Christ Presbyterian Church
530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

March 8, 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.

*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.

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
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Director of Children's and Family Ministries: Jennifer George
Pastor and Director of Camp Wakonda: Rev. Benjamin George
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Bert Smith
Lori Sproul
Byrdie Stocker
The Order For Morning Worship
2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2020  Ten-Thirty O'Clock

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Organ Voluntary  “Prelude in A minor” BWV 543  J. S. Bach

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship
   Leader:  From where will our help come?  Psalm 121:1, 5, 8
   People:  Our help comes from the Lord,
            who made heaven and earth.
   Leader:  Who is our keeper?
   People:  The Lord is our keeper,
            by day and by night,
   Leader:  How long will God protect us?
   People:  God will keep our going out and our coming in
            from this time on and forevermore.

*Hymn in Procession No. 12  “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)
   God our helper,  Psalm 121:1
       our shade, our protector,
       you are able to give life to the dead,
   Romans 4:17       to call into being things that do not exist.
   We trust in your power to make all things new;
   Psalm 121:3, 5-6, 8
   to keep us in sunlight and moonlight,
   along rocky paths and pathways unknown;
   until all our going and coming brings us at last
   to your kingdom promised in Christ,
   in whose name we pray. Amen.
Call to Confession

We cannot earn God’s grace or favor.  
It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given.  
Confident in God’s love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.  
You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.  
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.  
We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require.  
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.  
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie  

Alfred V. Fedak
Assurance of Pardon

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.
Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response—Hymn No. 435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Anthem  “Little Innocent Lamb”

Ken Berg

Christ Church Children’s Choir  Dianne Williams, flute

Little lamb little lamb, little innocent lamb, I’m a-gonna serve God ‘til I die.
This ol’ world says to get all that you can. But my Lord has offered a much better plan.
This ol’ world says to love only yourself. My Lord says to love Him above all else.
‘Cause there ain’t no dyin’ over there, In that heavenly land. There’ll be joy!

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 of signs and wonders,
we come to your word again and again,
seeking understanding and the new life it offers.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds
so that we may believe this testimony and trust your Word. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

The Call of Abram

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

Genesis 12:1-4a

Pew Bible page 8
Large print Pew Bible page 12

Epistle Reading

The Faith of Abraham

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

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Pew Bible page 916
Large print Pew Bible pages 187-188
*Hymn No. 215  
“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Gospel Reading  
耶稣和尼哥底慕相遇  
Jesus and Nicodemus Meet  
John 3:1-17

People:  Thanks be to God.  Large print Pew Bible page 114

Sermon  
“你必须重生”  
Rev. David de Vries  
“因为神爱世人，甚至将他的独生子赐给我们， 
使一切信他的都得永生。”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith  
《使徒信经》:  page 35

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Grace In Our Midst—Terri Bate

Invitation to the Offering  
Matthew 6:21  “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Anthem  “神如此爱世人”  
Bob Chilcott  
上帝如此爱世人，甚至将他的独生子赐给我们， 
使一切信他的都得永生。

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

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)  
Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, 
but also ourselves, in deepest gratitude— 
for your claim on our lives, and for blessing us 
that we may be a blessing to others. 
Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. 
In Christ 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. 39
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Benediction

Choral Response
“May the Love of the Lord”

Tolling of the Tower Bell

Worshipers are invited to move to the chancel to listen to the Lenten organ meditation, beginning about three minutes after the service.

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

AT REST:
Rev. Simon Looking Elk—February 28, 2020

The flowers in the Chancel vases today are given by Rhoda and Don Hart.

Liturgist: Carol Orin

Acolytes: Ty Ohlinger, Eva Burdeshaw, Karsten Burdeshaw, Juliana Burdeshaw
Youth Acolyte Master: Ty Ohlinger
Adult Acolyte Master: Vanessa Worley

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020—3rd Sunday in Lent

Scripture Readings:
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Consider: As you read John 4:5-42, think about the meaning of water—its symbolic qualities, its presence in nature, and its use in human life. How is Jesus like water? What are the things that are most necessary in your life? Where do you get them? Contribute to or participate in a service project that provides clean water (or some other necessity of life) to people in need. As you do so, make a commitment to pray for all the providers and recipients of this service.
Is it possible for an annuity to have a beneficiary? When you set one up, consider making Christ Presbyterian Church the beneficiary.

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of March 8, 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, March 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 God's Intimate Love and Care (Psalm 139).

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:

Lois Hilton
(Happy Birthday)

Maxine Snyder
(Thinking of You)
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.
March 8—A Prayer for Justice, led by Fred Bohse.
March 15—Consequences for Injustice, led by Jack Ketterer.
March 22—Corrupt Leaders, led by Le Morgan.
March 29—Leading Justly, led by Wanda Young.

Westminster Class continues to ask the questions of faith as we seek to understand God.
March 8 & 15: The New Community, led by Pastor Matt Skolnik
March 22 & 29: Proclamation, Sacraments, and Ministry, led by Pastor Matt Skolnik

See you at 9:15 am Sunday mornings!

TAG
Tuesday Afternoon Group
Tuesday, March 17, 11:30 am

For March, TAG comes back to the church. We will have a special lunch catered by Chick-fil-A. Following the meal, Dr. Don Bartlette, ambassador for Chick-fil-A, will talk with us about their legendary customer service and how they train their employees.

Dr. Don is a full-time public speaker who travels across North America and other countries to share his story of perseverance and the power of intervention by one adult who cares.
“Macaroni at Midnight” chronicles his life as a Native American child growing up in the face of disability, poverty, rejection by his community, family and school violence, racism, abuse, and family alcoholism. We may have to have him come back to hear more from this fascinating man.

Please be aware that this catered meal will be $10. Because we will need to give Chick-fil-A a headcount, you must sign up for March TAG no later than Friday, March 13. You can sign up in the kiosk area or call the church office. You can also sign up online. Thank you!
Report on Egypt Mission Trip  
Sunday, March 22  
11:45am in Westminster Hall

Pastor Dave and Elder Nancy Irving recently returned from a Muskingum Valley Presbytery mission trip to Egypt. Yes, they saw the pyramids, and rode camels. They also saw some of King Tut’s treasures. More importantly, though, they went to support the Christian movement in Egypt through teaching, prayer, and participation in worship. Christians are a minority and life is not easy.

If you are interested in hearing more about their experiences in Egypt, please sign up in the kiosk area. A light lunch will be served, so an accurate count will be helpful. Shukraan (thank you).

2020 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. Call the Church office by Sunday, March 15, to place your order and indicate your plant choice and quantity: Tulips, Gerbera Daisies, or Lilies. Order forms are available in the Narthex and at the Kiosk in Cloister Hall.

Chancel Choir in Concert  
with chamber orchestra  
Requiem by John Rutter  
Sunday, March 29, 2020—4:00 pm

Come experience Lent with this profound contemporary work by English composer John Rutter. Written in 1985 on the occasion of his father’s death, the Requiem combines traditional Latin texts with Psalms and other Bible verses in English.
ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF March 8

**Today**
- 8:00 am  Worship Service—Chapel
- 9:00-9:15 am  Children’s Choir Reh.—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 pm  New Members’ Class—Parlor
- 12:00-2:00 pm  Children’s Program Rehearsal—Westminster Hall
- 4:00-6:00 pm  Youth & Family Nerf Party @ Louisville YMCA

**Monday**
- 10:00 am  Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm  Personnel Ministry Meeting—Parlor
- 4:00 pm  Property Ministry Meeting—Parlor

**Tuesday**
- 9:30 am  Bible Study
- 11:15 am-12:15 pm  Handbell Reh.—Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm  Camp Ministry Meeting—Library

**Wednesday**
- 7:30 am  Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall
- 8:00-10:45 am  Food Ministry
- 11:00 am-11:00 pm  Wakonda Fundraiser @ BJ's Brewhouse
- 12:00 pm  Archives Committee—Library
- 4:30 pm  Worship Ministry Meeting—Parlor

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

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

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March Youth Events

Sunday, March 8  
Nerf Party at the Louisville YMCA  
Youth + Family Event from 4:00-6:00pm  
$7 per person  
Food, Darts, Goggles provided. Bring your own Nerf Equipment.

Saturday, March 15  
No Meeting

Sunday, March 22  
Journey to Long Nose: A hilarious family and oral history  
A one woman show written and performed by Rachel Pollock  
4:00pm  
For more info visit bigfishfolklife.org

Sunday, March 29  
Care Package Project and Devo  
6-7:30pm Meet in the youth room

Care Package Project

The youth group will be creating care packages to send to college age students, military, and Camp Wakonda staff. If you have an updated address for someone who would benefit from receiving one of these packages, contact bwiggins@cantoncpc.org.

We are collecting snack donations for approximately 35 care packages.  
**Instant foods:** oatmeal packets, instant macaroni and cheese, ramen, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate packets  
**Individually wrapped snacks:** granola bars, trail mixes, fruit cups, cheese crackers, chips, candy, gluten free and dairy free options

Donations may be placed in the box in the front of the sanctuary until March 29th. Monetary donations may also be made to assist in the cost of shipping. We expect our shipping costs to be about $450. Please mark as Care Package Project. Thank you for your support!

Lunch Bunch—An 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.