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.

January 6, 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”

† Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the minister/server.

*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  
Epiphany of the Lord  

January 6, 2019     Ten-Thirty O'Clock

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship  

Leader:  Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
Isaiah 60:1-3

People:   The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader:  Come, worship the Lord of glory.

People:  Proclaim God’s praise among the nations.

*Hymn in Procession No. 152  “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

*Prayer of the Day  

Leader:  God, you placed a star in the sky  
Matthew 2:1-2  
to draw wise folk to the place of Christ’s nativity.

People:  There you revealed the mystery  
of your eternal purpose for all humanity:

Leader:  God made flesh, born of Mary,  
opening to all the world the promise you made  
to Abraham and Sarah.

People:  Empower your church to be as the light of the star,  
that we may draw the world  
to the glory of Christ, our Lord, through whom we pray.  
Amen.
Call to Confession
In the light of Christ,
we see the shadows of our world
and of our hearts.
Trusting in God’s grace,
let us confess our sins before God
and one another.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Merciful God,
you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ,
but we have preferred
to live in darkness.
Your justice protects the weak and the distressed,
yet we seek the shelter
of privilege and power.
Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy,
yet we seek the status
of wealth and possessions.
Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless,
yet we seek the security
of weapons and retribution.
Forgive us our sins,
and lead us to true repentance,
that we may trust you in all things;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

Kyrie—Hymn No. 551
“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Assurance of Pardon
Leader: This is the good news:
Christ is the light of the world,
who grants forgiveness
and healing of our sins.
People: 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
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Prayer for Illumination
Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness.  Amen.

Hebrew Scripture
All Shall Come
Leader:  The Word of the Lord.  Pew Bible page 602
People:  Thanks be to God.  Large print Pew Bible page 844

*Hymn No. 744
“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Gospel Reading
The Visit of the Wise Men
Leader:  The Gospel of the Lord.  Pew Bible pages 783-784
People:  Thanks be to God.  Large print Pew Bible page 2

Sermon
“Why Do You Come?”  Rev. Benjamin George
“Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith  The Nicene Creed:  page 34

Invitation to the Offering
Proverbs 19:17  Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full.

Offertory  from the Oratorio, Christus  Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising,
To reign in glory over the nations.  – Numbers 24:17

Like some bright star is he, The promise of the coming day, Behold the night of sorrow.
Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,
Hail the brightness of Thy rising.
"We Three Kings"

**Presentation Hymn No. 151** (remaining seated until stanza 5)

**All:**

1. We three kings of Orient are: bearing gifts we traverse afar, 
   field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

**Refrain:**

*O star of wonder, star of night,*
*star with royal beauty bright,*
*westward leading, still proceeding,*
*guide us to thy perfect light!*

**Solo:**

2. Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again, 
   King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

*(All join in singing the refrain)*

**Solo:**

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; 
   prayer and praising gladly raising, worshipping God Most High.

*(All join in singing the refrain)*

**Solo:**

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; 
   sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

*All join in singing the refrain*

**All:** *(standing)*

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice: 
   Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. *(Refrain)*

**Prayer of Dedication** *(in unison)*

Glorious God,

you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, 
your Holy Child, born of Mary.
We, too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, 
and thanksgiving for the birth of your child.
Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign 
of the boundless love and abundant life 
we are called to share in Christ. Amen.
Invitation to the Lord’s Table

*Communion Hymn No. 515 (verses 1 — 4)  “I Come with Joy”

*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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor. Throughout the ages you called your people to love and serve you, and to be your light among the nations. When we failed you, you did not fail us and sent prophets to call us back to your ways.

People: We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus to be the Light of the world.

Leader: He came to heal our brokenness and to set before us the ways of justice and peace. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sanctus (sung by all)  

Thomas Pavlechko
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\text{Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.} \\
\text{Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.} \\
\text{San - na in the high - est.} \\
\text{Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.} \\
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Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He was born to dwell among us, full of grace and truth; in him we have seen your glory. Baptized by John in the Jordan, he lived for you, spoke your truth, showed your love, and gave himself for others. In his death on the cross, he overcame death. Rising from the tomb, he raised us to eternal life, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. 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. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.

People: As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Illumine our hearts, O God, with the radiance of Christ’s presence., that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world.

Leader: Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor, to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

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  

Michael McCabe

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken;  
let ears that now have heard thy songs to clamor never waken.

Lord, may the tongues which “Holy” sang keep free from all deceiving;  
the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy blessed hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy hallowed courts from light do thou not banish;  
the bodies by thy Body fed with thy new life replenish.

— Syriac Liturgy of Malabar

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. 150  “As with Gladness Men of Old”

*Benediction

Choral Response  (Hymn No. 827)  Nicolai/Bach

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God’s own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!

Of Jacob’s line, King David’s son,  
our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only!

Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!

Rule and might o’er all possessing!

Organ Voluntary  on Hymn No. 827  Johann Pachelbel

*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 given in loving memory of Robert and Shirley Rechkemmer by the Clark Rechkemmer and Carol Rechkemmer Families.

Liturgist: Bette Maier

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

Acolyte Master: Ty Ohlinger

Preparing for Sunday, January 13, 2019 — Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Consider: How may I live in the power of the Holy Spirit this day? What in my life is like chaff that the Holy Spirit burns away in order for me to live as a free and faithful child of God?

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

Westminster Hall Sunday School: Starting today, the Westminster Class will welcome Dr. Carl Pace to teach 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: 1/6—Hold Fast to God’s Love, led by Don Bowers; 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.

Hey Kids! Get ready for...

Put on your comfiest jammies for church next Sunday, January 13! We’ll have extra special fun in Kids’ Church that morning! It might be winter outside, but we’ll be comfy and cozy inside with cocoa, treats, games, and stories. Be sure to invite a friend and don’t forget your slippers! Grown ups are welcome to join in the fun too!
Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of January 6, 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 13:
- Monday: Isaiah 43:1-7
- Tuesday: Psalm 29
- Wednesday: Acts 8:14-17
- Thursday: Luke 3:15-17
- Friday: Isaiah 43:1-7
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 Love is the Greatest Quality (1 Corinthians 13).

January Youth/Confirmation Events

Sunday, January 6th-
Mission Impossible Game + Devo (Resolutions, Mission/Service)
Confirmation 5-6pm; Youth group 6-7:30pm

Sunday, January 13th-
Game Night + Devo *Bring your favorite game!
Confirmation 5-6pm; Youth group 6-7:30pm

Sunday, January 20th-
Laser Quest (details to follow)

Sunday, January 27th-
No Youth Events
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.

Do you know who your heirs will be? Is Christ Presbyterian Church an heir?

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.

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)

Joyce Effinger
(Happy Birthday)
**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6**

**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

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

**Tuesday**
- 5:30 pm  Camp Ministry—Pine Room
- 7:00 pm  Discipleship Ministry—Parlor

**Wednesday**
- 8:00-10:45 am  Food Ministry
- 4:30 pm  Worship Ministry—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

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

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**Christ Presbyterian Church Staff**
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  - Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Eldon Trubee
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**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 dnavc@cantoncpc.org no later than Wednesday, Jan. 16.

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!
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 **Sunday, January 13**. You can sign up in the kiosk area, or call the church office. You can also sign up online. Thank you!

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

Here’s what to look forward to in 2019:

- Lego Masters
- Explorer Superheroes
- Escape Wakonda
- Treasure Hunters
- The Great Wakonda Cooking Challenge
- Discovery
- You Can’t Do THAT at Camp!
- Wakonda’s Got Talent
- Roughin’ It - Last Tent in the Woods