CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved"
(Jeremiah 8:20)

September 21, 2025

The Order for Morning Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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 Truro — Brenda Austin
Christ Church Ringers

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

**People: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

***Hymn 305** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" Darwall's 148th

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

**You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy;
you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son,
who bears our burdens and sets us free.
Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us;
that we may love and serve you alone. Amen.**

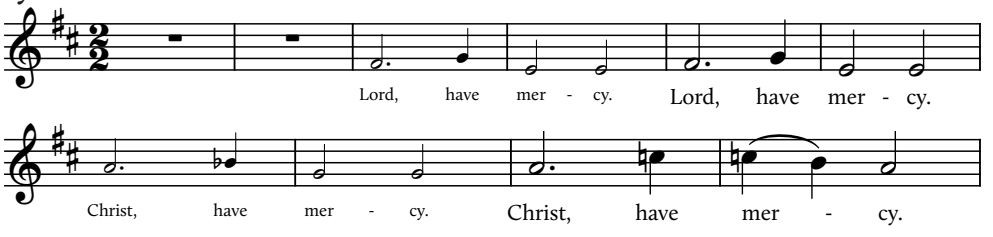
Call to Confession

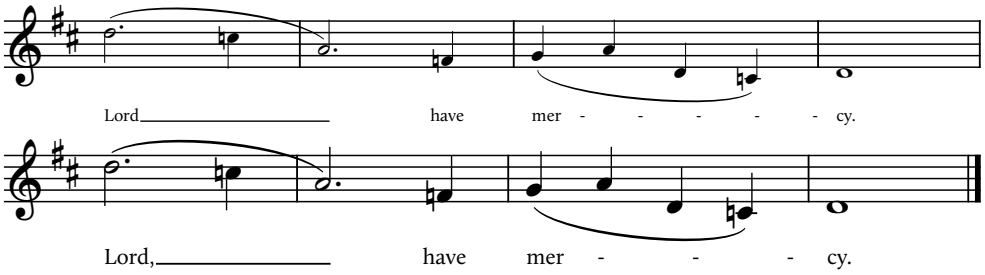
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean.
With one heart and voice, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life,
we come trembling before you
for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours
in the hope of securing our future.
We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you.
We have squandered your trust
and grieved your heart with our betrayal.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Amen.**

Kyrie Fedak



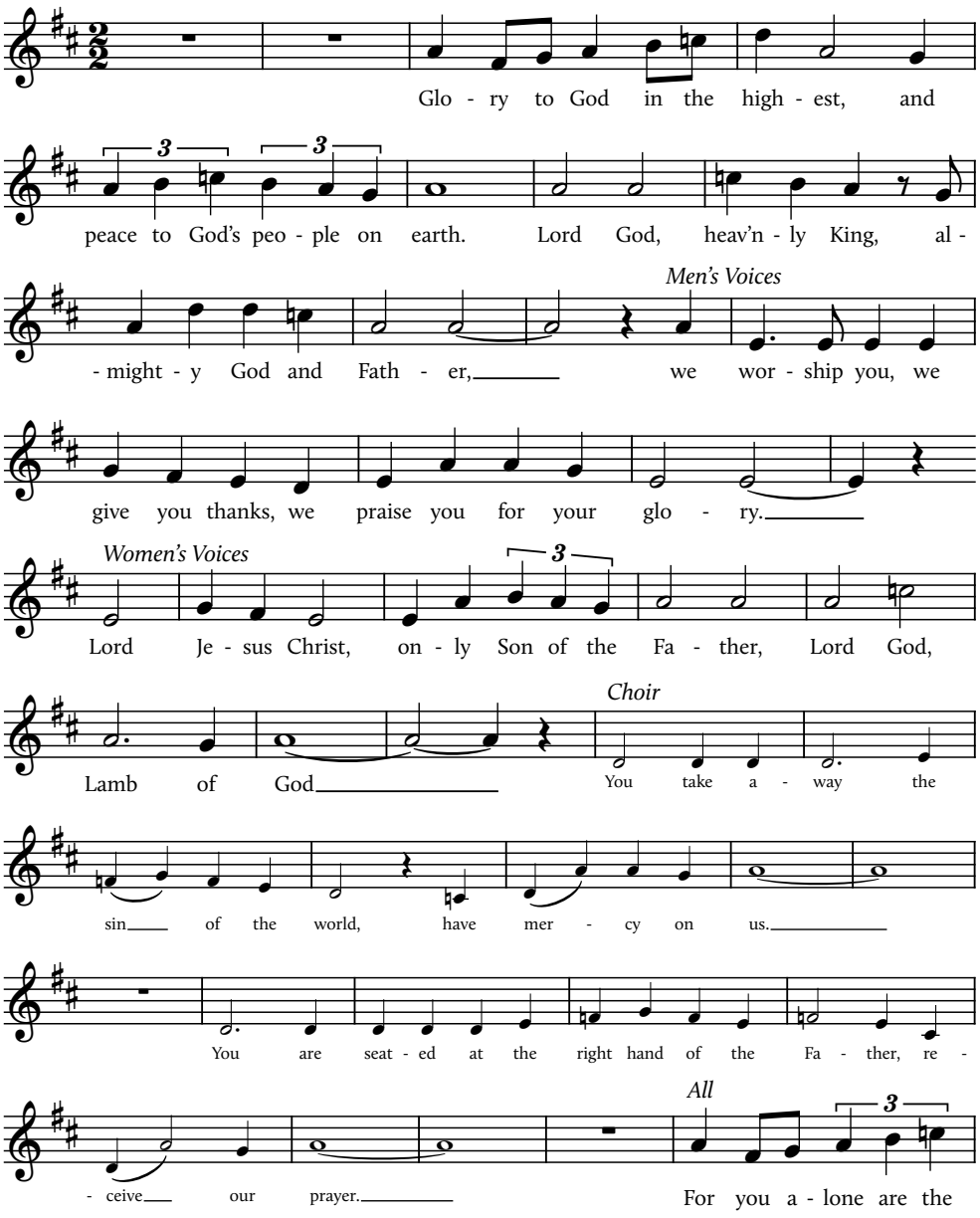
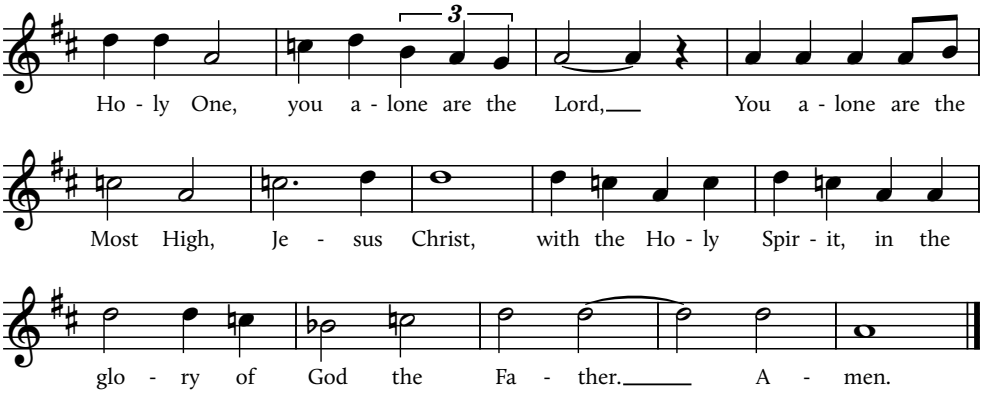


***Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
It cannot be contained, but must be poured out.
Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do is enough to
separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.
I declare in the name of the risen Christ
that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new.

***Passing of the Peace**

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

***Response** Fedak



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 9:00 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 life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now.
Plow our hearts with your living Word
until we who are broken become fertile with your love,
for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting.
We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"The Prophet Mourns for the People"* Jer. 8:18–9:1
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 619
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 868

Epistle Reading *"Instructions Concerning Prayer"* 1 Timothy 2:1–7
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 963
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 254

Hymn 345 "In an Age of Twisted Values" Church United
choir sings verses • all sing refrain beginning with "Hear our cry..."

Gospel Reading *"The Parable of the Dishonest Manager"* Luke 16:1–13
presented by the CPC Players
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 851
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 96–97

Sermon "Discipleship 101: Resist Greed" 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 "Prayer of Consecration" Rickard

Christ has now on earth no body but ours, text, St. Teresa of Avila
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which must look out
Christ's compassion on the world
Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.
Ours are the hands with which he is to bless people now.

***Doxology: Hymn 70** "What Does the Lord Require of You" Moon

follow the choir director

What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

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

Gracious God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust,
you feed us with your love and equip us to share in your purpose.
Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits,
our guarded purses, our meager strength,
and continue to expand our hearts,
until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning;
for we pray in the name of your son, Jesus,
and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 694** "Great God of Every Blessing" Aurelia

***Benediction Response** "God Be With You" Vaughan Williams

Voluntary "Fanfare" William Mathias

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 28, 2025

Mon: Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15
Tues: Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16
Wed: 1 Timothy 6:6–19
Thurs: Luke 16:19–31
Fri: Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15
Sat: Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16

Activities for the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children and Youth Music Rehearsal (Various)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Mission Luncheon: Triennium (Westminster Hall)
12:00 PM	New Member Class (Parlor)

Monday

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

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Pastors' Bible Study (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Online)
8:00 AM	Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry
6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry (Online)

Thursday

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

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11:45 AM	Training for Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers (Westminster Hall)
11:45 AM	New and Returning Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM	New Member Class (Parlor)

Liturgist: Jerry Norton

Christ Presbyterian Church

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