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 22, 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.

*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
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ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Organ Voluntary  Prelude in C Major, BWV 547  J. S. Bach

Welcome & Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader:  Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
Psalm 79:9; 124:8
People:  Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.

*Hymn in Procession No. 409  “God Is Here”

*Prayer of the Day (in unison)

You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free.
Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.

Call to Confession

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean.  
With one heart and voice, let us pray.
Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations:

we confess that we have not seen your face
among our neighbors in need.

We have not shared our food with the hungry;
we have not offered clothes to the destitute
or shelter to the homeless.

We have not welcomed the stranger,
nor have we visited prisoners.

We have not paid attention to these,
your sisters and brothers,
and in our neglect we have failed to serve you.

Lord, forgive us;
open our eyes to recognize your beloved family,
and give us the blessing of sincere repentance
that we may know the joy of eternal life
with you and all the saints
in the world and in the world to come. Amen.

Kyrie

Alfred V. Fedak
*Assurance of Pardon

Beloved of God,
the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do
is enough to separate you from the love of God
made known in Jesus Christ.
I declare in the name of the risen Christ
that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

Psalm 103:17; Romans 8:38-39

*Response—Hymn No. 439 (stanzas 1 and 2)  “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

Children are now invited to walk to the chancel steps for the Message.

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 life,
by the power of your Spirit come to us now.
Plow our hearts with your living Word
until we who are broken become fertile with your love,
for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting.
We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

God the Helper of the Needy

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible page 491
People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 692

Psalm 113

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Second Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

The Prophet Mourns for the People

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible page 619

People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 868

*Hymn No. 401

“Gather Us In”

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:34-45

The Judgment of the Nations


People: Thanks be to God. Large print Pew Bible page 35

Sermon

Kathryn Ophardt

“Where God Is”

“Often when we cry out, asking where God is, God responds, asking where are we.”

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—Jerry Norton

Invitation to the Offering

1 Timothy 6:17-19 “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.”

Anthem

“Do Not Be Afraid” Philip W. J. Stopford

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I’ll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

*Doxology—Hymn No. 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Prayer of Dedication \textit{(in unison)}

Gracious God,
source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust,
you feed us with your love
and equip us to share in your purpose.
Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits,
our guarded purses,
our meager strength,
and continue to expand our hearts,
until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning;
for we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus,
and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

REENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church — Living Our Faith
(Please sign the \textit{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. 771 “What Is the World Like”

*Benediction
Choral Response “Deo Gratias”

Organ Voluntary Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

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 Agnes A. Kopf,
on her 109th birthday, from her daughter, Alice Rauch, and Grandchildren.

The flowers in the Pedestal vases are given in loving memory of Anthony Angeli from
his Parents and Brothers.

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

Liturgist: Joe Orin
PREPARING FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Scripture Readings
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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

The Parlor Class is studying from the Present Word.
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. We welcome Dr. TC Ham from Malone; later, we look forward to hosting our local Rabbi, 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 Would you like to talk about the Bible, about theology and about living life? Then we welcome you to join us in the Upper Room, across from the Youth Room. Are you spiritually alive, spiritually undead, or spiritually born again? Then we welcome your presence and voice and good will. We would love to have you share your experiences and insights with us. 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 the class.

Coffee & Conversations Class meets in the Pine Room.

2019 MISSION WEST - STOCK HOLDERS MEETING/LUNCH

Next Sunday, September 29 after the 10:30 service, please share in the dividends made possible by your support of Mission West. Hear about this year’s special Youth trip and enjoy Canton’s Best Salad Bar. See you all there!

Sunday, September 22nd
Ox Roast (head to Wakonda with your family directly after church)

Sunday, September 29th
Sand Volleyball at Weis Park
6:00-7:30PM
Salt Shakers

Salt Shakers has a SOCIAL purpose of promoting fellowship at Christ Presbyterian Church. **It is a one time commitment.** Everyone is invited. You do not have to be a member of CPC!! You sign up. You are contacted by a hostess to work out the time and place for dinner. Then you go to dinner and enjoy!

It is time to start a new round. You can sign up at the Kiosk or online. We found out that CPC folks have very busy schedules. So let’s sign up until September 29th. We will get the groups divided and you will have all of October and November for your group to meet.

The only agenda for these dinners is to meet new people and strengthen our fellowship. We will come together with open minds and hearts in Christ to share in each other’s company. This is an opportunity to get to know each other. Don’t miss it!!!

Salt Shakers

Daily Grace

CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship

*The Week of September 22, 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 29:**

- **Monday:** Jeremiah 32:1-3a
- **Tuesday:** Psalm 91:1-6
- **Wednesday:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- **Thursday:** Luke 16:19-31
- **Friday:** Psalm 91:14-16
- **Saturday:** Jeremiah 32:6-15

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 **The Holy Spirit Arrives on Pentecost (Acts 2).**
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:

Pastor Dave
(Thinking of You)

Roger Gray
(Thinking of You)

CPC is participating in supporting 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 in the church office or in the large box marked "Thanksgiving Baskets Mac-N-Cheese" located near the Lectern side door in the Sanctuary. Thank you!

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
Tuesday, October 15
To open the TAG season, we welcome back Rich McElroy. He will be speaking about his new book, “Buckeye Bias: Footprints to Greatness”. It contains short biographies of 20 Ohioans including Rev. George Parkinson. The book will be available for $20 and will be personally signed. We will learn some fascinating new things about significant Ohioans, and Rich’s book will make a wonderful Christmas gift.

As always, you are sure to enjoy the wonderful meal and the entertaining and informative program. You will want to plan to gather in Westminster Hall at 11:30 for a time of fellowship and greeting friends, and lunch at noon. The program will begin at approximately 12:45 pm. The cost is $7.00.
ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF September 22

Today
8:00 am Worship Service—Chapel
9:15 am Sunday School Classes
10:15 am-11:30 am Infant Nursery Classes (ages 0-2) – Room L4
10:30 am Worship Service – Sanctuary
12:00-4:00 pm Ox Roast @ Wakonda

Monday
10:00 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday
11:15 am-12:15 pm Handbell Reh.—Choir Room
7:00 pm Spirit & Space Meeting—Parlor

Wednesday
7:30 am Men’s Bible Study—Westminster Hall
8:00-10:45 am Food Ministry
6:30 pm Mission Ministry Meeting—Stark County Library

Thursday
9:30-11:00 am Women’s Bible Study—Parlor
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 29
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
11:45 am Mission West Luncheon—Westminster Hall
6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group—Sand Volleyball @ Weiss Park

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!

Who needs a will? Every adult who owns anything and cares what happens to it. Also anyone who wants to leave a bequest for Christ Presbyterian Church.
Wakonda’s Annual Ox Roast

Ox Roast TODAY following worship (12:00 noon—4:00). There will be great food, fellowship, and camp activities.

Ox Roast Menu:
Roast Beef, potatoes, carrots/green beans, buttered rolls, and dessert

Start the Fall season off right—at Wakonda’s Ox Roast!

Directories Are Here!!!!

For those who had photos taken for the directory, your free directory is available 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.

James Welch
Organist in Concert

Sunday, 20 October, 2019
4:00 pm

“A Return to Paris”

Our First Event This Fall
In the Christ Church Music Series