CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

"Temptation of Christ" (upper) and "Raising of Lazarus" (lower)
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March 9, 2025

The Order for Morning Worship

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 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 "My Song Is Love Unknown" Ron Mallory
Christ Church Ringers

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.
People: The journey begins in the wilderness.
Leader: We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.
People: Like Jesus, we are not alone.
The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.
Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.
People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.

***Hymn 165** "The Glory of These Forty Days" Erhalt Uns, Herr

Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

God is faithful, leading us into freedom, but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin. Comfortable with the way things are, we lose sight of the way God intends them to be. We bring our confession before the One who is more powerful than Pharaoh in Egypt, mightier than the devil in the wilderness.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

O God, our refuge and fortress, forgive us when we fail to trust in you. We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 437 Wayfaring Stranger

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon** In Babilone

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

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. Nursery continues to be available starting at 9 AM until the conclusion of worship.

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

Yih'yu l'ratzon imrei fi, v'hegyon libi l'fanecha, Adonai Tzuri v'Goali.
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, my Rock and my Redeemer. **Amen**.

A Reading from the Psalter Psalm 91:1–4, 9–16

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 477–78

People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 674

Epistle Reading *"Salvation Is for All"* Romans 10:8b–13

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 921

People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 194

***Hymn** "Within the Shelter of the Lord" Ye Banks and Braes

see insert

Gospel Reading *"The Temptation of Jesus"* Luke 4:1–13
presented by the CPC Players

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 835
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 74

Sermon "My Refuge and My Fortress" 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

Leader: Hear our prayer, O God
People: our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Out of the Deep" from *Requiem* John Rutter

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be fear'd.
I look for the Lord: my soul doth wait for him, and in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say,
before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

***Doxology: Hymn 675, vs. 4** Tallis Canon

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.

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

Gracious and Generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 775** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Walk with Me

***Benediction**

Response: "To God and to The Lamb" Wondrous Love

Voluntary Gigue, Cello Sonata no. 2 in D minor, BWV 1008 J.S. Bach

This morning, we welcome guest musician Greg Fiocca, cello

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 March 16, 2025

Mon: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18
Tues: Psalm 27
Wed: Philippians 3:17–4:1
Thurs: Luke 13:31–35
Fri: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18
Sat: Psalm 27

Preparing for Sunday, March 16, 2025

Consider: In Luke 13:35 Jesus says, "And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" To what sort of "seeing" does Jesus refer? Is Jesus calling for more than a verbal declaration that he is the Messiah? How might I live so that I become a testimony that Jesus is truly the one who comes in the name of God?

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

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and *The Book of Common Worship*

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Activities for the Week of March 9, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Music Rehearsals (various locations)
9:15 AM	Youth Destination Unknown Trip
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

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
11:00 AM	Triennium Fundraiser (Five Guys)
4:00 PM	Property Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Pastors' Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom)
6:00 PM	Personnel Meeting (offsite)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry (West. Hall)
8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
3:30 PM	Worship Ministry Meeting (Parlor and Zoom)
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting (Parlor and Zoom)

Thursday

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

Friday

7:00 PM	Concert Series Event: Rutter *Requiem* (Sanctuary)

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9:15 AM	Sunday School (various locations)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
2:45 PM	Youth Group at Massilon Museum

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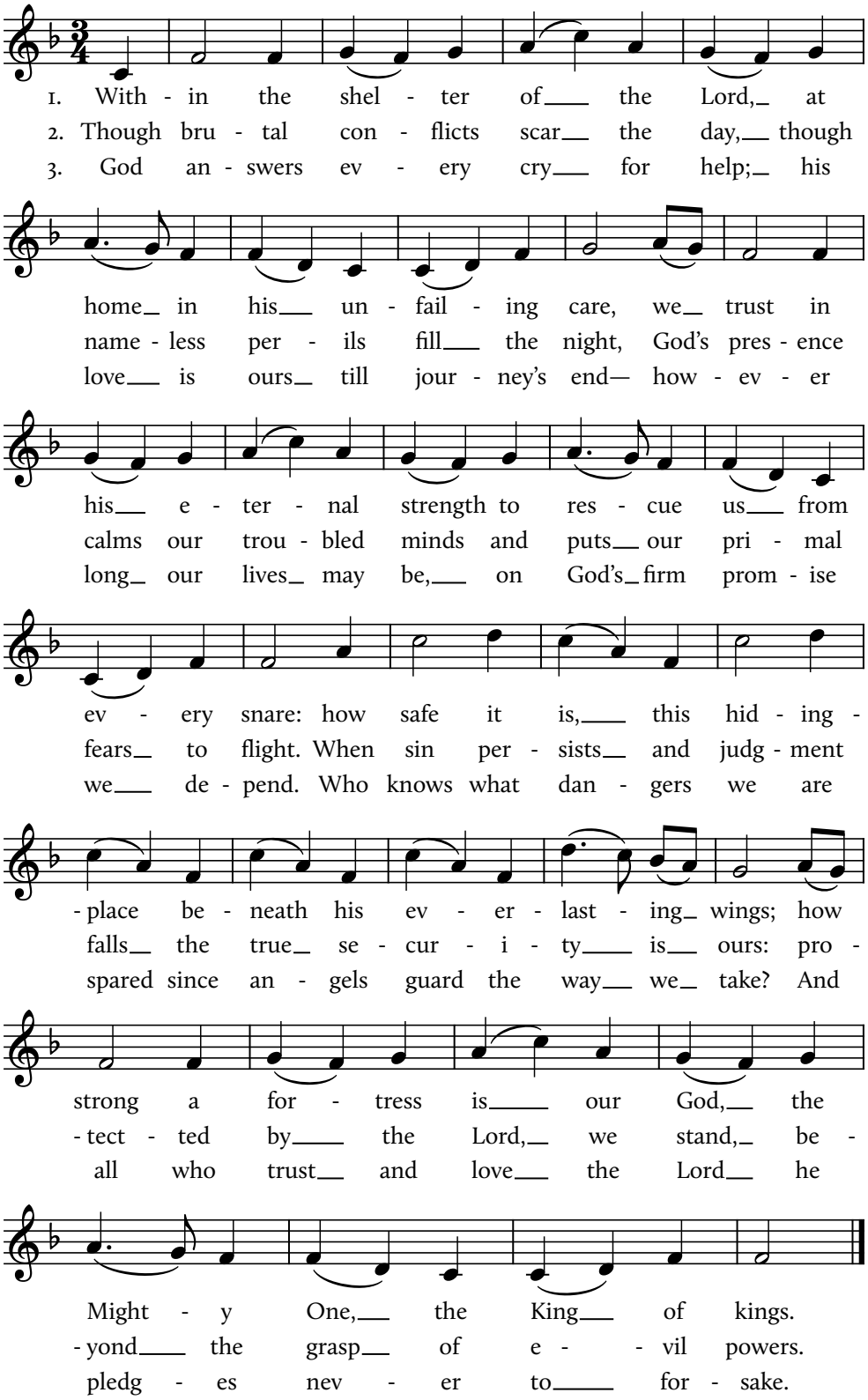
***Hymn** "Within the Shelter of the Lord" Ye Banks and Braes

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