CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

The Serpentine Cross Sculpture on Mount Nebo in Jordan represents both the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses and the cross on which Jesus was crucified (photo by Pastor Michael)

March 5, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023 — Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Variations on Thaxted" Tom Trenney

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,
God calls us to follow in trust *Gen. 12:1*

People: God is able to make us
More than we have been *Gen. 12:2*
And blesses us on the way
Christ calls us out of darkness
Into His marvelous light, *1 Pet. 2:9*
And we are saved through Him. *John 3:17*

***Processional Hymn #49** Leoni
"The God of Abraham Praise"

***Prayer of the Day**

God our helper, *Ps. 121:1*
We trust in your power to make all things new;
To keep us in sunlight and moonlight, *Ps. 121:3, 5–6, 8*
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. *Rom. 4:4–5*
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)*

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 Hymn #437 WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, God is for us and not against us! *John 3:16–17*
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 in the good news,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon**

Hymn #435, vs. 1 IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given

Children are now invited to come forward.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD
READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the children's message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in the lower level following the service.

Prayer for Illumination

God of signs and wonders, *John 3:1–15*
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
Illumine our hearts and minds
So that we may believe this testimony
And have eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ
Our teacher and Savior, we pray. **Amen**

Psalm 121

Response: Hymn #845 NA-UI DO-UM

Gospel Reading John 3:1–17

"Nicodemus Visits Jesus"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 863–64

People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 114

Sermon "Lifted Up" Rev. Michael Wallace

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed,* p. 34

Holy Communion—See Insert

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Bob Chilcott

"God So Loved the World"

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son
That who-so believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life

***Doxology Hymn #606** Old Hundredth

Prayer of Dedication** ***(in unison)

Gracious God,
We dedicate to you not only these gifts,
But also ourselves, in deep gratitude—
For your call on our lives,
Your guidance in the baptismal journey,
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.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

Minute for Mission

***Hymn No. 351** Charlestown

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

***Benediction**

Response:

Voluntary "Vivace" from *Concerto in A Minor* J. S. Bach

The Great Thanksgiving

The bread used for Holy Communion
is free of nuts, gluten, egg, dairy, and preservatives

***Invitation to the Lord's Table**

***Communion Hymn #496** Arfon
"Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed"

***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: Eternal God, holy and mighty,
it is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
and to worship you in every place
where your glory abides.
We need not hide ourselves from you,
before whose justice no one can stand.
Your mercy was proclaimed
by the apostles and the prophets,
And shown forth to us in Jesus Christ.
People: You give your law to guide us,
and you promise new life for all,
that we may live to serve you among our neighbors
in all we do and say.
Leader: Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Sanctus** Hymn #565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest *(be seated)*

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You sent your only-begotten,
in whom your fullness dwells,
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
You gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.
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 take this bread and this wine
from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

People: **Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving**
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Leader: 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 wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved.

People: **Knowing our own weakness,**
may we stand with all who stumble.

Leader: Sharing in his suffering,
may we remember all who suffer.

People: **Held in his love,**
may we embrace all whom the world denies.

Leader: Rejoicing in his forgiveness,
may we forgive all who sin against us.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages
we will feast with you at your table in glory.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever. Amen.

Music during Communion

"Adagio" from *Concerto in A Minor* J. S. Bach

Closing Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Activities for the Week of March 5, 2023

Today

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m.	Children and youth classes open
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Westminster Hall)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 a.m.	Reception honoring Pastor Dave (Westminster Hall)

Monday

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Parlor)
11:15–12:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m.	Special Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (ZOOM)
8:00–10:00 a.m.	Food Ministry (Westminster Hall)
1:00–3:00 p.m.	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
4:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting (Parlor)
6:00 p.m.	Young Family Small Group (Pine Room)
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (Parlor)
7:30–9:30 p.m.	*Common Ground* Book Study (Zoom)

Thursday

9:30–11:00 a.m	Women's Bible Study (Parlor and ZOOM)
7:15–9:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Friday

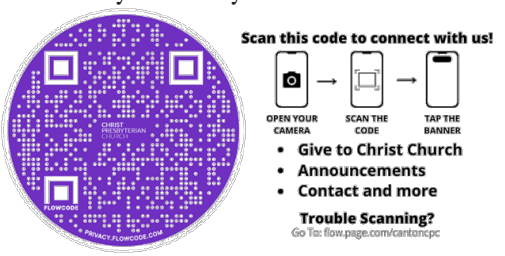
7:00 p.m.	Concert Series: CPC Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) Reception following

Saturday

8:00–10:00 a.m.	Food Ministry Breakfast (Westminster Hall)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m.	Children and youth classes open
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Westminster Hall)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45–2:00 p.m.	Family Art Day



Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of March 5, 2023

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 12, 2023**

Mon: Exodus 17:1–7	Thurs: John 4:5–42
Tues: Psalm 95	Fri: Exodus 17:1–7
Wed: Romans 5:1–11	Sat: Psalm 95

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)
The New Covenant is Predicted (Jeremiah 31)

Preparing for Sunday, March 12, 2023
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.

The Cathedral Hour today is given in memory of my mother, Vivian Everhard Griffin, from Steve and Cindy Lucas

The communion floral arrangement is provided by the liturgical arts ministry. *Do this in memory of me.*

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Switch hearing aid to T-coil