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.

March 31, 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.

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
Director of Music & Organist: David J. Kienzle
Interim Associate Organist: Heather Cooper
Director of Children’s and Family Ministries: Jennifer George
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Nancy Irving
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Bert Smith
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*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**

4th Sunday in Lent

**Organ Voluntary**

“Ubi caritas”

Heather Cooper, organist

**Welcome & Worship Notes**

**Call to Worship**

_Leader:_ Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

_People:_ Amen.

_Leader:_ Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.  

_Psalm 32:1_  

_People:_ Thanks be to God.

**Hymn in Procession No. 624**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

**Prayer of the Day (in unison)**

Gracious God, seeker of the lost:

_draw your children back to your loving embrace,  
_2 Corinthians 5:18-20_

_restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons,

_and reconcile our hearts to you,

_that we may become ambassadors

_of your reconciling love to all the world.

Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

_Truusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ,

let us confess our sins before God and one another._
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God,
we confess that we have strayed from your ways.  

Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.
You gave us the earth for our home,
but we squander earth’s resources and hoard its bounty.
You gave us neighbors to love,
but we pursue selfish ambitions.
You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,
but we break your law and forsake your love.
Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.
Draw our wandering hearts back to you.
Through Christ our Lord we pray.  Amen.

Kyrie (Trisagion) From New Plainsong; David Hurd

Choir sings first line, then all join in on repeat:

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

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("Trisagion" is Greek for “thrice Holy")

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader:  As a parent welcomes home a wayward child,  
Luke 15:20
so God embraces all who return in true repentance.

People:  In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Response—Hymn No. 435  “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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 in
Kindergarten—7th grade may go to the Chapel for Kids’ Church and children ages 3—5
may go downstairs for Kids’ Church.  All children are to be picked up in the lower level.
Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit
open our minds and bodies
to the re-creating power of your Word,
that we may see the world through the mind of Christ
and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

We Who Are in Christ

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

*Hymn No. 771

“What Is the World Like”

Gospel Reading


The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. David de Vries

“In This Place: Grace & Compassion”

“But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead
and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed: page 35

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Grace In Our Midst—Ben George

Invitation to the Offering

2 Corinthians 8:12  
For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable
according to what one has—not according to what
one does not have.
Anthem  from Mass  Charles-Marie Widor

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

*Doxology—Hymn No. 708 (stanzas 1 & 2)  SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

*Prayer of Dedication  (in unison)

O God, all that we have comes from you.
Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives,
for we return to you only what you have so graciously given.
Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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. 725

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Benediction

Choral Response—Hymn No. 549

“May the Love of the Lord”

Tolling of the Tower Bell

Worshippers are invited to move to the chancel to listen to
Lenten organ meditations which begin each week
about three minutes after the service.

Organ Voluntary  J. S. Bach

Partita on “O God, Thou Faithful God” (BWV 767)

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 in loving memory of Orpha Sponseller by the Dorothy Unger Family.

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

Liturgist: Jon Peterson

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

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019
Scripture Readings:
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Consider: John 12:1-8 draws our attention to three people: Mary, Judas, and Jesus. It is easy enough to identify Mary as “the good disciple” and Judas as “the bad disciple” not only in this story but also in the larger story of Jesus’ life and death. We can (and do) make this judgment: Mary is accepted and affirmed, while Judas is rejected. But is this the judgment that the other person in the story would make? As one commentator puts it, “. . . if Jesus came to save the lost, surely there is no one in the gospel story who is more lost than the one who betrays Jesus . . . If the Good Shepherd can and does go to any length to save a lost sheep, is Judas beyond the saving grasp of the Good Shepherd?” This is not a question with an easy answer. As this story ushers you into Holy Week, consider how the cross, the grace of Christ, speaks to this story and to your own life story, which like most life stories may not be a simple “either/or” example of faithfulness, but a “both/and” mix of faithfulness and unfaithfulness.

2019 Easter Flower Program: This year we will decorate the Chancel with a variety of spring plants for our Easter services. You may purchase a plant or plants at a cost of $12.00 per plant. You may also give a memorial or a gift of any amount. This will be divided between the fund to purchase spring plants and the Food Ministry Fund. Place your order TODAY and indicate your plant choice and quantity: Tulips, Gerbera Daisies or Lilies. Order forms are available throughout the Church.
**Sunday Morning Adult Classes  9:15—10:15am**

**The Westminster Sunday School Class** continues on its year-long survey: “Getting the Big Picture of the Bible.” During the rest of this month, Pastor Michael will conclude a study on the Gospels and then will start a study on Revelation. Following that, we will welcome Rev. Linda Leon, who will teach about reading the Scriptures devotionally. Join us on Sundays in Westminster Hall at 9:15 AM. 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. 4/7—Call and Mission, led by Betsy Smith; 4/14—Call to Remember, led by Jim Smith; 4/21—Called to Proclaim the Resurrection, led by Steve Patterson; 4/28—Call and Commissioning, led by Fred Bohse.

**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.

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**Daily Grace**

**CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship**

*The Week of March 31, 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, April 7:**

- Monday: Isaiah 43:16-21
- Tuesday: Psalm 126
- Wednesday: Philippians 3:4b-14
- Thursday: John 12:1-8
- Friday: Isaiah 43:16-21
- Saturday: Psalm 126

**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).**
WALKING THE LABYRINTH  
Sunday, April 7, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we will gather to worship in the style of Taize on Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 pm in Westminster Hall. During and following the service, you are encouraged and invited to take advantage of our labyrinth for walking prayer and meditation; this can be especially enriching as a Lenten discipline. Labyrinths have appeared in many cultures since ancient times and in Christian spirituality since the fourth century. This divine imprint is found now in most religious traditions in various forms around the world. We welcome you to our labyrinth here in Westminster Hall as a walking meditation, a spiritual practice, or simply an opportunity to calm the mind and enjoy peace, quiet, and reflection. The design chosen for use here at Christ Church is patterned after the famous circular journey found in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France around 1220. Westminster Hall will be open for this opportunity on Sunday, April 7. There are candles and music creating a worshipful atmosphere. Reading and drawing materials, and guided reflections provide additional spiritual aids.

The Christ Presbyterian Church Prayer Vigil
will begin following the Good Friday service. We need CPC members to spend an hour in prayer during this special time. The prayer chain is passed from one member to another until the glorious Easter Sunday. You do not have to come to the church. You can participate from home, on vacation, or any place you can steal away with the Lord. Please sign up for your time(s) on the chart in Cloister Hall. Devotional materials will be available at the kiosk when you sign up. May your vigil be a time of personal reflection and growth with our Lord. The Peace of Christ be with You!

Chancel Choir in Concert
featuring Heather Cooper, organist

Magnificat by Francesco Durante with a Strings Chamber orchestra and a Tour of Choral Mass Settings of the Romantic Era

This Afternoon @ 4:00pm

The Chancel Choir of Christ Church is working diligently with extra rehearsals to prepare an inspiring program of great choral music for our congregation and for the wider Stark County public. Please show support of your fellow church members by attending this edifying afternoon concert.

The delightful setting of the Evening Canticle, Magnificat, was formerly attributed to Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, but now we know it was composed by his teacher, the lesser-known, Francesco Durante. With the light textures of the string ensemble, one might think this is like Vivaldi with still more expressive freedom. The Mass settings are Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei from the Romantic era in England, France, and Austria: the music of Vaughan Williams, Louis Vierne, Franz Schubert, Maurice Duruflé, and Charles-Marie Widor. In addition, Heather Cooper will play organ solos which demonstrate the characteristics of the French Romantic organ repertoire.
Scholarship Ministry accepting 2019 Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are being accepted now for students who have graduated from high school and who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary school education or vocational program in the Fall of 2019.

All applicants must have:
- A high school diploma or equivalent certificate
- Proof of enrollment in a post-secondary school education or vocational program consistent with Christian values

Applicants who meet the above criteria will be considered for either an Endowment Earnings Scholarship, or the Vera/Elizabeth Yoder Scholarship depending on how they meet the additional eligibility criteria defined below.

Endowment Earnings Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:
- Applicant must be a member of Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) or be a relative of a member of CPC
  - Relatives of church members will be limited to the siblings, children and grandchildren of CPC church members
- Applicant may be a non-member child of a current CPC employee or CPC Pastor.
- Applicant may be considered for an Endowment Earnings Scholarship if there are sufficient endowment earnings available.

Vera and Elizabeth Yoder Education Scholarship Fund Eligibility Requirements:
- Applicant must be a member of CPC or a relative of a member of CPC and be pursuing education or nursing as a career, including an advanced degree in those fields
  - Relatives of CPC church members will be limited to the siblings, children and grandchildren of church members
- If sufficient income is available, then CPC church members or relatives of CPC church members seeking careers other than education or nursing may also be eligible

Deadline to apply is May 31, 2019.
**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF March 31**

**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  
12:00-1:00 pm  Gather Us In (The Vision) - Westminster Hall  
12:30-2:30 pm  Family Bowling @ Strike Zone  
4:00 pm  Chancel Choir Concert—Sanctuary

**Monday**
10:00 am  Staff Meeting

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

**Wednesday**
6:30 pm  Stephen Ministry Supervision—Parlor  
7:00 pm  Gather Us In (The Vision) - Chapel  
7:00 pm  Deacons Meeting—Pine Room

**Thursday**
7:00 am  Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall  
7:00 am  Alzheimer’s Care Giver Support Group—Parlor  
7:15 pm  Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 7:**
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  
12:00-2:00 pm  Children’s Musical Rehearsal  
12:00-1:00 pm  Gather Us In (The Vision) - Westminster Hall  
6:00-8:00 pm  Labyrinth—Westminster Hall  
6:00 pm  Taize Service—Westminster Hall

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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:

- **Ruby Weston**  
  *Thinking of You*  
- **Koenig Family**  
  *Sympathy*

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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 dnave@cantoncpc.org no later than Wednesday, April 17.

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!
“Gather Us In: Imagine” Meeting Reminder Notice
Spirit & Space Team

Two meetings will be conducted immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service in Westminster Hall – one on Sunday, March 31st and another on Sunday, April 7th. A third meeting will be conducted @ 7:00 PM in the Chapel on Wednesday, April 3rd. Come hear about specific plans, ideas, and construction costs that will enable CPC to better serve its ministries and its congregation members. There will be time allotted in the meetings to answering your questions and sharing insights. Even if you weren’t able to attend one of the previously held “Gather Us In: Imagine” meetings, it is our hope that you will join us for one of these “Gather Us In: The Vision” meetings! The Spirit & Space Team
http://www.cantoncpc.org/spiritandspace

March Youth/Confirmation Events

Sunday, March 31st
Family Bowling CPC
12:30-2:30 PM at the Strike Zone
$5 per person ($15 max per family)
Sign up at the kiosk or email jgeorge@cantoncpc.org by March 24th
~Follow us on Instagram @cantoncpcyouth~

TAG
Tuesday Afternoon Group
Tuesday, April 16

The TAG season continues on Tuesday, April 16 with a visit from President and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant. The Grants will be portrayed by the talented local actress Janey McClelland Davis. Janey was among the first docents at the National First Ladies Library when it opened. She currently does one-woman programs bringing outstanding women of history to life. Janey has portrayed Ida McKinley and Edith Roosevelt in well-received TAG performances in recent years. Please plan to join us for this fascinating and entertaining program. You will also find out why Mrs. Grant was always photographed in profile. The TAG chefs will be back and will prepare one of their delicious homemade meals. Plan to gather at 11:30 for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, followed by a meditation at 11:45, and lunch at noon. The program will begin at approximately 12:45 pm. The cost is only $7.00. The TAG season concludes on Tuesday, May 21 with a musical program presented by a special guest.