CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

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September 1, 2024

The Order for Morning Worship

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2024 — 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 3–5) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Intrada" Grayston Ives

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Who may abide in the presence of God? *Ps. 15:1–2*
Who may live on God's holy mountain?

People: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.
All those who speak truth from their heart.

***Hymn #32** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Ellacombe

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

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ
you have shown us the truth of your commandments.
Give us sincere hearts that we may serve you with joy,
obey you with love, and manifest your wisdom to the world;
through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Confession

With sincere hearts and minds,
let us confess our sins before God and the world,
trusting in God's mercy to forgive.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of light,
we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy
and self-righteousness.
We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts.
We are satisfied with human traditions and norms *Mark 7:7–8*
and avoid your liberating truth.
We have confused meekness with weakness,
holiness with social conformity,
and anger with righteousness. *Jas. 1:19–20*
Forgive us, we pray.
By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit
so that we may serve you with sincere hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn #575 Kyrie Eleison (Pardini)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, do not despair:
God renews us by the word of truth, *Jas. 1:18*
that we might become the first fruits of God's creation.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Gloria** *please see insert* Mark Schweizer

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 5 are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. Older children will stay in worship for Communion.

Children: God be with you as you stay.
Adults: God be with you as you go.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, by the power of your Spirit
open our hearts and minds to receive your Word
that we not forget the wonders you have done *Deut. 4:9*
nor neglect to make them known to our children,
nor fail to tell them to the world. **Amen**.

Epistle Reading *"Hearing and Doing the Word"* James 1:17–27
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 980–81
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 278

Gospel Reading *"The Tradition of the Elders"* Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 818–19
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 51–52

Sermon Rev. Benjamin George

"The Church: A Community of Gifts"

"The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world..."

Our Response to the Word

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

Holy Communion ✣ See Insert

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

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Jamaican, arr. Ellingboe

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breath again,
Pass the word around: loaves abound!
Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone.,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breath again,
Pass the word around: loaves abound!
Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breath again,
Pass the word around: loaves abound!

***Hymn #591** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" Halle, Halle

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

O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church.
With these gifts we dedicate ourselves
to live in the truth of your word,
and follow your commandments with sincere hearts;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn #314** "Longing for Light" Christ Be Our Light
verses 1, 2, and 5

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**
"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" Land of Rest

Voluntary "Carillon," Op. 31, no. 21 Louis Vierne

Daily Grace

Using the liturgy from this Sunday's Order of Worship,
we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week.
We worship together...separately.

Scripture Readings: Worship texts for September 8, 2024

Mon: Isaiah 35:4–7a	Thurs: Mark 7:24–37
Tues: Psalm 146	Fri: Isaiah 35:4–7a
Wed: James 2:1–10, 14–17	Sat: Psalm 146

Preparing for Sunday, September 8, 2024

Consider: Try to recall the first time in your life when you did not retreat in the face of opposition. How is your experience like that of the Syrophoenician woman putting her case to Jesus? Where in your life today is that same courage calling you to speak out? What could you do this week to take steps in that direction

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

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Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Activities for the Week of September 1, 2024

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday • Labor Day • Church office closed

Tuesday

7:00 PM	Mission Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday

1:30 PM	Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Saturday

10:00 AM	Health Fair (Church Parking Lot)
5:00 PM	Youth Big Day Event

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00 AM	Youth Resound Rehearsal (Youth Room)
9:00 AM	Music Time (Children's Wing)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (various locations)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

The Liturgical Arts Ministry strives to include spiritual meaning and visual experience through floral arrangements, banners, and other textiles and art forms. The longest season of the liturgical year is Ordinary Time, which means a lot of green for a long time. To make this season less "ordinary," we have commissioned local textile artist **Romy Anderson**, one of our own, to create these special worship hangings. Think of them as tactile as well as visual. Touch the pockets and feel the prayers within them.

Romy writes, "The Liturgical Arts Ministry has commissioned me to make paraments for the communion table. As a textile artist my main form of work is weaving. I intricately paint my yarn and weave in double cloth. This results in the formation of pockets as I weave. I wanted to involve the church members in the creation of these worship textiles. Engaging with the Sunday School attendees, I invited them to write prayers for the church onto pieces of paper, which were then placed within the pockets as I continued the weaving process. These prayers will forever be part of this body of work. To give the banners a deeper significance and reflection of the liturgical calendar, I introduced bands of vibrant red, blue, and purple alongside the traditional green associated with ordinary time."

The Great Thanksgiving

The bread used for Holy Communion
is free of nuts, gluten, dairy, and preservatives.
For persons having difficulty handling the communion elements,
a small cup containing both the gluten free bread and grape juice
is offered by the communion servers.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Hymn #495** "Thee We Adore" Adoro Te Devote
verses 1 and 2

***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: We gladly and joyfully thank and praise you,
our Lord and God,
for you created all things
from the overflowing of your goodness
and made us your beloved in your covenant of grace.
Out of the long winter of our estrangement
You called us to arise and come away with you,
because the springtime of our salvation was at hand.
In fulfillment of your own purpose
you gave us birth by your Word of truth,
so that we would become the firstfruits of his creatures.
In your Son Jesus you set us as a seal upon your heart,
and in his cross and resurrection
you showed that your love was stronger than death.
And so we join our voices with the heavenly throng,
singing the hymn of your eternal glory:

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: Transforming God, you long for us to become holy like you.
Through this gathering of reconciliation
and word of truth and embodiment of peace
you fill us with bread for the journey.
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
make all who participate in this blessed meal
doers of your word, and not hearers only.
By your same Spirit, bless this food and drink,
that they may be for us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who at supper with his disciples,
took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."
After supper, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.
People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Gentle God, you call us to be quick to listen
and slow to speak.
Embolden all who have no one to listen to them,
that in their distress, or dismay, or disease
they may meet friends, receive justice, and find you.
Give wisdom to any who have something to say,
that they may speak your words, live your hope,
and draw others to your truth.
Bless those who struggle with anger,
that their frustration may turn to good work,
and their sense of deep wrong
yield a pursuit of righteousness.
Hasten the day when there is no more grief or sorrow,
but you are all in all, ever one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Music during Communion

"Adoro Te Devote" David Johnson

Gloria Mark Schweizer