



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702



December 15, 2024

The Order for Morning Worship

Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 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 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Voluntary

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland
Nancy Paterson, harp

Charles Peery

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name
of the most high God.

People: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Leader: Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

People: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Leader: Trust and do not be afraid.

People: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

**People: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.
Hallelujah! Amen.**

*Hymn 88

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

verse 1 all • verse 2 lower voices • verse 6 upper voices • verse 7 all

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Alice and Steve Rauch



Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:
let the light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift_ your heads and
lift high the gate - way for the King_ of glo - ry.

Call to Confession

As John the Baptist called the people to repent, as Jesus calls us now,
we turn to the one who is both judge and savior,
trusting that repentance opens the door to new life,
and that peace beyond all measure has been promised to us.
Let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance.
We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.
We have not trusted your word, and we are afraid.
Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,
for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news
and for the sake of all the world. Amen.

Kyrie



*Assurance of Pardon

In the name of the one God who lives and moves among us,
you are forgiven. The Lord has taken away the judgments against you.
Do not worry. Live in peace.

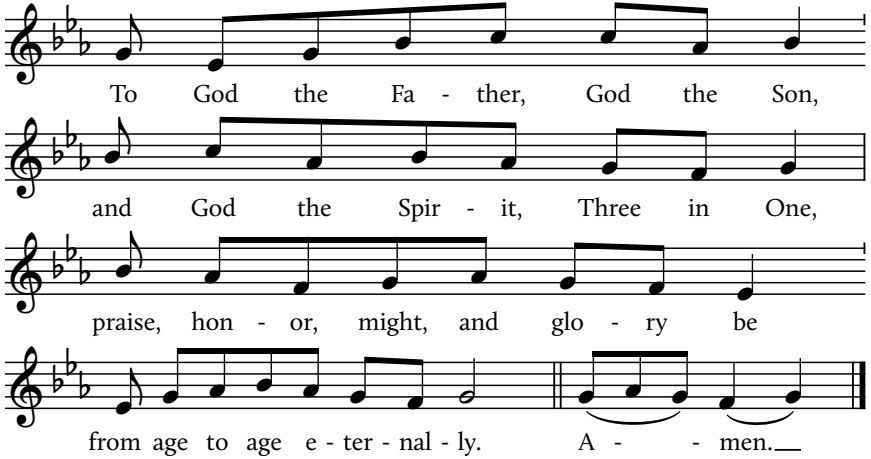
*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Gloria: Hymn 84, vs. 4

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



Anthem

"The Angel Gabriel"

Basque Carol,

Megan Cooper, soprano; Britt Cooper, baritone

arr. Howell

Children's Choir

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!

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!

"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!

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

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the children's sermon, children ages 3 through fifth grade
are invited to follow the teachers out for Kids' Church.

Leader: Now let us bless each other.

Adults: God be with you as you go.

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance.
By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands
and shower us again with the fire of your love. Amen.

Gospel Reading "The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah" Matthew 1:1-6a, 17

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Pew Bible p. 783

People: Thanks be to God

Large Print Bible p. 1

Epistle Reading	<i>“God Is Love”</i>	1 John 4:7–12
Leader:	The Word of the Lord	Pew Bible p. 991
People:	Thanks be to God	Large Print Bible p. 292

Hebrew Reading	<i>“Naomi and Her Daughters in Law”</i>	Ruth 1:6–22
Leader:	The Word of the Lord	Pew Bible p. 210
People:	Thanks be to God	Large Print Bible p. 299

Hymn	“In Matthew’s Gospel There Are Five”	FAITH-MOTHERS
	<i>please stay seated and see insert</i>	

Sermon	“Mother Ruth”	Elder Edith Ophardt
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OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i> , p. 35
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Prayers of the People *and* the Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem	“There Is No Rose”	Benjamin Britten
There is no rose of such vertu as is the rose that bare Jesu.		
<i>Alleluia.</i>		
For in this rose containèd was heaven and earth in litel space,		
<i>Res miranda.</i>		
By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three.		
<i>Pares forma.</i>		
The aungels sungen the shepherds to: <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo!</i>		
<i>Gaudeamus.</i>		
Leave we all this werldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth.		
<i>Transeamus.</i>		

*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.	
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***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**
Gracious God, in gratitude for all that you have given us,
we bring our tithes, offerings, and labor
to help feed a world hungry for healing and hope;
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church—Living Our Faith

*Hymn 105	“People, Look East”	BESANÇON
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*Benediction		
*Response	“O Come, Thou Dayspring”	VENI EMMANUEL

Voluntary	Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL	Andrew Carter
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We welcome Nancy Paterson as our guest harpist this morning.

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 December 22, 2024

Mon: Micah 5:2-5a

Thurs: Luke 1:39-55

Tues: Psalm 80:1-7

Fri: Psalm 80:1-7

Wed: Hebrews 10:5-10

Sat: Luke 1:39-55

Preparing for Sunday, December 22, 2024

Consider: Where do you see the light of Christ magnified in your person, your life, and the ways of your family and community? Notice in the coming week one time each day when the light of Christ is made present for you by others.

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 Leland Weir
by Janet Creighton.

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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word*
and *The Book of Common Worship*



Activities for the Week of December 15, 2024

Sunday, December 15, 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)
11:45 AM	Youth Group
4:00 PM	Christmas Pipes Concert (Sanctuary)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
8:00 PM	Young Adult Cluster (Milestone Games)

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Pastors' Bible Study (Parlor)
6:30 PM	Session (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
3:30 PM	Worship Ministry (Parlor)
7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday

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

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Hymn

"In Matthew's Gospel There Are Five" FAITH-MOTHERS

The wid - ow Ruth, a Mo - ab - ite, left
her own land be - hind. She went to live in Beth - le - hem, and
wed a farm - er kind. The son she bore to
Bo - az caused Na - o - mi's heart to sing, and
made this for - eign Mo - ab - ite grand - moth - er to a
king. If God could find a use for them, their
faith - ful - ness ig - nite, then_ sure - ly God can
use_ us_ too, as bear - ers of the light.