CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

A Red-Winged Blackbird
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September 3, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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 "Aria" Noel Rawsthorne

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship. *Exod. 3:15;*
People: Praise the Lord! *Ps. 105:3, 45b*
Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
People: Let us worship God!

***Hymn #15** "All Creatures" Lasst uns Erfreuen
verses 1, 2, 3, and 6 only

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

God of mystery and might, *Ps. 105:5*
whose wonderful works are to be remembered,
move in our lives,
change our minds,
soften our hearts,
direct our feet,
that we may follow you more faithfully.
Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen

Call to Confession

Jesus Christ overcame evil with good *Rom. 12:21*
so that all people might be saved from sin.
Let us then confess our need for grace,
confident of God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of mercy, *Matt. 16:23–26*
we confess that, like the disciples,
we set our minds not on divine things
but on human things.
Doubting your loving care, we grab for
more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink
from living as your followers.
Doubting your loving plan, we become
stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn #577 KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)
Lord, have mercy

***Assurance of Pardon**
Leader: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation. *Matt. 16:24–26*
People: In return for our old life of sin,
he promises a new life of grace.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***Gloria: Hymn #583** GLORIA (Taizé)
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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
Holy Spirit, *Exod. 3:4*
who spoke to Moses from the burning bush,
speak to us now in the reading and proclaiming
of your word. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading Exodus 3:1–15
"Moses and the Burning Bush"
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 44
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 62

Epistle Reading Romans 12:9–21
"Marks of a True Christian"
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 922–23
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 197

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21–28
"Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection"
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 798
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 22

Sermon Rev. Dave de Vries
"Footsteps in the Sand"
"If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

Holy Communion—See Insert

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "The Lone, Wild Bird" arr. Walker

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with You, nor leaves Your sight.
And I am Yours, I rest in You.
Great Spirit come, rest in me too.
Each secret thought is known to You,
the path I walk my whole life through;
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears,
my deepest joys, my silent tears.
For the ends of the earth are in Your hand,
the sea's dark deep and the distant land.
I nothing want but to know Your care.
Great Spirit come, receive our prayer.
For the ends of the earth are in Your hand,
the sea's dark deep and the distant land.
I nothing want but to know Your care.
Great Spirit live, Great Spirit breathe,
Great Spirit come, receive our prayer.
And I am Yours, I rest in You. Great Spirit come, rest in me too.

***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*)**

Holy God of holy ground, *Exod. 3:5, 11–12*
like Moses, we question our fitness to serve
heaven's purposes on earth.
Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence;
bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will;
in the name of the triune One. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn #666** "O Splendor" Puer Nobis Nascitur

***Benediction**

Voluntary "Allegro" from *Symphony no. 6* Charles-Marie Widor

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of September 3, 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 10, 2023

Mon: Ezekiel 33:7–11	Thurs: Matthew 18:15–20
Tues: Psalm 119:33–40	Fri: Ezekiel 33:7–11
Wed: Romans 13:8–14	Sat: Psalm 119:33–40

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 10, 2023

Consider: The passage from Matthew (18:15–20) is concerned with church discipline in a time of conflict. The focus, however, is not on punishment or blame, but on listening and talking through what has divided or offended so that forgiveness and reconciliation may be accomplished. Does your church have a prescribed way of working through difficulty and division? Has there been a time in your congregation's life or in your own life when conflict or an offense caused breaks in relationship? How might this reading from Matthew have helped that situation? How does the commandment to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves inform our handling of disagreement and division?

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Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Activities for the Week of September 3, 2023

Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

Monday—Labor Day

Office and Church Building Closed

Tuesday

11:15 a.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room)
6:00 p.m.	Special Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

Church Office Closed All Day—Staff Retreat at Wakonda

8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday

9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
1:30 p.m.	Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Friday

12:00 p.m.	Personnel Meeting (Zoom)

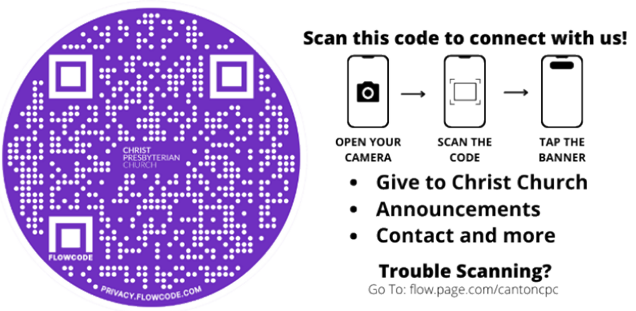
Saturday

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

Sunday, September 10

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 a.m.	Conversation Circles (Westminster Hall)

The Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry is in desperate need of plastic grocery and shopping bags for patrons and would greatly appreciate donations



The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

***Hymn #517** "Here, O Our Lord" Morecambe
verses 1 and 2 only

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: God is here.
People: God's Spirit is with us.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise
Leader: We give thanks to you, creating God,
breath of all being;
the earth is yours and all that is in it,
and all who dwell therein.
You founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the deep.
You planted seeds in fertile ground,
to rise and sing your praise.
People: You formed us from the earth
and planted goodness in our souls,
that we might love like you.
Leader: You called us to live your law of harmony
and to long for your commands.
Yet, when our disordered cravings bowed down our spirit,
you did not leave us low,
but bent down to meet us and grow us up again.
Therefore we lift our voices in thanksgiving,
for by water and Spirit,
you have wondrously made us.

***Sanctus: Hymn #552** Land of Rest

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.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God,
that you sowed your Word in Jesus,
to grow your kingdom here on earth
and draw us ever near.
Jesus planted mercy wherever he went,
to reap a greater righteousness.
People: He shared bread with outcasts and sinners
and healed the brokenhearted.
Glory to you forever.
Leader: We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, gave to his friends, and said,

Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing,
gave it to his friends, and said,
Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Glory to you forever.
Remembering his dying and rising,
we offer you this bread and wine,
and ourselves in grateful service.
Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again!

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
and all your people here today.
Breathe your Spirit over all creation
that together we may cultivate peace
in every corner of the world.
Then bring us to that blessed mountain
where with the meek and pure in heart
we will live forever in blessedness
as we taste the fruits of heaven.
Glory to you forever.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
the inspiration of your Life-giving Spirit.

People: **Blessed are you, now and forever. Amen.**

Music During Communion

"Pange Lingua" Ronald Arnatt