in the Sanctuary  
Song & Stories

9:30pm  
Festival Choral and Organ Music

10:00pm  
Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Broadcast Live on 640 WHLO
Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of December 8, 2019

Using Sunday’s Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together . . . separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (Followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (Followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Readings — Worship texts for Sunday, December 15:

- Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10
- Tuesday: Luke 1:46b-55
- Wednesday: James 5:7-10
- Thursday: Matthew 11:2-11
- Friday: Isaiah 35:1-10
- Saturday: Luke 1:46b-55
- Sunday: Matthew 11:2-11

Silent Meditation and Prayer
(Listening for God’s voice in Scripture and silence)

Prayers of the People
(Lifting others before God)

Prayer of Dedication

Becoming Familiar With Holy Scripture
If you wish to become more familiar with the Bible and the best known stories of scripture, read Abraham and the Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22).

Planning ahead is part of effective stewardship.
Plan your will or trust now . . . and include a bequest to Christ Presbyterian Church.

2020 Offering Envelopes
If you requested envelopes, you will find them beginning next Sunday, December 15 in alphabetical order on the table in Cloister Hall. If you do not find envelopes with your name, and would like to receive them, please call the church office or print your name on the pad found on the table. If you are not able to pick up your envelopes, please call the church office, and we will gladly mail them out to you.
Sunday Morning Adult Classes 9:15—10:15 a.m.

Coffee & Conversations Classes meets in the Pine Room.

The Intergenerational Class meets in the Upper Room. Every week is a unique discussion. Together we will seek to know God’s will and wisdom. Please speak with Mike Ophardt if you have any questions about this class.


Westminster Class continues to ask the questions of faith as we seek to understand God. See you at 9:15 am Sunday mornings!

December 15 & 22—The Providence of God and the Mystery of Evil, led by Pastor Michael.

There will be NO Westminster Class on Sundays, Dec. 29 or Jan. 5.

December Youth Events

Sunday, December 15—Christmas movie night
5:00-7:30pm
Wear comfy clothes or pajamas and enjoy pizza, popcorn, hot chocolate, and a favorite Christmas movie!

Sunday, December 22—Gingerbread House Making Contest
6-7:30pm in the Youth Room
A little friendly competition and general merriment!

Sunday, December 29
No Meeting
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We need you! This Christmas, the CPC Children, Youth and Family Ministry will once again be adopting a family from our Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry that is caring for many children from infant through middle school. The tree with the information tags is located next to the parking lot entrance.

There are still several children whose tags have not yet been picked. There is a $25 spending limit for each. Please prayerfully consider how you can help make this Christmas a little brighter for these 13 children.

Thank you!
Please Note:

December 29
January 5
Combined Worship at 10:30 am
No 8:00 am Worship
& No 9:15 Sunday School for Children

Sunday, December 29, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. We need several people to help take down the trees, wreaths, garland, and bows. This will take place after the 10:30 am worship service. The more helpers we have, the faster the task is completed. A simple meal will be provided. Please sign up in Cloister Hall or online if you can help.

Helpers needed for Madrigal Dinner

It takes a lot of hands to make all the revelry and pageantry happen! We are in need of a few extra hands to help supplement our hard working Deacons to help with set up on Friday, January 3rd and at the event on Saturday, January 4th. It’s also a great way to enjoy the event at no cost; plus I firmly believe that the “peasants table” for the helpers has the best seats in the house! There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk that details where we need help and you are welcome to contact Jennie George at the office for more information. Thanks for supporting this great night that benefits our Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry.
Making Contributions: When making your Gather Us In contributions, PLEASE make sure that you indicate on the memo line of your check that the contribution is for Gather Us In. If you do not indicate this, then your contribution will be applied to your General Fund Pledge. It is VERY important that you indicate your intent in the memo line of your check or attach a note along with your check as to how you wish it applied. This will help to resolve conflicts when you receive your contribution statements and find that your gifts were not applied as you had intended.

Thank You for helping us help you,
Donald Weltlich, Assistant Treasurer

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GF = General Fund
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FCPM = Food, Clothing, Prayer, Ministry

Pay Your Pledge From Our Website: Remember CPC is able to accept your taxable contributions, for your pledges, Gather Us In, and other favorite ministries, securely online from the church website. Simply go to www.cantoncpc.org, and you will see the Green Online Giving button in the left column, simply click on the button and this will take you to the secure donation page.

2019 Charitable Contribution Deduction:
Please remember that all cash donations and/or stock transfers must be delivered to the Church Financial Office by December 31, 2019, in order to claim them as a charitable contribution deduction on your 2019 tax returns. Checks placed in the Church offering on the first Sunday in 2020 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2019, even if the check is predated to 2019 or was actually written in 2019.

When contributing stock, please send a letter of direction and intent to Merrill Lynch and also a copy to myself in the church office.

Thank you,
Donald Weltlich

Congregational Greeting Cards
As an outreach to our congregational family, we will have cards each week in Cloister Hall on a podium for the “family” to sign. Please stop in Cloister Hall and sign the cards this week for:

Carolyn McCain
(Thinking of You)

Lindsay Walters
(Thinking of You)
**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF December 8**

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A reminder . . .
either at home or on the road, you can listen to the 10:30 service on WHLO 640 AM, or log on your computer to www.640whlo.com

To be added to the Tydings email list or to submit an article for Tydings, please email dnavc@cantoncpc.org no later than Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The deadline for submitting articles for the weekly Order of Worship is Tuesday. Please submit your articles to Caryn no later than 5:00pm. Thank you!

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**THE WI-FI PASSWORD**

!b@Pt1zm?
We are excited to participate in this program with Habitat for Humanity. Over 30 of our FCP friends have already used these Vouchers to help them with household items or furniture. Hope ReStoRed needs our donations to stock their warehouse- I hope that you will consider our partnership with them when you have unwanted items. If you have questions, please call Lorraine Murphy at 330-495-8963.

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the church and supports leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received next Sunday, December 15.