# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

August 24, 2025

# The Order for Morning Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 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** "Shepherd Me, O God" Haugen/Fox
Joanne Fox, *hammered dulcimer*

**Welcome and Worship Notes**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.
**People: God is our hope and our trust. Praise the Lord!**

***Hymn 436** "How Firm a Foundation" Foundation
*verses 1–2 all • verse 3 upper voices • verse 4 lower voices • verse 5 all*

***Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)** *Luke 13:10–17*

**God of healing and reconciliation,**
**you free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge.**
**Help us to trust in your power,**
**that we may praise you without qualification**
**and rejoice in the power of your Son,**
**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Call to Confession** *Jer. 1:4–10*

Our God is compassionate and merciful,
knowing us with an intimacy we cannot comprehend.
There is nothing we have done or left undone,
that is not already known by God.
This gives us confidence to be fully ourselves,
because we know that we can be fully forgiven.

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

**God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire,**
**and the one who has consecrated us before time.**
**You promise us a kingdom that cannot be shaken**
**and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving.**
**But we forget and yield to fear.**
**We trust in the tangible rewards of this world,**
**and neglect your promises.**
**We confess that we are a divided people;**
**we foster separations and widen rifts**
**in our families, our communities, and in the world.**
**Open us to your healing.**
**Free us from all that distances us from your presence.**
**Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage;**
**through Jesus Christ who comes to save. 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: Promising forgiveness
and the sustenance we need to amend our lives,
God rejoices in our longing for wholeness.
**People: We give thanks that we have been known and forgiven, set free to live the resurrected life of faith.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
**People: And also with you.**

***Response** HOLY MANNA

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above.
May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford

*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 10:15 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.*

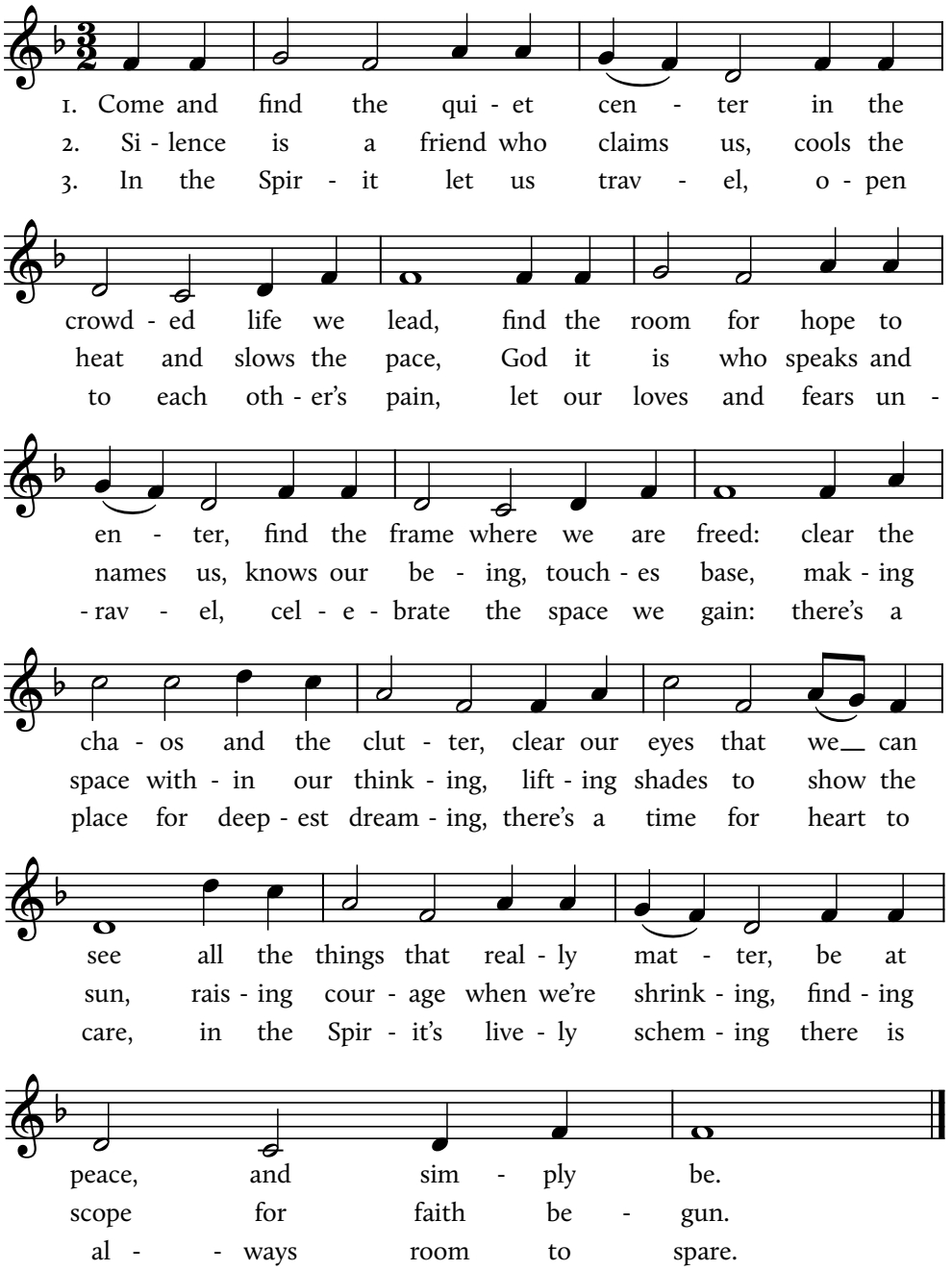
**Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
By your word, give us wisdom,
by your Spirit, grant us healing,
and set us free to serve you with love.
We ask this through the One who heals in your name,
Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

**Hebrew Reading** *"A Prophet to the Nations"* Jeremiah 1:4–10
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 609–10
**People: Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, p. 854

**Epistle Reading** *"Coming to the City of the Living God"* Heb. 12:18–29
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 979
**People: Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, pp. 275–76

***Hymn** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" BEACH SPRING




**Gospel Reading** *"Jesus Heals on the Sabbath"* Luke 13:10–17
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 848
**People: Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, pp. 92–93

**Sermon** "Healing on the Sabbath" 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** "Simple Gifts" arr. Fox
Joanne Fox, *hammered dulcimer*

***Doxology: Hymn 716** BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

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

**Loving God, we rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you.**
**Inspired by the knowledge of your love,**
**giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day,**
**we pray that these offerings and our lives**
**may further your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

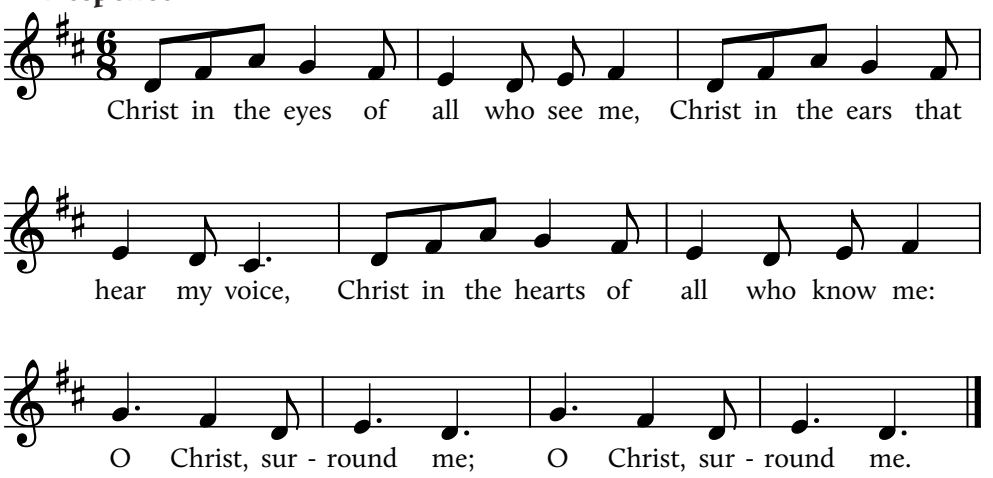
## Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

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

***Hymn 415** "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" RESTORATION

***Benediction**

**Response**

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The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of our parents Richard & Meredith Montgomery and Harry & Jeanne Graef.

### 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 August 31, 2025

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| Mon: Jeremiah 2:4–13 | Thurs: Luke 14:1, 7–14 |
| Tues: Psalm 112 | Fri: Jeremiah 2:4–13 |
| Wed: Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 | Sat: Psalm 112 |

# Activities for the Week of August 10, 2025

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

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| 8:30 AM | Worship Service (Chapel) |
| 10:30 AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| 11:30 AM | Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) |
| 11:30 AM | "Out of the Box" Youth Group Event |

**Monday**

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| 10:00 AM | Staff Meeting (Parlor) |
| 6:00 PM | Open Table Park Date (Offsite) |
| 6:30 PM | G.I.F.T.S. Small Group (Offsite) |

**Tuesday**

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| 11:15 AM | Bell Polishing Party (Sanctuary) |
| 1:30 PM | Parkinson Fund Meeting (Parlor) |
| 8:00 PM | Young Adult Cluster (Offsite) |

**Wednesday**

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| 8:00 AM | Men's Bible Study (Online) |
| 8:00 AM | Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry |
| 12:00 PM | Canton Ecumenical Luncheon (Parlor) |
| 6:30 PM | Stephen Ministry Meeting (Zoom) |

**Thursday**

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| 6:00 PM | Chancel Choir Picnic (Offsite) |

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

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| 8:30 AM | Worship Service (Chapel) |
| 10:30 AM | Worship Service (Sanctuary) |
| 11:30 AM | Realm Training (Westminster Hall) |

Liturgist: Geoffrey Darling

**Christ Presbyterian Church**

Ministers: The People of Christ Church
Co-Pastors: Rev. Michael Wallace & Rev. Benjamin George
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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word* and *The Book of Common Worship*

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil