Christ Presbyterian Church
530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

February 16, 2020

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.
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.

**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  
Interim Organist: Heather Cooper  
Interim Director of Music: Britt Cooper  
Director of Children’s and Family Ministries: Jennifer George  
Pastor and Director of Camp Wakonda: Rev. Benjamin George  
Business Administrator/Assistant Treasurer: Donald Weltlich  
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Mission Co-Worker in Thailand: Esther Wakeman

**Elders of Christ Presbyterian Church**

Kevin Anderson  
Shawn Campbell  
Nancy Irving  
Jerry Norton  
Michael Ophardt  
Carol Orin  
Bert Smith  
Lori Sproul  
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.
**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

Organ Voluntary  “Prelude in C Major” BWV 547  J. S. Bach

Welcome & Worship Notes

**Call to Worship**

*Leader:* Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—
*People:* the path of justice and mercy
that draws us toward wholeness.

*Leader:* Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—
*People:* teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope,
and nurture generous spirits within us.

*Leader:* Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—
*People:* the Fountainhead of Grace,
the Giver of Life.

*Hymn in Procession No. 394*  “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

**Prayer of the Day**

*Leader:* God of blessing,
you call us to be one with you and your creation  Deuteronomy 30:16, 19
in love, faithfulness, and truth.  Matthew 5:21-37

*People:* Help us to carry out the vows we make:
to adore you with our whole heart,
to live in mutual support of one another,
and to love as if your reign has fully come.  Amen.

**Call to Confession**

*Our God is a loving God.*  Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Therefore, let us confess our sins
that we may choose life and live.
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God,

we confess that we bow down before other gods; Deuteronomy 30:15-20
we have turned our hearts away from you.

Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism
orders our love of you and each other.

Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken,
that we may be one with you. Amen.

Kyrie—Hymn No. 576

“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and brothers, Psalm 119:7-8
by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Sing praises with an upright heart
as we learn the ways of God.

*Response—Hymn No. 439 (verses 1 and 2) “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

All Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message.
After the prayer, 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit,
Psalm 119:1-8
as we hear your Word this day.
Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God
and to the glory of your realm. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

Exhortation to Choose Life

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible page 163
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 233
*Hymn No. 722  “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Epistle Reading  1 Corinthians 3:1-9
*On Divisions in the Corinthian Church*
Leader:  The Word of the Lord.  Pew Bible page 927
People:  Thanks be to God.  Large print Pew Bible page 203

Gospel Reading  Matthew 5:21-37
*Concerning Anger, Adultery, Divorce, and Oaths*
Leader:  The Gospel of the Lord.  Pew Bible page 786
People:  Thanks be to God.  Large print Pew Bible pages 5-6

Sermon  Rev. Michael Wallace
*“Who Plants and Who Waters?”*  
“For we are God’s servants, working together.”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith  The Apostles’ Creed:  page 35

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Matthew 6:19-21  “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Anthem  “Ubi Caritas”  Ola Gjeilo

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*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*  Where charity and love are, God is there.
*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*  The love of Christ has gathered us together.
*Exsultemus et in ipso juvendemur.*  Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
*Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.*  Let us revere and love the living God.
*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*  And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
*Amen.*  Amen.

*Doxology—Hymn No. 717  “For the Life That You Have Given”*
Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)*

Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world.
May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. 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. 757*  “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Benediction*

**Choral Response**  Hymn No. 546  “Savior, When Your Love Shall Call Us”

**Organ Voluntary**  “Fugue in C Major” BWV 547  J. S. Bach

*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 today are given by the Robert Lee Family in memory and celebration of his 84th birthday. You are deeply loved and missed.

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

**Liturgist:**  Terri Bate

**Acolytes:**  Riley Hudson, Emily Hudson, Ian Peterson, Jack Hudson

**Youth Acolyte Master:**  Ty Ohlinger

**Adult Acolyte Master:**  Vanessa Worley
PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Scripture Readings:
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9; Psalm 99

Consider: Today’s readings speak of blessings and curses, life and death, good relationships and those that are broken. Moreover, the texts suggest that we have a choice in these matters. Where do you find life, and where do you not—and what role do your choices play? Where have you experienced broken relationships in your own life or in the church? How do Christ and the reign of heaven enable us to move beyond brokenness and live in mutual support?

Prayer: Forty Days of Practice
by Justin McRoberts & Scott Erickson

The Discipleship ministry is very excited to announce the book for our All Church Read for this Lenten season. Understanding that not everyone likes to read, we have intentionally chosen a book with 40 short meaningful prayers, with evocative images to accompany each one. Interspersed there are some short reflections and other spiritual practices that you are invited to engage in. We hope that you would savor the prayers in this book daily throughout Lent and that through them, you might meditate on how the Spirit is calling and shaping you.

We have already purchased copies of the book, which are now available to pick up 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).

Join the Journey

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sundays March 8, 15, 22, 29 following the 10:30am Worship in the Parlor. Light lunch provided.
Questions? Talk to Pastor Michael.
Please sign-up online or in Cloister Hall.
Chancel Choir in Concert

Chancel Choir in Concert with chamber orchestra
Requiem by John Rutter

Sunday, March 29, 2020—4:00 pm

Come experience Lent with this profound contemporary work by English composer John Rutter. Written in 1985 on the occasion of his father’s death, the Requiem combines traditional Latin texts with Psalms and other Bible verses in English.
For February, we are going out to eat at **Red Lobster** while the TAG chefs take a well-deserved vacation. This will be easier to cancel in case of snow. Red Lobster is located at 4600 Belden Village Street NW in the Belden Village area (across from where the Jackson fire station used to be). You will be able to order anything you’d like and get an individual check. We will gather at 11:30 for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, with lunch at noon. 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 online. Thank you!

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**Wednesday, February 26**

5:15-5:45 pm & 7:00 p.m.

Join together to mark the beginning of Lent. We receive the sign of the cross as we enter into this season of prayer, fasting, and repentance. We gather in Christ Chapel and worship in the Taize tradition as we focus on prayer, scripture, & silence preparing ourselves, finally, to receive Eucharist.

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**Daily Grace**

**CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship**

*The Week of February 16, 2020*

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 23:**

| Monday:       | Exodus 24:12-18       |
| Tuesday:      | Psalm 2               |
| Wednesday:    | 2 Peter 1:16-21       |
| Thursday:     | Matthew 17:1-9        |
| Friday:       | Exodus 24:12-18       |
| Saturday:     | Psalm 99              |

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 **The Shepherd Psalm** (Psalm 23).
Sunday Morning Adult Classes 9:15—10:15 a.m.

Coffee & Conversations Class 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.

The Parlor Class continues to study from the Present Word.
2/16—The Prayer of Jesus, led by Betsy Smith
2/23—Perseverance in Prayer, led by Jim Smith.

Westminster Class continues to ask the questions of faith as we seek to understand God.
March 1, 8, 15: The New Community, led by Pastor Matt Skolnik
March 22, 29: Proclamation, Sacraments, and Ministry, led by Pastor Matt Skolnik

See you at 9:15 am Sunday mornings!

FCP Ministry Reminder:
In preparation for our upcoming construction, the architect’s have walked the building and identified some areas that need to be addressed before a building code review. One such space is our current Clothing Room. We try to accept only clothing that is "in season" but often find that, when cleaning out closets, people give us more than the current season. We have been boxing and storing these items, and the back of the Clothing Room is now stacked with these out of season clothes which must now be removed.

I ask your help so that we don’t get to this point again. We still need your support with clothing because there is a significant need for clothes, coats, towels and blankets. However, we receive bags and bags of donations every week that can’t be used. Please consider the items that are being donated to our church. If the items are out-of-season, in disrepair, stained or too dressy for the client’s we serve then please consider donating them to the Salvation Army or Goodwill. They have larger facilities and are better able to accept them.

We should be more aware of the bags of clothes that pile up in the hallways and in the Clothing room and I hope that this policy will help us achieve this. Please call me and I'm happy to answer any questions before you bring down your donations. With all God's love- Lorraine Murphy  330.495.8963
ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF February 16

Today
8:00 am    Worship Service—Chapel
9:00-9:15 am  Children’s Choir Reh.—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
12:00 pm    Lunch Bunch

Monday
10:00 am    Staff Meeting

Tuesday
10:00 am    Staff Meeting

11:15 am-12:15 pm  Handbell Reh.—Choir Room
11:30 am    TAG Lunch @ Red Lobster
6:00 pm    Session Dinner
7:00 pm    Session Meeting

Wednesday
Tydings Deadline
7:30 am    Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall
6:30 pm    Stephen Ministry Supervision—Parlor
7:00 pm    Nominating Ministry—Library

Thursday
9:30 am    Women’s Bible Study—Parlor
7:15 pm    Chancel Choir Reh.

Friday
10:30 am    Small Group—Parlor

Sunday, February 23
8:00 am    Worship Service—Chapel
9:00-9:15 am  Children’s Choir Rehearsal
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
12:00 pm    Lunch Bunch
5:00-7:00 pm    Family Game Night—Westminster Hall

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 dnave@cantoncpc.org no later than Wednesday, Feb. 19.

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!

Consider the work of God by including your church in your will.
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:

**Martha Schoonover**  
*(Thinking of You)*

**Joan Lloyd**  
*(Thinking of You)*

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**S & S CHALLENGE**

*Do you know . . .*

How many stair steps are in the public areas inside Christ Presbyterian Church?

One lucky winner will receive a **FUN PRIZE** by submitting the correct answer to the receptacle in Cloister Hall before February 29, 2020!

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**Sunday, February 23rd**

**GAME NIGHT**

5:00 – 7:00 pm

All are invited to a fun night of games, food, and fun! We’ll have pizza and other easy to eat foods while we get our GAME ON!

We’ll have plenty of games to choose from or you can bring one to share. Play with your family or form teams to challenge others! There will be games for adults and kids to enjoy at any skill level so don’t miss out on the fun!

Sign up online or at the kiosk so we know how much food to prepare.