CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

Mystery of Faith (1977)
Ben Long
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, West Jefferson, NC

December 10, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 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 in the Children's area on the lower level.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary Prelude on Helmsley — Karl Osterland
I. Fanfare "With Clouds Descending"
II. Trio "Alleluia"

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

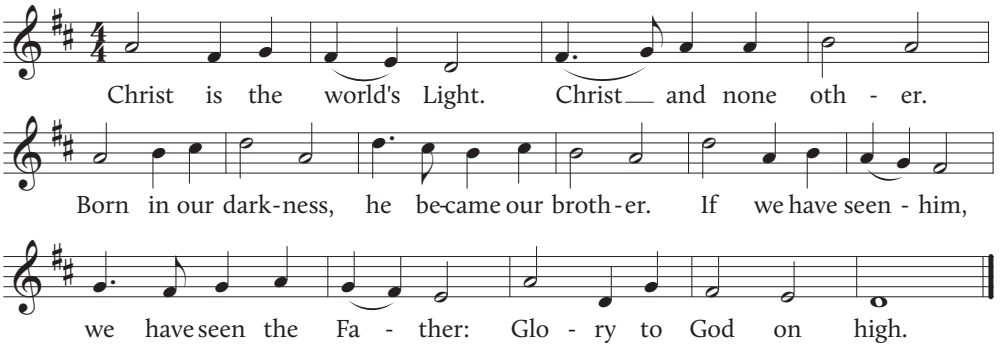
A voice cries in the wilderness, *Isa. 40:3–5*
"Prepare the way of the Lord; make God's way clear.
Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.
For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."

***Hymn #106** "Prepare the Way, O Zion" — Bereden Väg för Herran

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Karl & Kari Hershberger and Perry Randau

Response to Lighting the Advent Candle — Christe Sanctorum



Call to Confession

God does not want anyone to perish, *2 Pet. 3:9b*
but rather for all to come to repentance.
Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God's salvation is at hand. *Ps. 85:9*

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.
We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed;
we have not been at peace.
We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.
Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins, *Ps. 85:2*
that we may walk in righteousness
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Kyrie

***Assurance of Pardon**

Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God. **Amen**. *Ps. 85:2, 8-9*

***Gloria:** NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Anthem "The Angel Gabriel" John Howell

Children's Choir with Britt Cooper, baritone

The angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame
"All hail" said he "Thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will
ever say: Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Children are now invited to come forward.

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

Mighty God, send your Holy Spirit to speak peace, *Ps. 85:8*
that the good news of this age may be proclaimed
through your word, which stands forever. **Amen**. *Isa. 40:8*

Hebrew Reading *"Comfort, Comfort to the People"* Isaiah 40:1–11
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 581–82
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 816–17

Hymn #77 "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old" SAMANTHRA

Epistle Reading *"God's Promises"* 2 Peter 3:8–15a
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 988–89
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 289

Gospel Reading *"The Proclamation of John the Baptist"* Mark 1:1–8
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 812
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 42

Sermon "Comfort, O Comfort My People" Rev. Michael Wallace

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 "Come, Jesus, Come" Alfred V. Fedak

Come, Jesus, come, Morning Star:
come with rays of joy and peace.
Word of hope, whom fears would bar,
from our darkness bring release.

Come, Jesus, come, Holy Child:
come enfleshed in humble birth.
Word of love, though scorned, reviled,
give our human life new worth.

Come, Jesus, come, living Lord:
come in prayer and sacraments
Word of blessing still outpoured,
work in ways transcending sense.

Come, Jesus, come, King of kings:
come to rule on earth again.
Word for whom creation sings,
"O come, Prince of Peace, and reign."

***Doxology: Hymn #654** In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful. In the Lord, I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ
your steadfast love and faithfulness have met
and your righteousness and peace have kissed. *Ps. 85:10*
May the gifts we offer this day lift up those in need
and prepare the way of your salvation. **Amen**.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn #348** "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" Helmsley

***Benediction Response** "Christ, Eternal Sun of Justice" Jefferson

Voluntary Puer Nobis Aaron David Miller

The liturgical texts and music are from Sundays and Seasons copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. Our Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License number is SAS003217. The scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Hymnody made available through One License Annual License with Podcasting Renewal A-732983. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of December 10, 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 December 17, 2023

Mon: Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11	Thurs: John 1:6–8, 19–28
Tues: Psalm 126	Fri: Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11
Wed: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24	Sat: Psalm 126

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, December 17, 2023

Consider: John 1:6–8, 19–28 reminds us that we are not the light, but with John we are called to testify as witnesses to the light, who is Jesus Christ. The verb "to bear witness" occurs thirty-three times in the Fourth Gospel! How can you bear witness, in this season of lights, to the true Light who has come into the world?

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

The Chancel Flowers are given in Loving Memory of Arthur E. Gibbs by the Gibbs Trust Investment Fund

The liturgical texts and music are from Sundays and Seasons copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. Our Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License number is SAS003217. The scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Hymnody made available through One License Annual License with Podcasting Renewal A-732983. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Elders of Christ Presbyterian Church
Jennifer Anderson
Charles Ash
Becky Banfield
Jennie George
David Hudson
Richard Milligan
Nancy Okonak
Adam Wiggins
Kristi Wood

Liturgist: Lori Sproul
Water Bearer: Ava Skolnik
Chalice Bearer: Perry Randau
Crucifer: Nathan Skolnik
Volunteer Sound Technicians: Levi George, Jace Anderson

Christ Presbyterian Church Staff
Ministers: The People of Christ Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. David de Vries
Associate Pastor: Rev. Michael Wallace
Director of Music & Organist: Heather Cooper
Director of Chancel Choir: Dr. Britt Cooper
Director of Family and Children's Ministries: Kate George
Director of Youth Ministry: Bonnie Wiggins
Pastor and Director of Camp Wakonda: Rev. Benjamin George
Assistant Director of Camp Wakonda: Zack White
Business Administrator/Assistant Treasurer: Diane Nave
Office/Financial Assistant: Audrey Hilton
Music Associate & Managing Editor: Dr. Sarah Pozderac-Chenevey
Head Custodian: Kurt A. Gottschick
Custodian: Chuck Troescher
Sound Technician: Michael Brown

Deacons of Christ Presbyterian Church
Mary Ann Beck
Debbie D'Antonio
Geoffrey Darling
Mary Jane Ebie
Terry Everett
Mike Gravilla
Kari Hershberger
Debbie Jacob
Lorraine Murphy
Susan Oliver
Judy Smith

All music reproduced for services is copyright protected by OneLicense (#A728991) or is from *Glory to God Hymnal*

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Activities for the Week of December 10, 2023

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various Locations)
9:15 AM	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Christmas Caroling (Westminster Hall)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
4:00 PM	Property Ministry (Parlor)
6:00 PM	Open Table Small Group (Children's Library)

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Parlor)
11:15 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM	TAG Luncheon (Westminster Hall)
6:00 PM	Personnel Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 PM	Mission Ministry (Parlor)

Wednesday—Tydings Deadline!

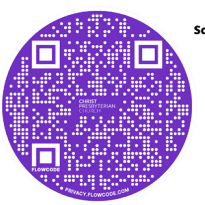
8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
8:00 am	Food and Clothing Ministry (Westminster Hall)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
3:30 PM	Worship Ministry (Parlor)
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry (Parlor
7:00 PM	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday

9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Karen Dominik's House)
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various Locations)
9:15 AM	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Youth Group—College Reunion



Scan this code to connect with us!

OPEN YOUR CAMERA → SCAN THE CODE → TAP THE BANNER

- **Give to Christ Church**
- **Announcements**
- **Contact and more**

Trouble Scanning?

Go To: flow.page.com/cantoncpc