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 26, 2020
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
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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.
The Order For Morning Worship
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Instrumental Voluntary  “Aria”  O. Taktakishvili
  Dianne Willliams, flute

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader:  The people who walked in darkness have
  seen a great light; Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16
  those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
  on them light has shined.

People:  Thanks be to God.

*Hymn in Procession No. 32  “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*Prayer of the Day

Leader:  God, our light and our salvation,
  Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom
  and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men.

People:  Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
  that our lives may bear witness to the good news
  of the kingdom at hand
  and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation;
  through your Son, Jesus Christ,

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God,
the source of freedom and forgiveness.
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God,
   we confess that we have not been faithful to you
   in our thoughts and actions.
We have been selfish in our desires
   and quarrelsome in our relationships.
We have allowed fear to divide us
   from those who seem different,
   and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.
Shine your light into our darkened hearts.
Save us from our divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ
   who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit
   in perfect harmony. Amen.  

1 Corinthians 1:10

Kyrie—Hymn No. 578  “O Lord, Have Mercy”

1. Kyrie eleison (choir)  2. Christe eleison (all)  3. Kyrie eleison (all)

*Assurance of Pardon

God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance.
Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, Isaiah 9:4
and covers us in mercy. Amen.

*Response—Hymn No. 436 (verses 1 and 2)  “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

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

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-4

The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible page 555
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible pages 780-781

Psalm 27 (First sung by cantor, then by all) Pew Bible pages 437-438
Large print Pew Bible pages 619-620

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation; in God I trust, in God I trust.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Concerning Divisions in the Church

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible page 926
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible pages 201-202

*Hymn No. 175

“Seek Ye First”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins His Ministry

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. Pew Bible page 785
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 4

Sermon

Rev. David de Vries

“Before the Earth-Shattering Ruckus Really Begins . . .”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

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

1 Chronicles 29:17  King David said, “I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.”

Anthem  “The Summons” (For text, refer to Hymn No. 726)  John Bell
          Dianne Williams, flute

*Doxology  LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia . . . Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

God of our salvation,
receive these gifts we offer
and bless them for the work of your kingdom,
through Christ, our Lord. 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. 265  “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

*Benediction

Choral Response  “The Peace of the Earth”  John Bell

Organ Voluntary  “Allegro assai vivace” from Sonata No. 1  Felix Mendelssohn

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 in loving memory of Mr. Alvin J. Gibbs from the Gibbs Trust Investment Fund.

The Cathedral Hour today is made possible from the family of Corine Cornish: Happy Birthday to our Mom and all of the other mothers watching us from heaven.

Liturgist: Kathy Schlabach

Acolytes: Tommy Rice, Max Roberts, Lily Roberts, Lila Tibbits

Youth Acolyte Master: Ty Ohlinger
Adult Acolyte Master: Vanessa Worley

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

**Scripture Readings:**
- Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

**Consider:** How do we live in hope of a reality we cannot yet see or, at best, catch only fleeting glimpses? Where in your community’s life of prayer and service do you see instances of God’s justice, peace, and healing? Then give thanks, and ask God, where am I being called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly into all blessedness in the ordinary course of my day?

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**Daily Grace**

**CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship**

*The Week of January 26, 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 2**:  
- **Monday:** Micah 6:1-8  
- **Tuesday:** Psalm 15  
- **Wednesday:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
- **Thursday:** Matthew 5:1-12  
- **Friday:** Micah 6:1-8  
- **Saturday:** Psalm 15  
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**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 Love Story of Ruth* (Ruth 1-4).
Making Contributions: When making your Gather Us In contributions, PLEASE make sure that you indicate on the memo line of your check that the contribution is for Gather Us In. If you do not indicate this, then your contribution will be applied to your General Fund Pledge. It is VERY important that you indicate your intent in the memo line of your check or attach a note along with your check as to how you wish it applied. This will help to resolve conflicts when you receive your contribution statements and find that your gifts were not applied as you had intended. Thank You for helping us help you,
Donald Weltlich, Assistant Treasurer

Please see a few examples below:
Check Amount $500.00
Check Memo: $100 for GF, $400 GUI
Check Amount $1,000.00
Check Memo: $1,000 GUI
Check Amount $1,500.00
Check Memo: $500 GF, $500 GUI, $500 FCPM

GF = General Fund
GUI = Gather Us In
FCPM = Food, Clothing, Prayer, Ministry

Pay Your Pledge From Our Website:
Remember CPC is able to accept your taxable contributions, for your pledges, Gather Us In, and other favorite ministries, securely online from the church website. Simply go to www.cantoncpc.org, and you will see the Green Online Giving button in the left column, simply click on the button and this will take you to the secure donation page.

Bicentennial Logo Contest
As a part of our bicentennial preparation, we invite one and all to participate in designing a new logo that will be identified with all of our celebrations. The winning logo will appear on all publications and will be used for all official purposes regarding the bicentennial anniversary. Each entry should be submitted electronically to Pastor Michael <mwallace@cantoncpc.org> on or before February 3, 2020. You may submit multiple entries but each must be submitted individually. Entries must conform to the Submission Guidelines set out below.

Submission Guidelines
The purpose of the contest is to design a logo for the materials associated with Christ Presbyterian Church’s 200th Anniversary Celebration. The logo will be used online, in print, and on any merchandise. Flexibility is a key requirement, including the need to resize easily and to look good in black and white as well as color. The final version of the logo will need to be suitable for high quality printing.

Take care to ensure that your entry is an original work, and does not contain, nor look similar to, existing logos or other copyrighted images. The logo must contain the words, Christ Presbyterian Church, Christ Church, or CPC and should make it clear that it is for the 200th Anniversary and include the years 1821 to 2021. The logo could incorporate elements from the PCUSA logo, stained glass windows/ mosaics of the sanctuary, the façade of the building, or something representative of Canton or the church.

Judging and Selection of Winner
The winning design will be selected by the congregation and the Bicentennial Committee in February 2020. The winner will be announced in March 2020. The winner will receive a $50 prize.
CPC January Family Event: Ice Skating after church
TODAY
We’ll enjoy a warm lunch here at the church right after Worship and then head to the downtown rink for a few hours of family fun. We’ll cover the admission costs, but there is a fee if you need to rent skates there ($2). All are welcome.

Help needed with archives!
Do you love old handwriting or calligraphy? Would you like to put your skills to the test and help the archives ministry to transcribe old Session minutes? Below is a fairly neat example of minutes from 1922, but there are another hundred years of minutes prior to that in various styles of handwriting. We are particularly looking for someone who could transcribe these minutes by typing them on the computer. This work could be done at the church or at home! If you’re interested, please contact Pastor Michael. Thanks!

Friends Helping Friends:
If you are in need of temporary assistance or medical equipment, we want you to know that we care. God has His hand in this ministry, sees your need, and wants you to receive this assistance through Friends Helping Friends. Please do not hesitate to call co-coordinator:
Alice Rauch—330-494-2997
Sue Nelson—330-832-2999
Please save the date of Saturday, March 7 for a one-day training here at CPC to equip faith community leaders to minister to those impacted by suicidal desperation. More details will be coming soon, but please mark your calendars now. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Michael.
**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. 1/26—Solomon’s Blessing, led by Don Bowers.

**Westminster Class** continues to ask the questions of faith as we seek to understand God. See you at 9:15 am Sunday mornings!

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**Prayer Chain:**
Whenever there’s a need for prayer, please call one of our Prayer Chain co-chairs:

- **Sandy Kohler** ~ 330-575-5874
  midnightingaletoo@gmail.com
- **Judy Smith** ~ 330-771-0598
  judithllsmith@gmail.com
- **Carol Orin** ~ 330-833-2351
  jloca4638@gmail.com

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**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:

- **Dave & Jeanne de Vries & Family**  
  *(Sympathy)*

- **Marilyn Schneider**  
  *(Happy Birthday)*

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**A homemade will could be worse than no will at all.** Be sure your will is legal, and consider naming Christ Presbyterian Church as a beneficiary.
**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF January 26**

**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
- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch
- 12:00-2:00 pm Family Ice Skating with lunch

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

**Tuesday**
- 9:30 am Bible Study—Parlor
- 2:00 pm Spirit & Space Meeting—Parlor

**Wednesday**
- 7:30 am Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall

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

**Sunday, February 2**
- 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
- 6:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party @ Jennie George’s

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**Update: Spirit & Space**

Many of you are curious as to the progress toward reaching the $150,000 anonymous gift that was offered in December. I am pleased to say that at this time we have received $75,711. We are about half way to our goal! Thank you to those who have pledged for your generosity and to all of those who are continuing to consider a gift or added pledge.

—Jerry Norton
January/February Youth Events

**Sunday, January 26**  Youth and Family Ice-skating
   Directly after church until 2pm
   Hall of Fame City Ice Rink (downtown)
   Join us for a warm lunch in Westminster Hall followed by ice-skating! $2 per person, free if you have your own skates.

**Sunday, February 2**  Super Bowl Party!
   6:00pm through the end of the halftime show
   Watch party at Jennie George’s house
   Please bring a snack or appetizer to share.
   1809 Pineknoll NW, Massillon, OH 44646

**Sunday, February 9**  No Meeting

**Saturday, February 15**  Strongsville Toboggan Chutes and Chalet
   12:00-4:00pm Meet and pickup in the church parking lot
   Please eat lunch in advance
   Bring $6, full finger gloves/mittens are required to ride
   RSVP by Sunday, February 9

**Sunday, February 23**  Youth and Family Game Night
   5:00-7:00pm
   Join us for dinner and games for all ages!

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**Lunch Bunch—A new opportunity to fellowship and break bread**

*When: Every Sunday following 10:30am worship service*

*Where: La Pizzaria (3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718)*

*Who: Everyone and anyone!*

Lunch bunch is an informal gathering of church members, visitors, and friends at La Pizzaria at approximately 12:00pm every Sunday. It is a great way to meet other people and get to know new friends. If you would like to attend, but need transportation or have any questions, please call Carolyn Hess at 330-353-0909.