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.

June 2, 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
Ascension Sunday

June 2, 2019     Ten-Thirty O’Clock

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Organ Voluntary
Two Settings of Hymn No. 264  
“At the Name of Jesus”

John Schaffner; Craig Phillips

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is robed in majesty
and armed with strength.
The Lord has made the world so sure
that it cannot be moved.

People: The Lord is robed in majesty
and armed with strength.

Leader: Ever since the world began,
your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.

People: The Lord is robed in majesty
and armed with strength.

Leader: Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Lord
who dwells on high.

People: The Lord is robed in majesty
and armed with strength.

Leader: Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house,
O Lord, forever and forever more.

People: The Lord is robed in majesty
and armed with strength.

*Hymn in Procession No. 258  
“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”
**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God of every time and every place,
you gather us to hear of Jesus.
Help us to see your infinite life
in our own community and in all of creation,
we pray in your holy name. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

Let us come before God with contrite hearts,
acknowledging our sin and trusting in forgiveness.

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Merciful God,
day by day we have failed to believe
in your presence and your promised forgiveness.
We have not trusted in your power
to give the riches we cannot see.
We have not honored our sisters and brothers
as heirs of your desired peace.
We have not forgiven others or ourselves.
Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,
that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty,
to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus
and the assurance of pardon in Jesus’ name,
I proclaim us to be forgiven of all our sins.
Let us now go forth that with renewed life
to serve this creation and the people of God
in peace and strength. Amen!

**Response—Hymn No. 587 (sung twice by all)**

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 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

*By the power of the Holy Spirit
open our minds to the Word, your Son,
who comes to us as one of us and
ascends to the heavens to remain with us.  Amen.*

First Reading

**Jesus Prays for Believers**

*John 17:20-26*

Leader:  The Word of the Lord.  
People:  Thanks be to God.  

*Hymn*  

“This is Where Children Belong”

First time sung by the Choir, second time All are invited to sing.

Second Reading

**Jesus Ascends to the Right Hand of God**

*Luke 24:44-53*

People:  Thanks be to God.  

Sermon  

“The Big Announcement”  
Rev. David de Vries

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.”

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*Affirmation of Faith*  

*The Nicene Creed: page 34*
Invitation to the Offering

Leviticus 27:30 “All tithes from the land, whether the seed from the ground or the fruit from the tree, are the Lord's; they are holy to the Lord.”

Anthem “God Is Gone Up!” Michael McCabe

God is gone up with a merry, merry noise, The Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises unto the Lord. Alleluia. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, who on this day, this day ascended in triumph far above all heavens:
We beseech thee leave us not comfortless,
But send to us the Spirit of Truth, promised of the Father,
Who livest and reignest with the Father and Spirit, world without end. Amen.

*Doxology—Hymn No. 709

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

Sung twice by all; second time in canon, as directed.

God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God, we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessings.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Gracious and giving God,
you are the One who first has given to us all that we need for life.
Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church,
for those in need of shelter and food,
for all who suffer for want of your Word,
and for nurturing faith in your people.
In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Hymn No. 525 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

*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, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and monarchs rise and fall, but your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end. In love you made us to love and serve you.

People: When we turned from you and bent our knees to gods of our own making, you spoke through prophets to bring us back to your ways. You gave us a vision of your holy kingdom that we might hunger after righteousness and thirst for justice, and long for the day when peace will triumph over the pride and greed of nations.

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with the servants around heaven’s throne who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sanctus (sung by all)

Thomas Pavlechko
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Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born as king in David’s line, he lived with the lowly and cared for the least of your children.

People: His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there his arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love.
Leader: From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations. 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.

People: As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Lead us, O God, to conform this world to your kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

Leader: Help us to live as the Lord requires. To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God.

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

    Prelude on Hymn No. 499 “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken”       James Biery

    “Panis Angelicus”                                                    Cesar Franck
**Reentry into the World to Serve the Lord**

**Being Christ’s Church — Living Our Faith**

*Minute for Mission — Spirit & Space*

(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. 268*  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Benediction*  
*Choral Response*  
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”  
*Peter Lutkin*

**Eastertide Organ Toccata**  
“Allegro” from *Sonata No. 1*  
*Felix Mendelssohn*

Worshipers are invited to sit in the chancel to listen to this festive organ toccata.

*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 our parents, Bill and Jane Olds and Del and Lauramae Gheen from Jon and Barb Gheen.

The flowers in the Pedestal vases today are given in loving memory of Sis from Jack and Jill Hazen.

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

Liturgist:  Romy Anderson

**Preparing for Sunday, June 9, 2019**

**Scripture Readings**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-27

**Consider:** What gift of yours, of your family, and of your community has the Holy Spirit especially nurtured in recent times? How might that gift be expressed and used in a new way in the coming year?
Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship

The Week of June 2, 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, June 9:

Monday: Acts 2:1-21
Tuesday: Psalm 104:24-34
Wednesday: Romans 8:14-17
Thursday: John 14:8-27
Friday: Romans 8:14-17
Saturday: Psalm 104:24-34

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 God’s Intimate Love and Care (Psalm 139).

We’re trying something new this summer!

Beginning in June, and continuing through the summer, we’ll be making a small change in our worship space to better help us welcome the smallest of our congregation. At the back Lectern side corner we will be moving two of the short pews to create a Children’s area. It will house our worship resources for children and youth as well as make a small area for kids who might need a little extra wiggle room and parents who might need to stand with a child at some point during the service. We’re excited to be able to provide a welcoming Worship space for our families.
Your will speaks for you after death. Have you included a bequest to further your faith?

**Summer Youth Meet Ups**

**Wednesday, June 12th**  
Sapphire City Board Game Parlor  
7:00-9:00 pm Snacks and board games galore!

**Saturday, June 15th**  
Mission West Ice Cream Meet Up  
1:00-2:00 pm at Menchie’s on Strip Ave NW  
*Meet the youth from Akron Christian Reformed Church that will be on the trip

**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!

**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:

- **Barbara Vasbinder**  
  (Happy Birthday)
- **Marilyn LaHue**  
  (Thinking of You)
CPC Summer Fun Family Calendar:
The Children's Ministry has put together a summer calendar that highlights activities for children and families both here at CPC and throughout the community. A copy was mailed to your home, but if you did not get it, or want an extra to share there are copies at the kiosk as well as a link to a pdf of it on the church webpage: cantoncpc.org.

Summer Family Events

Sunday, June 23rd
Summer Cookout in the Courtyard

Sunday, July 21st
Akron Rubber Ducks Family Event

Friday, August 2nd
Family Movie Night in the Courtyard

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
jlocao4638@gmail.com

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 McCarty—330-323-0934
REGISTER FOR WAKONDA!
There are still opening. Register online at [www.wakondacamp.org](http://www.wakondacamp.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

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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

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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.**

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Join us for Camp Wakonda’s 60th Anniversary Camp
September 21-22, 2019
Register @ [www.wakondacamp.org](http://www.wakondacamp.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). Even officially begins Saturday at 10:00 am, but guests are welcome to come Friday night (dinner and breakfast on your own).
**Sunday Morning Adult Classes  9:15—10:15am**

The **Westminster Class** continues its year-long survey: “Getting the Big Picture of the Bible.” Through June 2, Rev. Linda Leon will do a review of our year and talk about reading the Bible devotionally. If you ever miss a class, don’t forget that you can listen to the podcast at <www.cpc.podbean.com>.

The **Parlor Class** is studying from the Present Word. 6/2—Jesus Institutes the New Covenant, led by Steve Schott; 6/9—Jesus Seals the New Covenant, led by Don Bowers; 6/16—The New Covenant’s Sacrifice, led by Paul & Barb Batchelder; 6/23—Hearts United in Love, led by Betsy Smith; 6/30—Jesus Teaches About Right Attitudes, led by Jim Smith.

The **Intergenerational Bible Study** will not be meeting during the Summer months.

**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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**June Family Event: Summer cookout in the courtyard! June 23rd from 12noon-2pm**

Enjoy the arrival of summer with your church family! We’ll provide burgers and hot dogs, and we ask that each family bring a side dish to share with the group. We’ll also have board games and activities for kids and families to enjoy.

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**For Our Children & Youth in Worship:**

For our older children and youth, we now have available **Worship Note Pages** to use to help follow along and focus in worship. You can grab a clipboard from the basket located at the front Lectern side door. Also located there are our **Worship Activity Bags**, as well as weekly children’s bulletins and coloring pages that follow each week's Scripture. Please encourage your children to take advantage of these resources to better help them engage in Scripture and in Worship with the congregation.
### ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF June 2

**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
- **10:45 am** Kids’ Church
- **4:30 pm** Mission West Meeting—Parlor
- **6:00 pm** Watoto Children’s Choir—Sanctuary

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

**Tuesday**
- **9:30 am** Bible Study—Parlor

**Thursday**
- **7:00 am** Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall
- **9:30-11:00 am** Women’s Bible Study—Parlor
- **1:30 pm** Alzheimer’s Support Group—Parlor
- **6:00 pm** Chancel Choir Banquet

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

**Sunday, June 9**
- **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
- **10:45 am** Kids’ Church
- **11:45 am** Deacons Meeting—Pine Room

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**Get ready to Celebrate!**

Did you realize that we, the members of Christ Presbyterian Church, will be celebrating our 200th birthday in 2021? In preparation, the Archives Committee is asking YOU to help. We are looking for pictures of our congregation and grounds from your archives. Of most interest are photos of weddings and special events of our church life together from the past 100 years. And we need a few good men and women to help us display them. One of our projects will include a documentary film including interviews of our congregants. So please, please help us. You may contact Dale Davis at davis73@kent.edu, Don Montgomery at donmonty61@gmail.com, or Beth Pansino at bpansino@aol.com or see us after a worship service.
WATOTO: A CHILDREN’S CHOIR FROM UGANDA IS COMING TO CHRIST CHURCH!
This Evening @ 6:00 pm

Watoto, an NGO in Uganda, East Africa, brings you the Watoto Children's Choir performing their brand new album, “We Will Go”. The 6-month tour presents the story of abandoned African children and vulnerable women, who've been empowered to rise above their circumstances, and answer the call to be part of the new Africa - ready to make a difference in the world.

Watoto Children’s Choirs have traveled extensively since 1994, sharing a message of hope for Africa’s most vulnerable children and women. On almost every day of the year, the choir is performing somewhere in the world. Hundreds of thousands of people get to meet some of Africa’s future leaders. People see their smiles and are embraced by their hugs. The children have the distinct privilege of telling people, “It’s possible to have joy, to laugh and to have hope, no matter what you’re going through.”

Like Africa, the production is vibrant and colorful, taking you on an emotional journey from utter despair to joyous celebration, as the children and women share their personal stories of triumph in story and song. For a short “teaser” please check them out @ https://vimeo.com/278270882 and @ https://www.watoto.com/about.

Other than going to Africa yourself, what better way to learn about all the good things happening in Uganda than through this stirring, musical experience. The front of our sanctuary and our chancel are not large enough for this amazing production, but we will be amazed at how skillfully these kids can adapt to our space and bring our whole building alive!