Christ Presbyterian Church
exists to glorify God,
lead people to a
saving relationship with
Jesus Christ,
built one another up in
spiritual maturity,
and send out servants
to share the Good News
in word and deed.

July 7, 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 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.

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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”
⇒ You are encouraged to remember God’s call to be part of the covenant people and a citizen in the Kingdom of Heaven (your baptism) by dipping your hand in the baptismal font as you come forward.
⇒ You are welcome to receive Communion as a couple, family, and/or as friends gathered. If you have a family member who is in the choir, they can join you as you come forward.
⇒ You are encouraged to sing during Communion. Often the choir will lead in singing meditative hymns.
⇒ As you return to your seat you are encouraged to continue singing, devote yourself to prayer, or meditate on the cross.
⇒ Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the minister/server when you come forward.

*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
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019                    Ten-Thirty O’Clock

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Organ Voluntary
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
1. Fanfare- with clouds descending...
2. Trio- Alleluia

Karl Osterland

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship

*Hymn in Procession No. 348
“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Call to Confession

The psalmist asks a question:
Psalm 82:2

July 7, 2019     Ten-Thirty O’Clock
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God,
we are your sons and daughters,
descendants of the God most high,
yet, we do not behave to honor you
and our actions belittle the love you have for us.

We do not defend the weak
or those without fathers or mothers.
We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed.
We do not commit to efforts to rescue
the weak and the needy;
we sometimes deliver them
into solitude and neglect.

Rise up to judge us, O God.
We prefer your merciful justice,
than living with guilt and fear.

Straighten our path,
so that we can be guided
as a mother or a father guides beloved children.

Kyrie

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The triune God’s unconditional love
does not seek appearances or conditions,
but loves in such a way,
that we are restored to health and to wholeness.
Thanks be to God!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!
LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Children come forward for the Children’s Message.
After the prayer, children return to their families. Children are welcome to pick up and use the many resources available in the Children’s Area during Worship.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, this is the time
when we quiet our hearts and minds,
to pay attention—
to really pay attention—
to what you have to say to us today.
Fill us with your Word,
and give us understanding
by your Holy Spirit,
that having heard your Word,
we may live lives worthy
of you and please you in every way.  Amen.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:15-23
The Supremacy of Christ
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible page 956
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 244

*Hymn No. 377
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Second Reading

Revelation 1
The Revelation of Jesus Christ
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible pages 994-995
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible pages 297-298
Sermon

“A Vision of Christ”  Rev. Michael Wallace

“If the Revelation is not read as a poem, it is simply incomprehensible. The inability (or refusal) to deal with St. John, the poet, is responsible for most of the misreading, misinterpretation, and misuse of the book... A poet uses words not to explain something, and not to describe something, but to make something. Poet (poētēs) means “maker.” Poetry is not the language of objective explanation but the language of imagination. It makes an image of reality in such a way as to invite our participation in it. We do not have more information after we read a poem, we have more experience.” (Eugene Peterson)

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed: page 34

**Invitation to the Offering**

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**Invitation to the Offering**

Nehemiah 10:35  We obligate ourselves to bring the first fruits of our soil and the first fruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord.

**Anthem**  “Christ is the World’s True Light”  W. K. Stanton

Christ is the world’s true Light it’s Captain of salvation; The Day-Star clear and bright of ev’ry man and nation. New life, new hope awakes where-e’er men own his sway; Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day. In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting. The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting. When Christ is throned as Lord, men shall forsake their fear; To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning hook the spear. One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee; Cast out our pride and shame, that hinder to enthrone thee. The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; To heal its ancient wrong, Come Prince of Peace and reign.

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**Doxology—Hymn No. 606**  OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Holy One,

bless our offerings and transform them

into healing for the wounded,

hope for the disheartened,

courage for the frightened,

and faith for the embittered.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

your faithful witness,

the first resurrected, and

ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

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Invitation to the Lord’s Table

*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 right that we praise you, Almighty God, for you are without beginning and without end, the source of all that exists. Out of the darkness of chaos you brought forth creation in its abundance through your eternal Son, Christ our Lord. He is the visible image of your invisible glory and the firstborn of creation. Through him you created heaven and earth, and in him all things hold together in love. With the thrones, dominions, rulers, and powers who live in joyful obedience to Christ and with the angels and archangels and the hosts of heaven, we join in the eternal song of praise:

*Sanctus* (sung by all)
Leader: Holy are you and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. He is the head of the church, through whom you were pleased to reconcile to yourself all things, whether on earth or in heaven. Through his death he destroyed death and through his resurrection and ascension he opened to all the way of your saving grace.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you in the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Remembering his life and suffering, his resurrection and ascension, we offer our praise and thanksgiving for life with Christ. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Make us the body of Christ for the world, a sign of your reign, which shall have no end. Through your Son, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

Meditation on Hymn No. 495 (Thee We Adore)
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. 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

**Benediction**

*Choral Response*  “Peace I Leave With You”  Matthew Glandorf

*Organ Voluntary*  “Fugue in D Major” (BWV 532)  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 in loving memory of Leland and Thelma Weir by their daughter, Janet Weir Creighton.

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

Liturgist:  Dave Hudson

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019**

**Scripture Readings**


**Consider:** Before being an apocalyptic book, Revelation is first and foremost a letter to the seven churches. Each of the seven churches is spoken to directly about their individual challenges and situations. Some scholars suggest that in writing to seven (the number of completion), John was actually writing to all churches. Nevertheless, if John were to write to the church in Canton, what might its message be?
**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, August 11, 2019,** to receive the Ministry reports, approve the Terms of Call for Rev. David de Vries, Rev. Michael Wallace, and Rev. Benjamin George, and to receive the General Fund Budget. Ministry reports are due in to the Church office no later than **Monday, July 15.** Please contact Caryn in the Church office if you have any questions.

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**Daily Grace**

**CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship**

*The Week of July 7, 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, **July 14:**

- Monday: Revelation 2:1-7
- Tuesday: Matthew 22:34-40
- Wednesday: Colossians 2:1-15
- Thursday: Revelation 3:14-22
- Friday: Matthew 22:34-40
- Saturday: Colossians 2:1-15

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 **Daniel in the Lion’s Den (Daniel 6).**
**Summer Youth Meet Ups**

**Thursday, July 25th**
Spider Man Far From Home Movie Night
Meet at Tinseltown
RSVP by Tuesday, July 23rd, bring $5
*Stay tuned for evening movie times

**Sunday, August 11th**
Ice Cream at Handel’s on E. Maple St.
6:00-7:30pm-One last Hurrah!

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**Sunday Morning Adult Classes  9:15—10:15am**

The Parlor Class is studying from the Present Word.
- 7/7—Jesus Teaches About Fulfilling the Law, led by Steve Patterson
- 7/14—Jesus Teaches Us to Love One Another, led by Fred Bohse
- 7/21—Jesus Teaches About Transforming Love, led by Jack Ketterer

Westminster, Intergenerational, and Coffee & Conversations Classes have taken the summer off. Please look for information soon about the start of these classes in the fall.

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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:

- **Kay Wallace**
  (Happy Birthday)
- **Perry Lazich**
  (Happy Birthday)
- **Marilyn Schneider**
  (Thinking of You)

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- Life can be a struggle for families in so many ways. Especially when parents are helping the kids keep their commitments to sports, band, or other activities that take you away from worship on Sundays. Our kid-friendly worship activities will now be posted on the website. These follow our lectionary; they can be used alone or while listening on the radio, by ALL ages.
REGISTER FOR WAKONDA!
There are still openings. Register online at www.wakon dacamp.org, TODAY!

Wakonda Wish List:
Camp Wakonda is gearing up this summer! So how can you help? Check out our Wish List on Amazon:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EI3P3DR693VV?ref_=wl_share

Join us for Camp Wakonda’s 60th Anniversary Camp
September 21-22, 2019
Register @ www.wakon dacamp.org
$80 (18 y.o.+)$25 (3 y.o.+)
Children under 3 are free

This is the weekend to celebrate the 60 year history of Wakonda! We’ll share stories, sing camp favorites, and catch up with other alumni around the campfire. The event will culminate in our annual Ox Roast! This overnight is for adults and families (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Event officially begins Saturday at 10:00am, but guests are welcome to come Friday night (dinner and breakfast on your own).

Take a stand!
Support the
Camp Wakonda Staff!

Sponsor a Wakonda Staff Member
Sponsor a staff member for a few days, a few weeks, or the whole summer.
Donations to fit every budget!

1 Day = $32
1 Week = $224
1 Month = $960
Whole Summer = $1920

Sponsor a Wakonda Staff Member

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**Please make checks payable to Christ Presbyterian Church and put “Sponsor Wakonda Staff” on the memo line. Or make donations online at the church webpage under the category Camp: Sponsor a Staff Member.**
It is possible for an annuity to have a beneficiary. When you set one up, consider making Christ Presbyerian Church the beneficiary.
The Cathedral Hour broadcast on WHLO-640AM has many unsponsored Sundays. Its value to shut-ins, those unable to attend Church for various reasons, and also those without a Church home, has been invaluable over the years. Your continued support is needed to sponsor a complete program at a cost of $225.00 per Sunday. However, partial contributions are extremely important to the continued existence of this program, and it is to this end that we encourage you to consider contributions to the Cathedral Hour as part of your “above and beyond” support of our Church. Please call the Church office for available dates.

Check out what's new at the Mini-Library! We have some great new reads to help your young reader grow their reading skills while growing their faith:

**Gritty and Graceful:** 15 inspiring women of the Bible

**The Friend Who Forgives:** A true story of how Peter failed and Jesus forgave

**Bible Infographics for Kids:** Giants, Ninja Skills, a Talking Donkey, and what's the deal with the Tabernacle?

**Maybe I can Love My Neighbor Too:** A young girl discovers all it takes is a little kindness and creativity to show love to neighbors near and far.

**Water Come Down:** A lyrical story that introduces kids to the beauty, joy and meaning of Baptism.

New titles are added each month and are first found on the top shelf of the Mini-Library to easily identify and access them. Check them out!
Summer Book Club

Summer is a great time to enjoy a good book and it’s even better when you can share it with friends! So, let’s read together! I’ve found a great book I’m excited to share and I hope you’ll join me in reading it:

Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again.

Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined. It’s hard to solve a mystery, help a friend, and face your worst fears. But Aven’s about to discover she can do it all, even without arms.

The recommended reading age is 4th–8th grade, but I’m enjoying it at 46 so I'm not going to limit the age of the group! If you'd like to read it, I have a few copies to borrow in the “Mini Library”, it’s available at the Stark County Library, or for purchase on Amazon for $7.99 softcover or Kindle for $6.29.

We’ll get together on Sunday, July 28th after church for lunch and to discuss the book.

Please let me know if you’re reading so I can include you on Book Club updates and mailings!

Feel free to invite your friends to read along and join us for Book Club. If you have any trouble getting a copy please let me know and I'll make sure you get one. Happy reading!! ~Jennie George

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As you may know, CPC is sponsoring an Alzheimer’s caregiver support group. The group meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm in the Parlor (in July we will meet on July 11 due to the holiday). We are seeking a person who is willing to be trained as the facilitator for our support group. Training involves a 3-hour commitment for classroom training plus participation as an observer at two support group meetings to watch and learn from an experienced facilitator. The training and the support groups are all in nearby Canton or North Canton. Having a trained facilitator would enable us to open our group to members of the community, not just CPC members and friends. If you would be interested in serving in this important role, please call Nancy Irving at 330.280.1868. Thank you.

Get ready to Celebrate our 200th Birthday!

More pictures and memories are desired by the Bicentennial Archives Committee. We appreciate those we have received but we are confident there are many more lurking in your attic. So get busy and start digging out those memories. We could use your stories of how CPC has touched you for the documentary film video we intend to make. Thank you from the Archives team: Dale Davis, Carolyn Hess, Don Montgomery, Beth Pansino