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 24, 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.

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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
Business Administrator/Assistant Treasurer: Donald Weltlich
Financial Assistant/Secretary: Diane Nave
Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor/Secretary: Caryn Smith
Custodians: Kurt A. Gottschick & Ron Pelger
Sound Technician: Brian Ohler
Mission Co-Worker in Thailand: Esther Wakeman

Elders of Christ Presbyterian Church

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

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*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
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Take delight in the Lord, who satisfies the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4-5, 7, 39

People: Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God’s actions.

Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

People: The Lord is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble.

*Hymn in Procession No. 331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)

God of abundant mercy, you alone can turn evil into good, sorrow into rejoicing, and death into everlasting life.

Teach us your way of grace—
to meet hatred with kindness,
to answer curses with blessing,
to love with holding back,
to give without thought of return;
all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Call to Confession

Jesus promised us that God is kind
   even to the ungrateful and the wicked, even to us.
Trust in God's kindness and love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess
   that we have not followed your ways
   or trusted your promises.
We love only those who love us;
   we show kindness only to those who are kind to us;
   we give only when we expect to receive.
Forgive us, Lord.
Fill our hearts with your selfless love.
Change our lives by your matchless grace.
These things we pray through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Kyrie—Hymn No. 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Christ, we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God.
Leader: Now go and live as Christ commands:
   be merciful, as God is merciful;
   do not judge, and you will not be judged;
   do not condemn, and you will not be condemned;
   but forgive, and you will be forgiven;
   give, and it will be given to you.
People: Amen.

*Response—Hymn No. 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

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
Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need—for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle Reading
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
The Resurrection Body
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Large print Pew Bible pages 215-216

*Hymn No. 769 “For Everyone Born”
Please note: we omit the refrain after verses 3 & 4.

Gospel Reading
Love for Enemies
People: Thanks be to God.
Large print Pew Bible pages 78-79

Sermon “But Jesus, I Don’t Want To!” Rev. David de Vries
“But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”

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

Deuteronomy 16:10 . . . contributing a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing that you have received from the Lord your God.

Offertory “Dona nobis pacem” from Mass in B Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

*Doxology—Hymn No. 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Holy God, you have given us land in which to grow and thrive, food for survival and pleasure, air and water, fire and cold. Make our thanksgiving bloom forth into the lives of others in the name of the one who gave everything for us. 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. 771 “What Is the World Like”

*Benediction

Choral Response “Alleluia” from Motet VI J. S. Bach

Organ Voluntary “Prelude & Fugue in C Major” (BWV 531) J. S. Bach

*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.
The flowers in the Chancel vases are given in loving memory of Louis C. Kopf and in honor of David’s 18th Birthday from Alice.

The flowers in the Pedestal vases are given in loving memory of Cynthia Bartchy Hecht by her husband, Bob Hecht.

The Cathedral Hour today is made possible by the Louella Williams Endowment.

Liturgist: Dave Hudson

Acolytes: Tommy Rice (Crucifer), Jane Rice (Acolyte), Maggie DeLap (Acolyte), Levi George (Bible Bearer)
Acolyte Master: Ty Ohlinger

Prefering for Sunday, March 3, 2019

Scripture Readings:

Consider: In Luke 4:1-13, the devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, to take control of the kingdoms of the world, and to perform a spectacular stunt that would “wow the crowd.” Jesus refused to take control in these ways. Instead, Jesus chose another way to feed hungry people, to demonstrate what the kingdom of God looks like, and to enter Jerusalem humbly. Why do you think Jesus chose another way to “do justice” and what are some ways that you and your faith community practice justice in his name?

Sunday Morning Adult Classes  9:15-10:15 a.m.

Westminster Hall Sunday School: The Westminster Class is 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. 2/24—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.
Camp Sing-Along - TODAY 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.

From the Food and Clothing Ministry:
Thanks to all of you who have generously considered our Ministry last year. We are overwhelmed by your kindness. Just a reminder—We will continue to accept winter clothes through March. Please remember that they should be in-season items only, and in good condition. Items that are torn or stained must be thrown away and that puts a burden on the dumpster! We are also thrilled to receive gently worn blankets and towels. With much love and gratitude — Lorraine and the FCP Team

TAG — Tuesday Afternoon Group
Tuesday, March 19, 11:30 am
For March, TAG returns to Westminster Hall with a luncheon and program. We will enjoy a delicious meal catered by Buehler’s, and will be enlightened and entertained by Christopher Kenney, Director of Education at the McKinley Presidential Library and Museum. Chris has delivered many fascinating programs at TAG over the years. This time he will present a talk on Music in the White House. Chris will explore the different types of music enjoyed by our presidents. Using audio and video clips, the program will also provide a sampling of the thousands of musicians who have performed at the White House over the last two centuries.

PLEASE sign up no later than Sunday, March 17 so we can give an accurate count to the caterer. You can sign up online, in the kiosk area, 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 3** 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!
Starting Sunday, March 10, the Westminster Sunday School Class will start studying the Gospels, with Pastor Michael teaching (with Pastor Ben stepping in one week). Following the Gospels class, we will welcome Rev. Kerry Stewman (spouse of teacher, Zev Rosenberg), who will teach on John’s Revelation. Following that, we will welcome Rev. Linda Leon, who will teach about reading the Scriptures devotionally. 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>.

Did you name a final beneficiary in your will or trust, in case all others pre-decease you? Christ Presbyterian Church will be here.

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:

Julia Dawson
(Happy Birthday)

Denise O'Wesney & Family
(Congratulations)
**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF February 24**

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**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!!!
All Church Read: *The Magnificent Journey*  
by James Bryan Smith

The Discipleship ministry is very excited to announce the book for our All Church Read for this Lenten season. Together, we will read James Bryan Smith’s *The Magnificent Journey: Living Deep in the Kingdom*. This book is hot off the presses, as it came out at the end of 2018, but you may have already read some of Smith’s books, like *The Good and Beautiful* series. We have already purchased copies of the book, which will soon be available to pick up on Sundays in Cloister Hall or throughout the week in the church office. The books are offered to the congregation for free, but you are welcome to donate to offset the costs (suggested donation of $10). If you have a Stark County Library card, by using your free Hoopla Digital Account, you can listen to the audio book now!