CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

Jerusalem at sunset
photo by Courtney Wallace

August 27, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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

Nursery is available as needed, please text/call 330-309-7794.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Andante Tranquillo" Peter Warlock

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks to God with our whole heart. *Ps. 138:1*
People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness! *Ps. 138:2*
Leader: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly. *Ps. 138:6*
People: Even when we are in deep trouble, *Ps. 138:7a, 8b*
God makes us live again. The love of God lasts forever.

***Hymn #394** "Christ Is Made" Westminster Abbey
verses 1–3 only

***Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Even from a place of exile,
from a position of despair, *Isa. 51:1–6*
we trust, O God, in your power: to return and restore us,
to enliven and empower us, to soothe and to save us.
People: The heavens may vanish above
and the earth dissolve underneath,
but your salvation is forever.
We wait for you, O God, attentive and hopeful,
for with you, deliverance is always possible.
In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Brothers and sisters, *Rom. 12:1*
with hope in the mercies of God,
we confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God,
we confess that we have conformed our lives *Rom. 12:2*
to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom.
People: We think of ourselves too highly *Rom. 12:3*
and regard others as lowly.
Leader: We exalt possessions and power,
when you alone are to be exalted. *Ps. 138:2b*
People: We let conflicts prevail over grace
and divisions over harmony.

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Leader: Have mercy upon us, we pray.
People: Forgive and transform us,
that we may be holy and acceptable to you,
discerning and doing your will.
Through Jesus Christ 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**

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. *Ps. 138:8*
When we call out to God, God answers. *Ps. 138:3*
People: God saves us
with a strong and outstretched hand. *Ps. 138:7b*
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
and helped to live in grace. Amen.

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon** WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

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

Lord our God,
your name and your word are exalted above everything. *Ps. 138:2b*
We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. *Isa. 51:4*
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
renew our minds and hearts *Rom. 12:2*
so we may discern your will and respond in faith.
We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 51:1–6

"Blessings in Store for God's People"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 594
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 833–34

Epistle Reading Romans 12:1–8

"The New Life in Christ"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 922
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 196–97

***Hymn #543** "God, Be the Love" GREEN TYLER

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13–20

"Peter's Declaration about Jesus"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 798
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 22

Sermon Rev. Ben George

"Looking Back, Looking Forward"

"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'" (Matthew 16:15)

Our Response to the Word

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

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Come Thou Fount" arr. Richard Walters
please see hymn #475 in the Glory to God Hymnal for the text of this anthem

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Gracious God,
we thank you for the measure of faith *Rom. 12:3c*
you have given to each of us.
Increase in us generosity, compassion, *Rom. 12:6–8*
and prophetic courage
so we may continue to be your body in and for the world.
With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn #694** "Great God of Every Blessing" Aurelia

***Benediction**

Voluntary Fugue in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of August 27, 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 September 3, 2023

Mon: Jeremiah 15:15–21	Thurs: Matthew 16:21–28
Tues: Psalm 26:1–8	Fri: Jeremiah 15:15–21
Wed: Romans 12:9–21	Sat: Psalm 26:1–8

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication

Preparing for Sunday, September 3, 2023
Consider: What does it mean for me to take up my cross and follow Jesus? How do I practice that in my daily life? How is the cross I am asked to bear related to the cross of Jesus?

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Activities for the Week of August 27, 2023

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 a.m.	First Youth Group Meeting of the Year

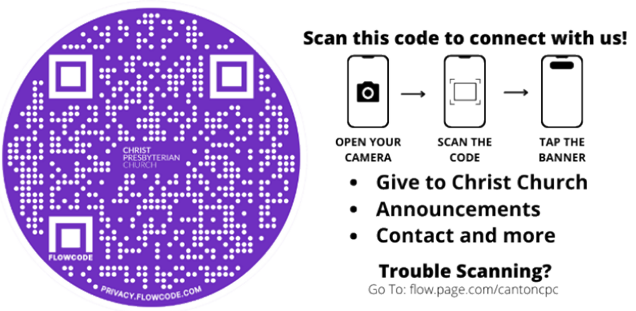
Monday

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

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
1:30 p.m.	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)

Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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