Christ Presbyterian Church

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

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.

February 17, 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: our Nursery (up to age 3) 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.

Worship Activity Bags and activity sheets are located in the front of the Sanctuary for children to use. An usher is able to help direct you if you need assistance.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Christ Presbyterian Church Staff
Ministers: The People of Christ Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. David de Vries
Associate Pastor: Rev. Michael Wallace
Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Eldon Trubee
Director of Music & Organist: David J. Kienzle
Director of Children’s and Family Ministries: Jennifer George
Pastor and Director of Camp Wakonda: Rev. Benjamin George
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Custodians: Kurt A. Gottschick & Ron Pelger
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Mission Co-Worker in Thailand: Esther Wakeman

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Kevin Anderson
Barbara Bartchy
Shawn Campbell
Nancy Irving
Jerry Norton
Michael Ophardt
Carol Orin
Bert Smith
Byrdie Stocker

*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
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves, putting trust in our own strength

People: we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.

Leader: When we trust in God, when our trust is God, we are like a tree planted in water.

People: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green; even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful, gifts of the God who made us.

*Hymn in Procession No. 301

“Let Us Build a House”

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: God of life, in Christ you resurrect all things. Raise us from death to life, that our transformation may bear witness to the power of your grace in our lives through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead.

People: Amen.
Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors, trusting in God’s constant desire to forgive and renew.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of judgment and renewal,
we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love.
We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants.
We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest.
We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry.
Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. Amen. Jeremiah 17:8

Kyrie—Hymn No. 551 “Lord, Have Mercy”

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

People: Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God.
Children are now invited to walk to the chancel steps for the Message.
LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Children come forward for the Children’s Message. After the prayer, children in Kindergarten—7th grade may go to the Chapel for Kids’ Church and children ages 3—5 may go downstairs for Kids’ Church. All children are to be picked up in the lower level.

Prayer for Illumination

Creator God, you created us with free will and freedom of choice. By the power of the Holy Spirit, speak your Word through the words of scripture, that we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20
The Resurrection of the Dead
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Pew Bible pages 935-936
Large print Pew Bible page 215

*Hymn No. 251
“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26
Teachings and Healings, Blessings and Woes
People: Thanks be to God.
Pew Bible page 838
Large print Pew Bible page 78

Sermon

“The End Has Come” Rev. Michael Wallace
"The reason the early Christians were so joyful was because they knew themselves to be living not so much in the last days, though that was true too, as in the first days—the opening days of God's new creation. What Jesus did [means that]... everything is different... The whole point of New Testament Christianity is that the End came forward into the present in Jesus the Messiah” (N.T. Wright, The Challenge of Jesus)

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—Jen Anderson

Invitation to the Offering

Deuteronomy 8:18  But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Offertory

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany)

*Doxology—Hymn No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you.

Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in Jesus’ name. 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. 376  “When All is Ended”
Tune: SINE NOMINE

*Benediction

Choral Response  “Deo gratias” (Thanks be to God)
William Byrd

Organ Voluntary  “Fowler’s March”
William P. Rowan

*Greeting One Another

For anyone wishing confidential individual prayer, immediately following the service a member of the Stephen Ministry will be available in the Chapel.
AT REST:
Corine Cornish—February 9, 2019

The flowers in the Chancel vases are given by the Robert Lee family in memory and celebration of his 83rd birthday. You are deeply loved and missed.

The flowers in the Pedestal vases are given in loving memory of Robert Schlabach from Kathy.

The Cathedral Hour today is made possible through the generous donations from members and friends of Christ Presbyterian Church.

Liturgist: Randy Bailey

Acolytes: Jordan Miller (Crucifer), Mya Miller (Acolyte), Avery Miller (Acolyte), Hannah Kemper (Bible Bearer)
Acolyte Master: Ty Ohlinger

Preparing for Sunday, February 24, 2019

Scripture Readings:

Consider: How has God sent you to be a preserver of what is good and healthy? How is your family living up to the wisdom that Joseph showed in caring for the people of Egypt and, eventually, even his own kin?

AKRON PRESBYTERIAN ORGANIST
IS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WINNER

Alcee Chriss:
Performing Here at Christ Church
This Afternoon @ 4:00 pm

Alcee Chriss, III, who began last fall as the new Organist and Director of Music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Akron, is the winner of the 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition and Firmin Swinnen Silver Medalist at the 2016 Longwood Gardens International Organ Competition.

He has been celebrated for his “grace, skill and abundant proficiency” by the Journal Assist News, Albuquerque. And of his prize-winning performance at the Longwood Gardens Competition, Choir and Organ Magazine declared, “Chriss stole the show.” Mr. Chriss also won first prizes in the Miami International Organ Competition, the Fort Wayne National Organ Competition, the Albert Schweitzer National Organ Competition in Wethersfield, CT. In addition to his organ and harpsichord performances, Alcee is also active as a conductor and jazz pianist. In his “spare time” he is pursuing a doctoral degree at McGill University in Montreal.
Sunday Morning Adult Classes  9:15-10:15 a.m.

Westminster Hall Sunday School: Beginning today the Westminster Class will start studying the New Testament. We will go through the Gospels, Epistles, and Revelation, considering each genre in turn. We will welcome some new teachers and have some old ones back. As always, we are confident that you will learn something new as we continue our year-long class on “Getting the Big Picture of the Bible.” Join us on Sundays in Westminster Hall at 9:15 AM. If you ever miss a class, don’t forget that you can listen to the podcast at <www.cpc.podbean.com>.

The Parlor Class is studying from the Present Word.  2/17—Praising God’s Mighty Works, led by Jack Ketterer; 2/24—Living With God’s Love Assurance, led by Les Morgan.

The Intergenerational Bible Study discusses the Christian faith in an open and interactive way where everyone is invited to discuss the Christian faith, but nothing is required of anyone. Each week, we will discuss a different topic or question and the class follows no curriculum, so people can come and go from the class as they like and they will not feel lost in any discussion, because we will not intentionally build on previous weeks’ discussions. Every week will be different. Class meets @ 9:15am in the Upper Room.

Coffee & Conversation in the Pine Room
Enjoy coffee and conversation in the Pine Room during the 9:15 hour as we talk about what’s happening in our lives and our faith. Over these next several weeks, our conversation will center around spiritual development and how our faith in God changes over time.

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of February 17, 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, February 24:
 
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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 Creation, Eden and the Fall (Genesis 1-3).
Saturday, February 23rd 11:00am-1:00pm

Families are invited for a fun afternoon where parents (or grandparents or aunts or uncles or cousins or special grown up) and kids create a special project TOGETHER. Be sure to wear clothes that let you explore your artistic side without worry! Everyone will be participating! We’ll get creative for lunch too! Registration is required to make sure we have the supplies needed for your families project. To confirm your attendance at this free event you MUST register by February 17th either online, www.cantoncpc.org event registration or by calling the church office at 330.456.8113.

Camp Sing-Along - February 24th, 11:30am-1:30pm
(in memory of Dick Barnard)
By Donation (proceeds go toward sponsoring this summer’s staff)
Join us in Westminster Hall for a time of fellowship and snacks where we’ll sing songs reflecting 60 years of Wakonda as we remember beloved camp director, Dick Barnard. Please sign up at the Kiosk.

Salt Shakers: Salt Shakers has a SOCIAL purpose of promoting fellowship at Christ Presbyterian Church. **It is a one time commitment.** Everyone is invited. You do not have to be a member!!! You sign up. You are contacted by a hostess to work out the time and place for your dinner. Then you go and enjoy! It is time to start a new round. You can sign up at the Kiosk or online. We found out that CPC folks have very busy schedules. **So let’s sign up until March 10th.** We will get the groups divided and you will have the rest of March and all of April for your group to meet. The only agenda for these dinners is to meet new people and strengthen our fellowship. We will come together with open minds and hearts in Christ to share in each other’s company. Don’t miss it!!!

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:

- Cheryl Pelger (Thinking of You)
- Joyce McKimm (Thinking of You)

The Spirit & Space Team was charged by Session to determine how we can continue to be a welcoming community by empowering the structural, visual, and practical design of the space we call our church home. We want to keep you informed—check out our Spirit & Space link on CPC’s web site to access past Tidings articles and other information about our progress. In the meantime, remember that we are called every Sunday to practice welcome and hospitality.
ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF February 17

Today
8:00 am  Worship Service—Chapel
9:15 am  Sunday School Classes
10:15 am-11:30 am  Infant Nursery (ages 0-2) – Room L4
10:30 am  Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:45 am  Kids’ Church
12:15 pm  Youth Group
4:00 pm  Alcee Chriss Organ Concert—Sanctuary

Monday
10:00 am  Staff Meeting

Tuesday
9:30 am  Bible Study—Parlor
11:15 am  TAG Lunch @ Bender’s
5:15 pm  Music Ministry—Parlor
6:00 pm  Session Dinner/Session Meeting

Wednesday
Tydings Deadline
10:00 am  Spirit & Space Communications Team—Parlor
6:30 pm  Stephen Ministry Supervision—Parlor

Thursday
7:00 am  Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall
9:30-11:00 am  Women’s Bible Study—Parlor
7:00 pm  Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday
11:00 am-1:00 pm  Artastic Family Art Event—Westminster Hall

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5:00-8:00 pm  Book Club—Westminster Hall

February Youth/Confirmation Events

Sunday, February 17th
Sledding and Pizza (at church if no snow!) Directly following church

Sunday, February 24th
Camp Sing-Along 60th Anniversary Event
11:30 am—1:30 pm in Westminster Hall

When was the last time your will or trust had a check-up? Does it include a gift for the furtherance of God’s kingdom at Christ Church?
Tuesday, February 19
11:15am – Bender’s

Déjà vu all over again! For February, TAG is going to revisit Bender’s Tavern. Our lunch in January was such a success that we decided to go back again in February. Bender’s is located at 137 Court Avenue SW downtown just a couple of blocks from the church. You can park in the lot directly across from the restaurant, and bring your parking receipt inside to be validated by Bender’s, making your parking free with a minimum purchase of $22. Carpooling is strongly encouraged! Better yet, walk over from the church.

We will gather at 11:15 for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, with lunch at 11:30. Because they are so busy at lunch time, we’ve been asked to get our food orders in at 11:30, so please come a little earlier than you usually do for TAG.

In the event of bad weather, TAG will be cancelled if the Canton City Schools are closed for the day. Because we will need to give the restaurant a headcount, please sign up for February TAG no later than TODAY. You can sign up in the kiosk area, or call the church office. You can also sign up online. Thank you!

More Than A Book Club
For February 24th, the 2nd Mile “More Than a Book Club” will gather to discuss A.J. Jacob’s book It’s All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World’s Family Tree. While a lighter book than what we normally read, we intend to discuss the important topics of humanity’s interconnectedness and our international origins. To that end, everyone is invited to bring in a story, picture, or other family artifact to share something from their—and really all of our—family tree. A potluck dinner will begin at 5:00, with discussion to follow and we should be finished by 8:00. Please sign up in cloister hall or by calling the office.

Grove City College Touring Choir
We are excited to welcome the Grove City College Touring Choir to Christ Church on Sunday, March 3rd at 7:00pm. They will amaze us with musical works by such composers as Mozart, Poulenc, Bernstein, Gjeilo, Rutter, and Moses Hogan. Mark your calendars and join us for this free concert!

In anticipation of welcoming the choir, we are seeking overnight hosts, with at least two students staying in each home. Housing is needed Sunday, March 3 after the concert, with transportation to your home and back to the church on Monday morning. We are still looking for several more host families. If you are interested in hosting, or have any questions, please contact Pastor Michael.