The Baptism of Christ

This painting was finished around 1475 in the studio of the Italian Renaissance painter Andrea del Verrocchio and generally ascribed to him and his pupil Leonardo da Vinci. (Period: Italian Renaissance)

Media: Wood, Oil, Tempera
Dimensions 5’10” x 4’11”

January 13, 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
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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
Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019     Ten-Thirty O’Clock

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship
Leader: The voice of God resounds upon the water. Psalm 29; Luke 3:21-22
People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
Leader: The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”
People: And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
People: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*Hymn in Procession No. 463
“How Firm a Foundation”

*Prayer of the Day
Leader: Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan Luke 3:21-22
the heavens opened, the Spirit descended,
and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus
for the healing of the human race and all creation.
By water and word you lovingly invite us
into this same life-giving mission.

People: May your Spirit,
moving like a stream of water flowing,
work in us this day to realize your vision
of a world made new in Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession
God loves us and calls us each by name. Isaiah 43:1
Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved,
let us boldly confess our sins before God.
Prayer of Confession (in unison)
We are precious in your sight, Isaiah 43:4; Luke 3:22
yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.
We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life
harms others and hurts your world.
Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

Kyrie—Hymn No. 551
“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Assurance of Pardon
Beloved, God forgives your sins;
know that you are pardoned
and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

*Response—Hymn No. 485 (stanzas 2 & 3)
We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit’s power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia! 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
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
Glorious God,
when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission Psalm 29:7; Luke 3:21-22
the heavens opened in a flash of glory.
May your Spirit so burn in us
that we hear your word translated into deed
and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.
Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7
God Promises Restoration and Protection

People: Thanks be to God.  Large print Pew Bible page 822

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

Gospel Reading
John the Baptist, Jesus, and Baptism
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.  Pew Bible page 834
People: Thanks be to God.  Large print Pew Bible page 73

Sermon
“The Incident at Jordan”  Rev. Frederick Gibbs
“And when Jesus had also been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened . . .”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith  The Apostles’ Creed: page 35

Invitation to the Offering

Hebrews 6:10  For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and
the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints,
as you still do.

Offertory  from Elijah  Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
O come, everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him.
O hear, and your souls shall live forever. O come unto Him!

*Doxology—Hymn No. 606  OLD HUNDREDTH

Invitation to Remember Your Baptism

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: We give you thanks, Eternal God,
for you nourish and sustain all living things
by the gift of water.
In the beginning of time,
your Spirit moved over the watery chaos,
calling forth order and life.
People: In the time of Noah, 
you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, 
giving righteousness a new beginning.
Leader: You led Israel out of slavery, 
through the waters of the sea, 
into the freedom of the promised land.
People: In the waters of Jordan 
Jesus was baptized by John 
and anointed with your Spirit. 
By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, 
Christ set us free from sin and death, 
and opened the way to eternal life.
Leader: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. 
In it we were buried with Christ in his death. 
From it we were raised to share in his resurrection, 
Through it we were reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.
People: Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, 
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.
Leader: We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism 
may continue forever in the risen life 
of Jesus Christ our Savior.
People: To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, 
be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Remembering Our Baptism
Hymns During Procession to the Font: (sung by all)
Hymn No. 482 “Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit”
Hymn No. 492 You belong to Christ, 
in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.
Hymn No. 491 You have put on Christ; 
in Christ you have been baptized. Alleluia. 
We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been baptized. Alleluia.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

REENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church — Living Our Faith
Grace In Our Midst—Shawn Campbell

(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. 547  “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*Benediction

Choral Response  “The Peace of God”  Henry Purcell

Organ Voluntary  “Allegro molto” from Sonata VI  F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
  Based on the chorale, “Our Father, Who Art in Heaven”

*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 my father, Gerald S. Norton,
by Jerry, Linda, & Katie Norton.

The Cathedral Hour today is given in loving memory of Elizabeth and Vera Yoder by Mary
Ann Beck.

Liturgist: Molly Hudson

Acolytes: Ty Ohlinger (Crucifer) Romy Anderson (Acolyte), Karsten Burdeshaw (Acolyte),
Jace Anderson (Bible Bearer)
Acolyte Master: Ty Ohlinger

We welcome to the pulpit this morning, Rev. Frederick Gibbs, who grew up in and was
ordained at Christ Presbyterian Church. Fred attended the College of William and Mary and
Princeton Theological Seminary and has held pastorates in East Liverpool, Pittsburgh,
Ashland, OH, Richmond, VA and Pepper Pike, OH. His last employment before returning to
Canton was a historical interpreter for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Virginia.
Judy and Fred have three sons and eight grandchildren.

Preparing for Sunday, January 20, 2019

Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-1; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Consider: The Holy Spirit enlivens each of us with unique gifts that nurture faith and serve
the common good. To identify those gifts we can ask ourselves such questions as, When do I
feel most alive? What do I love to do? What things, tasks, or actions fill me with a sense of
purpose? What am I doing when time seems to stand still? These questions help us discern
the Spirit’s movement in our lives. Created in the image of God, each of us is uniquely gifted
to reveal divine likeness. When our deep joy is united with meaning and purpose, vocation is
birthed. How or where is God calling you?
**Sunday Morning Adult Classes 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Westminster Hall Sunday School:** The Westminster Class welcomes Dr. Carl Pace, teaching a five-week Sunday School course on the writings (or Kethuvim) of the Hebrew Bible. Dr. Pace is an adjunct professor at Malone University and specializes in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies. In his five-week course, he will cover the final section of the Hebrew Bible, which includes the books of Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles. While he surely won’t be able to cover all of these books in this limited time, 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 9:15am. If you ever miss a class, don’t forget that you can listen to the podcast at <www.cpc.podbean.com>.

**Parlor Class** is studying from the Present Word: 1/13—Submit to God’s Love, led by Paul & Barb Batchelder; 1/20—Submit to God in Christ, led by Betsy Smith; 1/27—Devote All to Christ, led by Jim Smith.

**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.

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Get ready to have a ball at Camp Wakonda this summer!

- Lego Masters
- Escape Wakonda
- The Great Wakonda Cooking Challenge
- Explorer Superheroes
- Treasure Hunters
- Discovery
- You Can’t Do THAT at Camp!
- Wakonda’s Got Talent
- Roughin’ It - Last Tent in the Woods
Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of January 13, 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, January 20:
   Tuesday:        Psalm 36:5-10   Friday:       Isaiah 62:1-5
   Wednesday:   1 Corinthians 12:1-11  Saturday:   Psalm 36:5-10
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 Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5).

More Than A Book Club—February 24
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. In his book, Jacobs “undergoes a hilarious,
heartfelt quest to understand what constitutes family—where it
begins and how far it goes—and attempts to untangle the true
meaning of the ‘Family of Humankind.’ Jacobs’s journey would take
him to all seven continents. He drank beer with a US president, found
himself singing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and unearthed
genetic links to Hollywood actresses and real-life scoundrels. After
all, we can choose our friends, but not our family. Now Jacobs upends, in ways both
meaningful and hilarious, our understanding of genetics and genealogy, tradition and
tribalism, identity and connection. It’s All Relative is a fascinating look at the bonds
that connect us all.” (From the Publisher)

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. If you have
any questions, please contact Pastor Michael.

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!
Grove City College Touring Choir—Sunday, March 3 @ 7:00 pm
On Sunday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm, we will welcome the Grove City College Touring Choir to our very own Sanctuary. The choir, under the direction of Dr. Katherine Mueller, is a select group of forty-eight singers, consisting of students from a variety of academic majors and tours annually during the spring semester throughout various regions of the United States. The GCC Touring Choir members desire to make beautiful music using the gifts and talents given them by God. Join us for an evening of choral music including works by Mozart, Poulenc, Bernstein, Gjeilo, Rutter, and Moses Hogan. Additionally, as we have invited this ensemble to come, the members of the choir request a place to stay. Therefore, we are seeking overnight hosts for the ensemble, with at least two students staying in a home. In your hospitality, you would only need to provide a ride to your home, a warm bed, breakfast, and a ride back to the church the following morning. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Pastor Michael.

REMINDER: The 2019 Per Capita Communicant Apportionment is set at $30.56 per member, with the General Assembly receiving 8.95, Synod $3.25, and the Presbytery $18.36. Your assistance in donating to help defray the cost to the church will be greatly appreciated. Please indicate on your check for the 2019 apportionment.

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:

Catherine Forgach
(Happy Birthday)

Joyce Wulff
(Thinking of You)
### Activities for the Week of January 13

**Today**
- 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
- 5:00-6:00 pm  Confirmation
- 6:00-7:30 pm  Youth Group (Game Night)

**Monday**
- 10:00 am  Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm  Personnel Ministry Meeting—Parlor
- 4:00 pm  Property Ministry Meeting—Parlor

**Tuesday**
- 9:30 am  Bible Study—Parlor
- 11:30 am  TAG Lunch @ Bender’s
- 6:00 pm  Session Dinner
- 7:00 pm  Session Meeting

**Wednesday**
- 6:30 pm  *Tydings Deadline*
- 10:30 am-12:00 noon  Small Group—Parlor

**Thursday**
- 7:00 am  Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall
- 9:30-11:00 am  Women’s Bible Study—Parlor
- 7:15 pm  Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday**
- 10:30 am-12:00 noon  Small Group—Parlor

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- 5:00-7:00 pm  Youth Group + Families @ Laser Quest

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#### Uncle Albert didn’t have a will. It took 3 years to settle his estate.

Your will can help your family, your church, and save unnecessary expenses at death.

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TAG Tuesday, January 15 11:30 am – Bender’s

For January and February, TAG is going out to eat! We will meet at restaurants while the TAG chefs take a well-deserved vacation. These lunches will also be easier to cancel in case it snows.

January’s TAG will be held at Bender’s Tavern. Bender’s is located at 137 Court Avenue SW downtown just a couple of blocks from the church. Bender’s has quite a diverse menu, and you will be able to order anything you’d like, and get an individual check. In addition, at lunchtime they have very reasonable prices. 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 11:30 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 January 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!