# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

"Marriage Feast at Cana"
*Queen Mary Psalter* (early 14th century)
British Library, Royal MS 2 B. vii, f. 168v

January 19, 2025

# The Order for Morning Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025 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** "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Max Reger

**Welcome and Worship Notes**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God. *Ps. 36:7, 9*
**People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**
Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.
**People: In Christ we behold the Light of God.**

***Hymn 669** "Let's Sing unto the Lord" Cantemos al Señor

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

**Holy God,**
**through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world.**
**Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform,**
**that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts**
**that you alone are Lord of all creation.**
**Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

In the light of Christ,
we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.
Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)**

**Almighty God,** *1 Cor. 12:2*
**we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world.**
**We have depended on our possessions**
**and have not placed our trust in your grace.**
**We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer**
**and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources.**
**We have sought security in the might of the sword**
**rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit.**
**Forgive us, we pray.**
**Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully.**
**Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Kyrie: Hymn 576** Singapura

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news:
Christ unmasks the idols of our world
and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As the Lord has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
**People: And also with you.**

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hymn 586** ALLELUIA 7

Alleluia…Alleluia!

*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 5th 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**

Gracious God, *John 2:11*
by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding
that we may receive the testimony of Scripture
and believe in the signs that reveal your presence.
We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**.

**Hebrew Reading** *"Vindication and Salvation of Zion"* Isaiah 62:1–5
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 604
**People: Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible p. 847

**Reading from the Psalter** *"Divine Goodness"* Psalm 36:5–10
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 443
**People: Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible p. 627

***Hymn 830** "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" JESU, MEINE FREUDE

**Gospel Reading** *"The Wedding at Cana"* John 2:1–11
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 863
**People: Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible p. 113

**Sermon** "A Festival of Revelation" Rev. Benjamin George

## 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** "Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee" Bairstow
Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.

***Doxology: Hymn 717** Pleading Savior
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own;
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing

***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**
**At the wedding feast at Cana** *John 2:1–11; 1 Cor. 12:7*
**you gladdened the guests with divine generosity,**
**filled to the brim and flowing over.**
**We offer our gifts with grateful hearts.**
**Bless them and our lives to your service,**
**that they may reveal your glory,**
**nurture faith, and manifest the common good.**
**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

**Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith**

***Hymn 733** "We All Are One in Mission" Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldwögelein

***Benediction**
**Response** "Benediction and Sevenfold Amen" K. Lee Scott

**Voluntary** Toccata and Fugue in F Major, BuxWV 157 Buxtehude

## 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 January 26, 2025

Mon: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10
Tues: Psalm 19
Wed: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a
Thurs: Luke 4:14–21
Fri: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10
Sat: Psalm 19

### Preparing for Sunday, January 26, 2025

**Consider:** The Old Testament "year of jubilee" to which Jesus refers in his first sermon—what some have called his "mission statement"—was a time set aside every fifty years to forgive financial debt and redistribute the land among the people. Why do you think God envisioned a year of jubilee, and what might that look like in our world today?

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## Activities for the Week of January 19, 2025

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

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| 8:30 AM | Worship Service (Chapel) |
| 9:15 AM | Sunday School (various locations) |
| 9:30 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel) |
| 10:30 AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |

**Monday • Church Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Tuesday**

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| 9:30 AM | Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom) |
| 6:30 PM | Session Meeting (Parlor) |

**Wednesday**

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| 8:00 AM | Men's Bible Study (Zoom) |
| 8:00 AM | Food and Clothing Ministry (Westminster Hall) |
| 6:30 PM | Stephen Ministry Meeting (Zoom) |

**Thursday**

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

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| 12:00 PM | Conversation Circles (Westminster Hall) |