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.

September 1, 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
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019     Ten-Thirty O’Clock

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Organ Voluntary  Adagio in E Major  Frank Bridge

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader:  God calls us to service,  
People:  rather than honor.  
Leader:  God calls us to love the unknown,  
People:  rather than the familiar.  
Leader:  We come to this time of worship,  
People:  trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,  
Leader:  who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*Hymn No. 415  “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Leader:  Holy God,  
you alone are worthy of honor and praise.  
Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.  
Give us the wisdom to witness your presence  
in all people.  
Transform us in love, grow us in our faith,  
call us to love with a full heart  
and to share your promises with all people.

People:  Amen.

Call to Confession

In humility let us seek forgiveness,  
trusting in the promises of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble.

We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength.

Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Kyrie—Hymn No. 437 (sung by all) “You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey to sustain us in new life. Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another.

People: With joy, we seek the honor of God’s service. Amen.

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

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

Leader: God of wisdom, Hebrews 13:8 open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word.

People: Amen.
Hebrew Scripture  
Jeremiah 2:4-13

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

Cracked Cisterns  
Pew Bible page 610
Large print Pew Bible page 855

*Hymn No. 805 (Psalm 30)  
“Come Sing to God”

Gospel Reading  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon  
“Diminished Faith”  
Rev. David de Vries

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things,  
and became worthless themselves?

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith  
The Nicene Creed: page 34

Invitation to the Offering  
Matthew 6:24  “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one  
and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Anthem  Psalm 81:1-4  
Sydney S. Campbell

Sing we merrily unto God our strength;  
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute.  
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,  
Ev’n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.  
For this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Doxology—Hymn No. 606  
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)  

God of grace,  
we give thanks for your faithfulness to us,  
we give thanks for your hope in us,  
we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace.  
In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love,  
we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. Amen.
Invitation to the Lord’s Table

*Hymn No. 500  “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

*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: Holy God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name. You commanded light to shine out of darkness, divided the sea and dry land, created the vast universe and called it good. You made us in your image to live with one another in love. You gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose your way. You promised yourself in covenant with Abraham and Sarah, told us your purpose in commandments through Moses, and called for justice in the cry of prophets. Through long generations you have been faithful and kind to all your children. Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sanctus (sung by all)  Thomas Pavlechko

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Leader: We praise you, most holy God, for sending your only Son to live among us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and died that we might live.

People: We praise you that he overcame death and is risen to rule the world. He is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us, and believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.

Leader: 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 all your mighty and merciful acts, we break bread and share one cup giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ. As you raised our Lord from death and call us with him from death to life, we give ourselves to you to live for him in joy and grateful praise. 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.

People: Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Leader: Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live for others, as Christ lived for us, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.

People: By your Spirit draw us together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

Leader: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Communion Anthems
“O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world” Alfred V. Fedak
Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands That holy things have taken;
Let ears that now have heard thy songs To clamor never waken.
Lord, may the tongues which “Holy” sang, Keep free from all deceiving;
The eyes which saw thy love be bright, Thy blessed hope perceiving.
The feet that tread thy hallowed courts From light do thou not banish;
The bodies by the Body fed With thy new life replenish.

Text: Liturgy of Malabar; Music: Michael McCabe

The Closing 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 No. 536  “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

*Benediction
Choral Response  “Day by Day” Harold Friedell

Organ Voluntary  Sortie III Louis Lefébure-Wély

*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 to the Glory of God.

The Cathedral Hour today is given in loving memory of Clark Bailey and Rebecca (Bailey) Nowicki by Tim, Adam, Liz Nowicki and the Bailey Family.

Liturgist: Jerry Norton
PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Scripture Readings

Consider: Where have you seen relationships redefined by faith? Who have you come to claim as a family member, against all odds? Who do you still label “useless”? What would it take for you to see that person as a sister or brother?

Sunday Morning Adult Classes
9:15-10:15 a.m.

Godspeed on September 8th: For the first week of Sunday School, EVERYONE is invited to the Chapel at 9:15am, where we will watch a devotional video entitled, “Godspeed: The Pace of Being Known.” Afterwards, we will reflect on how God is leading us together as a community and what it means to live and minister in our parish or our local neighborhood. How is God calling us all? Join us!

The Parlor Class is studying from the Present Word.
   9/1—Spared; led by Karl Hershberger
   9/8—God Answers Prayer; led by Betsy Smith
   9/15—Bread from Heaven; led by Jim Smith
   9/22—God Hears Our Cry; led by Steve Patterson
   9/29—God Forgives; led by Fred Bohse

Westminster Sunday School 2019-2020: This next year Westminster Hall class will be devoted to asking the questions of faith, as we seek to understand God. Our primary guide throughout our class will be Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology, by Dr. Daniel L. Migliore. We will not be providing any books to the class, and while reading it is not required, it could provide helpful on this year-long journey as we plumb the depths of God together. The class starts on September 15. That first week, we welcome Dr. TC Ham from Malone. Later, we look forward to hosting our local Rabbis, Dr. Keith Lloyd, and even more teachers. Bring an open mind and all your questions, as together we question and seek after God.

Intergenerational Class meets in the Upper Room.

Coffee & Conversations Class meets in the Pine Room.
You are cordially invited to attend a celebration honoring

**Dr. David Kienzle**

as he retires from twenty-one years of faithful service as
Director of Music at Christ Church.

Join us at a luncheon on

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

at twelve o’clock in the afternoon

(following 10:30 Worship)

Westminster Hall

Christ Presbyterian Church

530 Tuscarawas Street West

Canton, Ohio 44702

Please RSVP to 330.456.8113
or at www.cantoncpc.org by 9/1/19

Thank you for the warm welcome you gave our children and the great feedback you shared as they joined us with their families in Worship this summer. There is no better way for children to learn about and appreciate Worship than watching and learning from their family. With the support of the Worship Ministry, we are going to continue to welcome our school age children into worship through December. Our nursery will remain open, and our preschoolers will continue to go to Kids' Church for class following the Children's Message as they have done in the past. The children's area will remain available in the back of the Sanctuary. The Children's, Music, and Worship Ministries are excited to explore the many ways our children can participate and lead in our Worship as we move forward. Thank you as always for the love and support that you give to the children of CPC.
Join us for Camp Wakonda’s 60th Anniversary Camp Event!

September 21-22, 2019
$80 (18 y.o.); $25 (3 y.o.);
Children under 3 are free
Saturday only is $40 per adult.

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 10:00 am, but guests are welcome to come Friday night (dinner and breakfast on your own). Register @ www.wakondacamp.org

Saturday, September 21, 2019
10:00 am Arrival and Cabin Setup
10:30 am Time on Your Own
12:00 pm Welcome, Lunch & Songs
1:00 pm Explore Groups (by decade)
2:30 pm Hikes (Cemetery, Split Rock/Waterfall, Historic Hikes)
4:00 pm Free Choice (Mural Project, Camp Sing Along, 60 Years of Pictures)
5:00 pm Dinner
6:00 pm 60th Anniversary Potter’s House
7:30 pm Vespers (with communion)
8:30 pm Shalom & Departure
9:00 pm Fireside Sharing & Games

Sunday, September 22, 2019
8:00 am Breakfast
8:45 am Morning Worship
9:30 am Time on your own
10:30 am Worship
12:00 pm Ox Roast Lunch, Hay Ride, Outdoor Games
4:00 pm Closing & Shalom
Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown
Sharing the Feast

As we have done in some past years, we are participating in supporting the Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown project. Christ Church has been asked to collect and donate boxes of macaroni and cheese throughout September and October to be included in the 1200 bags of thanksgiving meals they will be giving out this coming November. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or in the large box marked “Thanksgiving Baskets Mac-N-Cheeze” located near the Lectern side door in the Sanctuary. Keep your eye out when you're shopping for when they're on sale and buy a bunch! Thank you!

Wakonda Is Sharing History Through Pictures from Dick Barnard

Chad Emerson, a former counselor, has spent the last year scanning and saving slides of Camp Wakonda. Some of these pictures date back to 1959. They have been on facebook, but they are now on a special site that you can reach online without being on facebook. Simply go to: cpc-wakonda.smugmug.com.

Ruth Mains Memorial Candy
Mission West is bringing back Ruth Mains famous Dark Chocolate Pecan Candies again this holiday season. Order forms and the schedule of candy making sessions will be available soon.

TAG
Tuesday Afternoon Group

The TAG schedule for 2019-2020 has already been planned. Please mark your calendars now for these entertaining and interesting programs (programs subject to change).

Tuesday, 10/15 – Rich McElroy and his latest book on famous Ohioans
Tuesday, 11/19 – Bob Morrison – Jerome Kern: The Man & His Music
Tuesday, 12/17 – Christmas music program presented by Heather Cooper
Tuesday, 1/21/20 – Group lunch at a restaurant - TBD
Tuesday, 2/18 – Group lunch at a restaurant - TBD
Tuesday, 3/17 – Doug Pugh, Chick-fil-A owner
Tuesday, 4/21 – Commissioner Janet Creightton: White House behind the Scenes
Tuesday, 5/19 – Carolyn Hess: Questions to ask when selecting a long-term care facility
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. The financial office does their best, however, we are not mind readers, and will appreciate letting us know so we can apply your contributions properly.

Thank You for helping us help you,
Donald Weltlich, Assistant Treasurer

Please see a few examples below:
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  Check Memo: $1,000 GUI
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  Check Memo: $500 GF, $500 GUI, $500 FCPM

GF = General Fund
GUI = Gather Us In
FCPM = Food, Clothing, Prayer, Ministry

Do you know who your heirs will be? Is Christ Presbyterian Church an heir?

Christ Church Ringers
This newly formed Handbell group will rehearse on Tuesday mornings from 11:15am-12:15pm. The first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 10 in the Choir Room. Please contact Heather Cooper at hcooper@cantoncpc.org to sign up for this new ensemble.
## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF September 1

### 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

### Monday
- Labor Day! Church Building & Office Closed

### Tuesday
- **10:00 am** Staff Meeting

### Wednesday
- **6:00 pm** Deacons Meeting—Pine Room
- **6:30 pm** Stephen Ministry Supervision—Parlor

### Thursday
- **7:00 am** Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall
- **1:30 pm** Alzheimer's Support Group—Parlor
- **7:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday
- **10:30 am-12:00 pm** Small Group—Parlor
- **6:30 pm** Spirit & Space Get Together @ Rich & Laura Milligan's

### Sunday, September 8
- **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
- **12:00 noon** David Kienzle Reception—Westminster Hall
- **6:00-7:30 pm** Youth Group—Youth Room

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### 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
  - Interim Director of Music: Britt Cooper
  - Director of Children's and Family Ministries: Jennifer George
  - Pastor and Director of Camp Wakonda: Rev. Benjamin George
  - Business Administrator/Assistant Treasurer: Donald Weltlich
  - Financial Assistant/Secretary: Diane Nave
  - Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor/Secretary: Caryn Smith
  - Custodians: Kurt A. Gottschick & Ron Pelger
  - Sound Technician: Brian Ohler
  - Mission Co-Worker in Thailand: Esther Wakeman

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### Elders of Christ Presbyterian Church

- Kevin Anderson
- Shawn Campbell
- Nancy Irving
- Jerry Norton
- Michael Ophardt
- Carol Orin
- Bert Smith
- Lori Sproul
- Byrdie Stocker


**Daily Grace**  
**CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship**  
**The Week of September 1, 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,** **September 8:**  

- **Monday:** Jeremiah 18:1-11  
- **Tuesday:** Psalm 139:1-6  
- **Wednesday:** Philemon 1-21  
- **Thursday:** Luke 14:25-33  
- **Friday:** Jeremiah 18:1-11  
- **Saturday:** Psalm 139:13-18  

**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 **Jesus’ Prediction of the End of the World** *(Matthew 24).*

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**Spiritual Aging—An intentional Journey**  
**One Day Workshop on Nov. 2, 2019**  

Aging brings on a lot of new challenges in life, but even at any age, life can be lived full of genuine joy and new discoveries. No matter what your age, come spend a day searching how you might experience a richer sense of God’s presence in your life! Look for more information on line, in the next Tydings, and in Church!

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The following is a list of the membership totals from the Church Statistical Report that is submitted at the end of each year.

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CPC Family Movie Night
in the Courtyard
September 6, 2019 at 8:00pm

The movie will be:
Mary Poppins Returns

Where’s my Directory?!?

For those who had photos taken for the directory, your free directory will be available to pick up beginning Sunday, September 15 at the table in Cloister Hall. If you did not have your picture taken, directories are available to purchase for $20 weekdays in the church office. Thank you—Jennie George

Women’s Bible Study
Thursdays
9:30 – 11 a.m.
Starting Sept. 12

Studying 1-2 Samuel
Contact:
Courtney Wallace