Christmas:
noun
the period that in Christian theology marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men. It begins on December 25 (Christmas) and runs through January 6 (the Epiphany). The four weeks preceding Christmas are collectively known as Advent, which begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on December 24.

e·piph·a·ny:
noun
[e-] an appearance or manifestation of a god or other supernatural being
in many Christian churches, a yearly festival, held January 6, marking the end of Christmas and commemorating the revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi.
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.

Procedures for Receiving Communion

A gluten-free station (an Elder and Acolyte) is available to you on the pulpit side of the sanctuary.

Reflections on Communion

At Christ Presbyterian Church everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is encouraged and welcomed to the table. You need not be a member of the congregation.

Communion is a time for quiet celebration. Please refrain from talking with neighbors as a way of honoring the silence needed for prayer.

Moving forward, you are welcome to remember and celebrate your baptism into God's Kingdom by dipping your fingers in the baptismal font.

Receive the bread when offered, then dip the bread into the chalice. Appropriate responses to receiving bread and cup include:

“Thanks be to God”  “Amen”  “Glory be to God”

You are also welcome to receive Communion as a couple, family, and/or as friends gathered.

As you return to your seat, you are encouraged to continue meditative singing (as directed by the choir), devote yourself to prayer, or meditate on the cross.

*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 Sunday

January 5, 2020     Ten-Thirty O’Clock

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1
People: The brightness of God’s light shines upon all the nations.
All are welcomed to the brightness of God’s dawn. Isaiah 60:3
Leader: God gathers us from far away and carries us.
With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
we receive the abundance God gives. Isaiah 60:4-5
People: We respond in praise.
With our gifts, with our very selves,
we worship God. Isaiah 60:6b

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

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O Lord our God,
your glory shines Isaiah 60:1-2
as far as the east is from the west,
from the north to the south,
so that all people may see and be radiant,
so that every heart might thrill and rejoice. Isaiah 60:5
Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ.
Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence. Matthew 2:10
May we enter your house and pay homage to him
whose infant arms were already reaching out
to the ends of the earth
that all might be gathered in. Isaiah 60:4; Matthew 2:1
In your triune name, we pray. Amen.
Call to Confession

*The Gospel of John tells us the basis for our judgment is this:*

“The light came into the world,
and people loved darkness more than the light,
for their actions are evil.”

Yet we come in boldness and confidence,
not according to our merit,
but according to God’s grace.  

Ephesians 3:12

Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of justice, we confess that our actions are evil
whenever we remain passive while others are oppressed;
whenever we guard our own prosperity
at the expense of those who are poor;
or when we ignore the cries of those in need of help.

Forgive us, we pray, for hiding in the darkness of this world
more than loving the light of your righteousness
made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Judge us with mercy, we pray,
and extend your grace to us.

Strengthen our faithfulness
to you and to all who are precious in your sight.
We pray in the name of Christ, our Light.  Amen.

Kyrie—Hymn No. 551  

“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Assurance of Pardon*

**Leader:** Friends, God is for us and not against us.

For that very reason God sent the Son into the world—
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.  

John 3:17

We declare the good news of the Gospel:

**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
*Response

Mark Schweizer

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Glo - ry to God in the high - est And
peace to His peo - ple on earth. Lord God, Hea'vn-ly King, Al -
might - y God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, We praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. You areseat-ed
at the right hand of the Fath - er; re - ceive our
prayer.

For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord, you a- lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children
All Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message. Children and families are welcome to use the many resources available in the Children’s Area during Worship.

Prayer for Illumination
Leader: O God of wonder, as that ancient star rose and guided the magi, so now may the light of your Holy Spirit, shine in our hearts and minds as the Word is read and proclaimed.

Hebrew Scripture
Isaiah 60:1-6
The Ingathering of the Dispersed
Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 153
“In Bethlehem, a Newborn Boy”

Gospel Reading
Matthew 2:1-23
Visitors for the East and the following Destruction
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Rev. David de Vries
“Why, Oh Lord, Why?”
“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”
OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed: page 34

Invitation to the Offering

Deuteronomy 16:10 “. . . contributing a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.”

Anthem “Here is the Little Door” Owain Park

“Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold, Gold that was never bought nor sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his Bed; Incense in clouds about his head;
All for the Child that stirs not in his sleep, But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Bend low about his Bed: for each he has a gift;
See how his eyes awake, lift up your hands, oh lift!
For gold, he gives a keen-edged sword (Defend with it Thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red, Myrrh for the honored happy dead;
Gifts for the children, terrible and sweet, Touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet.

*Presentation Hymn No. 151 (remaining seated until stanza 5) “We Three Kings”

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)
Though we are least among the saints, O God, Ephesians 3:8
still you have given us the gift of your grace
that we might share with others
the boundless riches of Christ. Ephesians 3:8
Receive now, we ask, what we have given today.
Use these offerings and use us for your plans and purposes.
We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

*The Great Thanksgiving*

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your Spirit.
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: Bright shining God, inner light of all faithful souls, we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art. We rejoice that you have made us in your image and call us to live in your limitless love. You bring peoples and leaders to the dawn of your rising.
People: You sent your only child, our morning star, to light a way in our night and lead us to justice and peace.
Leader: Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives. Each daybreak you call us to feed the hungry, bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed, heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds, and keep watch for the dawn of your commonwealth on earth.

People: For all of this we give you thanks.

Leader: And we praise you, joining our voices with all life on earth and the company of heaven, who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Sanctus (sung by all)  

Leader: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me.”

After supper, 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 it in remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.
**Leader:** By your Spirit bless this bread and this cup that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us. See us here, on bended knee, offering our lives to your ministry.

**People:** Enlighten us that we may be your people, the body of the risen Christ, the light of the world, set apart to serve this earth that you have made.

**Leader:** Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever, O Eternal Light.

**People:** Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**Communion Anthem**  “Coventry Carol”  arr. Martin Shaw

*Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,*  
*By by, Lully, lullaby.*

1. O sisters too, How may we do for to preserve this day  
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing,  
By by, lully, lullaby?

2. Herod, the king, in his raging charged he hath this day  
His men of might, in his own sight,  
All young children to slay.

3. That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and day,  
For thy parting neither say nor sing  
By by, lully, lullay!

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

For anyone wishing confidential individual prayer, immediately following the service a member of the Stephen Ministry will be available in the Chapel.

**Participating as our Kings in Today's Service:**
Scott Sproul, Steve Stocker, & Adam Wiggins

**AT REST:**

Nancy W. Merrill—December 28, 2019

The flowers in the Chancel vases today are given in loving memory of Arthur E. Gibbs by the Gibbs Trust Investment Fund.

The Cathedral Hour today is given in loving memory of Robert and Shirley Rechkemmer by the Clark Rechkemmer and Carol Rechkemmer Families.

Liturgist:  Sarah Pozderac-Chenevey

Acolytes: Jordan Miller (Crucifer), Avery Miller (Acolyte), Megan Cooper (Acolyte), Levi George (Bible Bearer)

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

**January Youth Events**

**Sunday, January 12**  “Seeing 2020”-Devotion and Games  
6:00-7:30PM in the youth room

**Sunday, January 19**  No Meeting
Enjoy the long weekend!

**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.
What will become of your property at your death? If it is not needed by your heirs, consider leaving to Christ Church.

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:

Marylu Byrom (Happy Birthday)
Joyce Effinger (Happy Birthday)

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Consider: In Romans 8:29, Paul wrote that God meant for Jesus to be “the firstborn within a large family.” What does that mean to you? What does your baptism have to do with it?

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of January 5, 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, January 12:
Tuesday:       Psalm 29         Friday:         Isaiah 42:1-9
Wednesday:  Acts 10:34-43       Saturday:    Psalm 29
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 Ten Commandments (Exodus 20).
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. 1/5—A Place for the Ark, led by Wanda Young; 1/12—Solomon’s Speech, led by Dottie Rasnick; 1/19—Solomon’s Dedication Prayer, led by Steve Schott; 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! No Class on 1/5/20.

Have you dreamed of making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Israel?
Planning for CPC’s second pilgrimage to Israel is well underway. The dates for the main tour are February 21 – March 3, 2021. There are two optional extensions returning home on March 6. If you are interested or just want to learn more, please plan to attend an informational session on Sunday, January 19 at 11:45 in Westminster Hall. Sunday, January 26 is our backup date in the event of bad weather. Light Mediterranean refreshments will be served. Please sign up in the kiosk area. Questions? Give Nancy Irving a call at 330.280.1868.

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 12:00 PM 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.
### 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

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### 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](http://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.

### A NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS: THE BOOK OF JOB

The Tuesday Morning Pastor's Bible Study will begin a new thirteen-week study beginning this coming Tuesday, January 7, 2020. On tap: The Book of Job. The class meets from 9:30-11:00am in the Parlor. It is a mix of short lectures, discussion, and question/answer. Everyone is welcome. The “bible study neophyte” will not be overwhelmed, nor will the biblically astute be bored. As someone once said, “We laugh, we cry; we make time fly.”

You will find the book of Job in the Hebrew Scriptures sitting between Esther and The Psalms. It is a powerful story of deep faith in tragic times. In a larger sense, it is the story of each of us who has ever tried to make sense of apparently senseless suffering. The truth is, there isn’t a person alive who does not have personal acquaintance with the questions to which the book is addressed.

So we study the book of Job “in the bleak midwinter!” Does this sound depressing? Hardly! You will find this study of Job to be emotionally liberating. You will find this study of Job to be faith-nurturing. You will find this study of Job to be spiritually affirming. You’ll have some fun, learn great stuff, and meet new and old friends, all while fortifying your faith. Come join in! If you have any questions, just ask Pastor Dave.
ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF January 5

Today
10:15 am-11:30 am Infant Nursery (ages 0-2) – Room L4
10:30 am Worship Service – Sanctuary

Monday
10:00 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm Personnel Ministry Meeting—Parlor

Tuesday
9:30 am Bible Study—Parlor
11:15 am-12:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal—Choir Room

Wednesday
7:30 am Men's Bible Study—Westminster Hall
8:00-10:45 am Food Ministry
12:00 pm Archives Committee—Library
4:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting—Parlor

Thursday
9:30 am Women's Bible Study—Parlor
1:30 am Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group—Parlor
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Reh.

Friday
2:30 pm Church Building & Office Closes for Staff Party

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

Sunday, January 12
8:00 am Worship Service—Chapel
9:00-9:15 am Children's Choir—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
6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group in the Youth Room
(Devotions & Games)

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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 dnavé@cantoncpc.org no later than Wednesday, Jan. 22.

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!

Elders of Christ Presbyterian Church
Kevin Anderson
Shawn Campbell
Nancy Irving
Jerry Norton
Michael Ophardt
Carol Orin
Bert Smith
Lori Sproul
Byrdie Stocker
Hey Kids! Get ready for . . .

Put on your comfiest jammies for church on **Sunday, January 12**!

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!**

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**TAG Tuesday, January 21, 11:30 am – Bravo**

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 **Bravo Cucina Italiana**. Bravo is located at 4224 Everhard Road NW on the north side of the Belden Village Mall. 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 January TAG no later than Sunday, January 19. 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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**AN EVENING of Organ & Orchestra**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 - 7:30pm**

**THE CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FEATURING HEATHER COOPER**

Our very own Heather Cooper will be featured in the Canton Symphony Orchestra concert, "An Evening of Organ and Orchestra" on Saturday, January 25th. CPC has secured a special group rate for the concert. To be part of our group, use code ORGAN when purchasing your tickets on the CSO’s website: [cantonsymphony.org](http://cantonsymphony.org).