



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702



Among the Humble (1905)
Léon Augustin Lhermitte
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

August 31, 2025

The Order for Morning Worship

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 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

Prelude on HYFRYDOL

Robert Hobby

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: God calls us to service, *Heb.13:1–2, 8*

People: rather than honor.

Leader: God call us to love the unknown,

People: rather than the familiar.

Leader: We come to this time of worship,

**People: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

*Hymn 755

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

WEISSE FLAGGEN

*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise.

Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.

Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people.

Transform us in love, grow us in our faith,

call us to love with a full heart

and to share your promises with all people. Amen.

Call to Confession

God invites us to mutual love.

But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor,
our desire for privilege.

In humility let us seek forgiveness,

trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble.

We choose to believe we are self-sufficient
rather than trust in your strength.

Open us to your spirit,

that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome,
devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

We pray in Jesus' name. 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**

God rejoices when we repent and return, *Jer. 2:5; Ps. 81:16*
offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock
to sustain us in new life.
Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another.
With joy, seek the honor of God’s service. **Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

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

***Response**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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. 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

God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit,
that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading

“Israel Forsakes the Lord”

Jeremiah 2:4–13

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 610

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, p. 855

Epistle Reading

“God Is with Us”

Heb. 13:1–8, 15–16

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 979

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, p. 276

***Hymn**

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

DOWN AMPNEY

Gospel Reading

“Invite the Poor to Your Banquet”

Luke 14:1, 7–14

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 849

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, p. 94

Sermon

“Don’t Neglect Doing Good” 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

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Bob Chilcott

Britt Cooper, *baritone*

please see hymn 450 for the text of this anthem

*Doxology: Hymn 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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! Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us,
we give thanks for your hope in us,
we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace.
In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love,
we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church—Living Our Faith

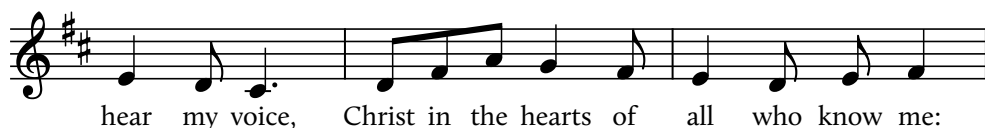
*Hymn 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

*Benediction

Response



Voluntary

Postlude on CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz

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

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God

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 7, 2025

Mon: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Thurs: Luke 14:25-33

Tues: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Fri: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Wed: Philemon 1:1-21

Sat: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Activities for the Week of August 31, 2025

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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

Monday • Church Closed (Labor Day)

Tuesday

- 11:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 PM Finance Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Online)
- 1:30 PM Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
- 8:00 PM Camp Wakonda Board Meeting (Online)

Thursday

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

Friday • Wakonda for All

Saturday • Wakonda for All

Sunday, September 7, 2025 • Wakonda for All

- 10:30 AM Worship (Camp Wakonda)
- 12:30 PM Ox Roast (Camp Wakonda)

Liturgist: Steve Schott

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