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 3, 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.

All children are welcome to come forward for our Children’s Message. As today is a Communion Sunday, following the message, children ages 3-5 are invited to follow our teachers out for Preschool Kids’ Church and can be picked up in the lower level following service.

Children kindergarten and older will remain in service today to participate in Communion.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

REFLECTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS ON COMMUNION

✶ Communion is a time for quiet celebration. Please refrain from talking with neighbors as others are in thankful prayer.

✶ Holy Communion is a gift from God to all of God’s people. It does not belong to one particular church or denomination. At Christ Presbyterian Church everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is encouraged to come to the table.

✶ Appropriate responses to receiving both bread and cup include: “Thanks be to God” “Amen” “Glory be to God”

✶ You are encouraged to remember God’s call to be part of the covenant people and a citizen in the Kingdom of Heaven (your baptism) by dipping your hand in the baptismal font as you come forward.

✶ You are welcome to receive Communion as a couple, family, and/or as friends gathered. If you have a family member who is in the choir, they can join you as you come forward.

✶ You are encouraged to sing during Communion. Often the choir will lead in singing meditative hymns.

✶ As you return to your seat you are encouraged to continue singing, devote yourself to prayer, or meditate on the cross.

✶ Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the minister/server when you come forward.

*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
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader:  From the very beginning, God calls us.     Jeremiah 1:4
People:  God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.
Leader:  We come up with excuses to avoid our calls,
         for we are afraid.       Jeremiah 1:6, 8
People:  But God reassures us in many and various ways
         through the course of our days.
Leader:  Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,    Luke 4:29
People:  God is with us and sustains us.

*Hymn in Procession No. 404     “What Is This Place”
Choir sings the first stanza alone; then we repeat stanza 1 and continue through the hymn.

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)

God of life, death, and resurrection,
we are grateful for life and all its gifts.
Increase in us the stuff that life is made of—
faith, hope, and love, but especially love—          1 Corinthians 13:13
that we may abide with you eternally through Jesus Christ,
our love and our Lord.  Amen.

Call to Confession

Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us.
Let us confess our sin.
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of life,  
we admit to you and to each other  
that we have not always lived lives of love.  
We have lost patience and been rude.  
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.  
We have even let love end.  
Forgive us and heal us, dear God,  
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate.  Amen.

Kyrie—Hymn No. 551  
“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Though we know only in part,  
we are fully known to God.  
1 Corinthians 13:12-13

People: By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love,  
and calls us to live lives of faith, hope, and love.

*Response Hymn No. 587 (sung twice by all)  
CELTIC ALLELUIA

Children are now invited to walk to the chancel steps for the Message.

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

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kindergarten and older will remain in service today to participate in Communion.

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in,  
that hearing your word of love,  
we may become your love for others.  Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
The Greatest of the Gifts

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
Pew Bible page 934

People: Thanks be to God.  
Large print Pew Bible pages 212-213

*Hymn No. 693  
“Though I May Speak” (The Gift of Love)
Gospel Reading


Jesus in His Home Town

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. Pew Bible page 835
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 75

Sermon “The Gift of Love” Rev. David de Vries

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed: page 34

Invitation to the Offering

Matthew 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Offertory “Lord, Speak to Me” Jeffrey Rickard

Please see hymn no. 722 for the text of this poem by F. R. Havergal.

*Doxology—Hymn No. 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign. Amen.

*Invitation to the Lord’s Table

*Communion Hymn No. 529 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

*The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and highest joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.

People: You made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy.

Leader: Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore:

*Sanctus (sung by all)

Leader: All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God, for in your great mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature, and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

People: We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it as a lasting memorial of his death and sacrifice until he comes again.
Leader: We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, remembering his incarnation and holy life, his death and glorious resurrection, his ascension and continual intercession for us, and awaiting his coming again in power and great glory, we claim his eternal sacrifice and celebrate with these your holy gifts the memorial your Son commanded us to make. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Leader: Merciful God, by your Holy Spirit bless and make holy both us and these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break may be a communion in the body of Christ, and the cup we bless may be a communion in the blood of Christ.

People: Here we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you.

Leader: In your mercy, accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as, in communion with all the faithful in heaven and on earth, we ask you to fulfill, in us and in all creation, the purpose of your redeeming love.

People: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Anthem

K. Lee Scott

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence: let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it for our own:
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.
Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.
Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

– Carl P. Daw Jr.

The Closing Prayer, Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer
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. 366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Benediction
Choral Response Guatemalan Trad; arr., John L. Bell
The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you; God’s peace growing in you.

Organ Voluntary “Toccata in G” William Walond

*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 to the Glory of God.

The Cathedral Hour today is made possible by the Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Gibbs Endowment.

Liturgist: Romy Anderson

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

Preparing for Sunday, February 10, 2019

Scripture Readings:

Consider: Sometimes we are afraid to tell others about our experiences of the holy and about God’s call in our lives, because we don’t want to annoy or oppress others. There is a difference between witnessing through indoctrination and witnessing through acts of compassion. How do you witness to others about your faith?

The disciples had already fished all night without catching anything; what quality or characteristic in Peter might have helped him “give it another try” when Jesus invited him to cast his net again? What quality or characteristic within you helps you to keep trying, to start again, after disappointment or even failure?

K-Cup Request! Camp Wakonda is collecting your used K-cups (please clean them out) for an upcoming art project. Please turn in your CLEANED K-cups to Pastor Ben at the Church office by Feb. 17th. Thank you!
#### Sunday Morning Adult Classes 9:15-10:15 a.m.

**Westminster Hall Sunday School**: Beginning next Sunday, February 10, 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](http://www.cpc.podbean.com).

**The Parlor Class** is studying from the Present Word. 2/10—Pondering God’s Steadfast Love, led by Fred Bohse; 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.
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.cantonpc.org event registration or by calling the church office at 330.456.8113.

AKRON PRESBYTERIAN ORGANIST
IS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WINNER

Alcee Chriss:
Performing Here at Christ Church
Sunday, 17 February, 2019 @ 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.

**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:

- Louise Sherban  
  (Happy Birthday)
- Wayne Wallace  
  (Happy Birthday)

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 Tydings 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 3**

**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
- 9:00 am  Souper Bowl Subday Fundraiser Prep

**Monday**
- 10:00 am  Staff Meeting

**Tuesday**
- 9:30 am  Bible Study—Parlor
- 7:00 pm  Discipleship Ministry—Parlor

**Wednesday**
- 4:30 pm  Worship Ministry—Parlor
- 6:30 pm  Stephen Ministry Supervision—Parlor
- 7:00 pm  Deacons Meeting—Pine Room

**Thursday**
- 7:00 am  Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall
- 9:30-11:00 am  Women’s Bible Study—Parlor
- 1:30 pm  Alzheimer Care Giver Support Group—Parlor
- 7:00 pm  Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday**
- 8:30-10:00 am  Food Ministry Breakfast—Westminster Hall

**Sunday, February 10:**
- 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
- 4:00-6:15 pm  Confirmation Class
- 5:45-7:30 pm  Youth Group

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**Alzheimer’s Care-Giver Support Group Beginning**

Caring for somebody suffering from dementia or Alzheimer’s disease is an all-consuming task. The stress placed on a spouse, family members, and other loved ones can take a toll. For these reasons, a support group designed for those caring for dementia or Alzheimer’s disease is being formed and will hold an informational meeting on **Thursday, February 7th at 1:30 p.m.** This group will meet in the Church Parlor. Elders Barb Bartchy and Les Morgan are organizing the group. For more information, please call the church office.

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**Who needs a will?**

Every adult who owns anything and cares what happens to it. Also anyone who wants to leave a bequest for 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 Sunday, February 17. You can sign up in the kiosk area, or call the church office. You can also sign up online. Thank you!

February Youth/Confirmation Events

**Sunday, February 3**
Souper Bowl Subday Fundraiser
9:00am for prep, stay after church 30 minutes

**Sunday, February 10**
Pizza, Devo, and Tiqvah Mission Project
4-6:15pm Confirmation
5:45-7:30pm Youth Group

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!

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 still looking for several more host families.** If you are interested in hosting, or have any questions, please contact Pastor Michael.