CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

Jerusalem Sunset
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March 19, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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 Adagio in E Frank Bridge

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: God does not see as mortals see. *1 Sam. 16:7*
We look on the outward appearance;
God looks on the heart.

People: Jesus, Light of the World, *John 9:5*
give us eyes to see as you see!

Leader: Once we lived in darkness, but now— *Eph. 5:8–9*
as children of light, we are called
to what is good and right and true.

People: Jesus, Light of the World,
give us eyes to see as you see!

***Processional Hymn #415** Restoration
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

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

Holy God,
why is it that we look, but do not see? *Isa. 6:9; Matt. 13:13*
Bring us again and again into your light *Eph. 5:8–9, 13*
until your ways become visible to us,
and bear fruit in us.
Touch us so that we are utterly changed. *John 9:6*
In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.

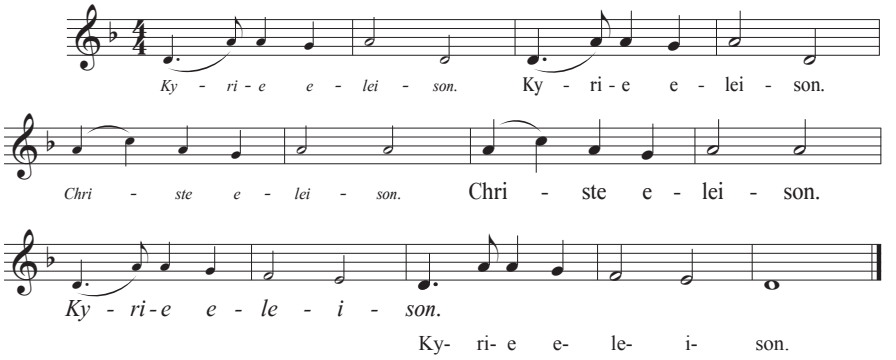
Call to Confession

Knowing that we turn from the light,
we bring our confession to God,
so that what is hidden in us becomes visible,
and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Prayer of Confession ***(in unison)***

Gracious God,
we are people who still love darkness rather than light. *John 3:19*
We keep shameful deeds secret, *Eph. 5:12*
but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.
We see ourselves as blameless,
but pass judgment on others.
Bring us into your light that we may
see ourselves rightly.
Bring us into your light that we may
know ourselves loved.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen.

Kyrie John Bell



***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

People: We will live as children of the light *Eph. 5:8b, 14b*
for Christ shines on us.

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon**

Hymn #439, vs. 1 STUTTGART

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercy to proclaim.

Anthem "The Lamb" Elaine Hagenberg

Christ Church Children's Choir

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed.
By the stream and o'er the mead.
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek and he is mild, He became a little child;
I a child and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee. Little Lamb, God bless thee.

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

Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds
as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed,
so that by the power of your Holy Spirit
we may see and know what is good and right and true. *Eph. 5:9–10*
In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading 1 Samuel 16:1–13

"David Anointed as King"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 226–27
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 322

***Hymn #802** ST. COLUMBA

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Epistle Reading Ephesians 5:9–14

"Walk as Children of Light"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 951–52
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 237

Gospel Reading John 9:1–12

"Jesus Heals a Blind Man"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 871
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 125

Sermon "We" Rev. Dave de Vries

"We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day;
night is coming, when no one can work."

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem John Rutter

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture,
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Doxology: Hymn #606** Old Hundredth

Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)

In gratitude, O God, we come to into your presence.
For all that you have done for us,
most especially, for bringing us
into the light of Jesus Christ, *Eph. 5:8–10*
we offer our thanks and praise.
Receive our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.
In his name we pray. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn #795** Healer of Our Every Ill

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

***Benediction**

Response: "Go Now in Peace" Brian Lau

Voluntary "Allegro" from Concerto in A Minor J. S. Bach

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of March 19, 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 26, 2023**

Mon: Ezekiel 37:1–14	Thurs: John 11:1–45
Tues: Psalm 130	Fri: Ezekiel 37:1–14
Wed: Romans 8:6–11	Sat: Psalm 130

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 26, 2023
Consider: Why did Jesus weep in John 11:35? Was it out of compassion for Mary and Martha? Out of love for his friend Lazarus? Out of frustration with the people's lack of understanding or faith? Think about someone in your life who is grieving. Find a way to extend to that person the grace and peace of Christ.

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Activities for the Week of March 19, 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)
11:45–1:30 p.m.	Youth Service Project

Tuesday

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

Wednesday—TYDINGS DEADLINE

8:00 a.m.	Food Ministry (Westminster Hall
8:00–9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (ZOOM)
1:00 p.m.	Faithful Friends Small Group (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)

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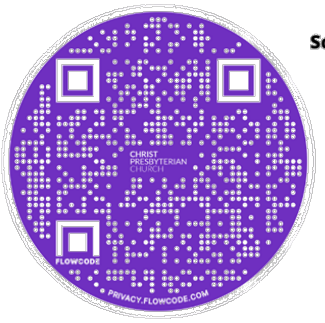

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