CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

Swords into Plowshares (2019)
Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter
from her book *A Challenging Peace in the Life and Stories of Jesus*

November 30, 2025

The Order for Morning Worship

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 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 "Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying" (Wachet Auf) — Robert Hobby

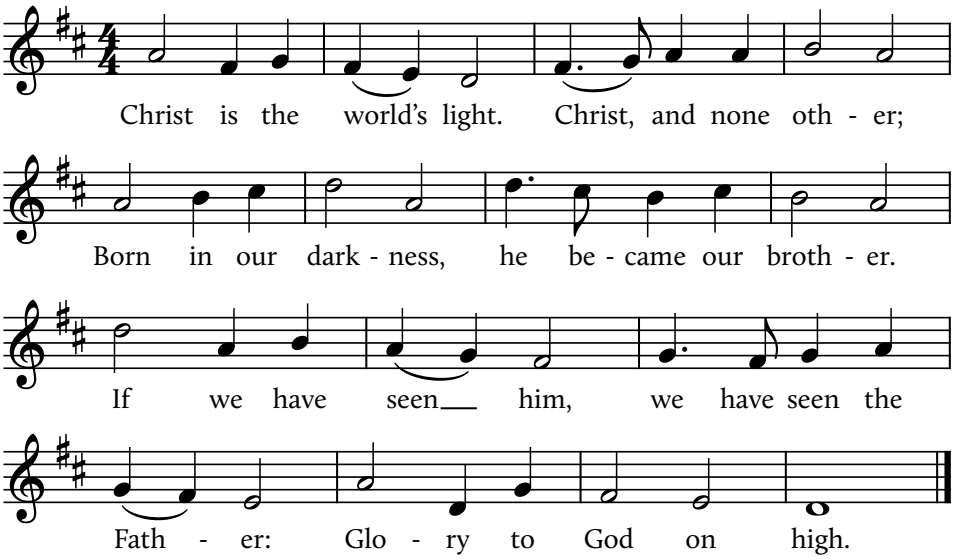
Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
**People: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.**
Leader: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

***Hymn 82** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" — Hyfrydol

Lighting of the Advent Wreath — Joel and Joy Harris and Family



Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

**God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour.
Come to us now, in spirit and truth. Take us up into your presence,
and make us ready for your reign of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

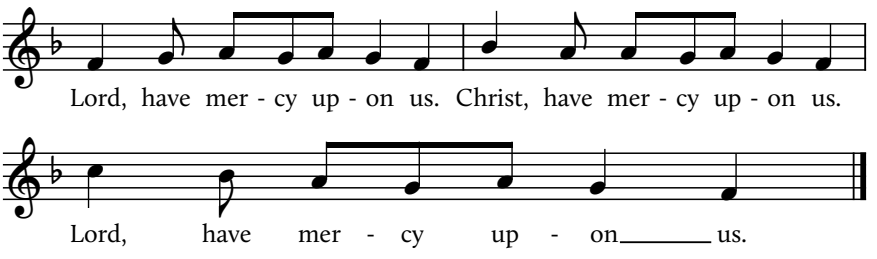
Call to Confession

Leader: You know what time it is:
People: Now is the time to wake from sleep.
Leader: Salvation is near!
People: Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin
from you and no secret that you will not bring to light.
For our reveling and drunkenness, forgive us, O God.
For our debauchery and licentiousness, forgive us, O God.
For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God.
O God, forgive us our sins, renew us in love,
and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie John Merbecke



***Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace.
Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ!
Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

***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: Hymn 349** Wachet Auf

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 children's 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

O God of our people and Lord of every nation,
let your Word ring out from the mountains
and your Spirit shine forth in the earth,
so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will;
through Jesus Christ our peace. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"War Transformed into Peace"* Isaiah 2:1–5
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 550
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 773

Epistle Reading *"Salvation Is Near; Wake from Sleep"* Rom. 13:11–14
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. Í923
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 197–98

***Hymn 97** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" ABERYSTWYTH
East Side (organ) sings all lines beginning with "Watchman"
West Side (pulpit) sings all lines beginning with "Traveler"

Gospel Reading *"The Sudden Coming of Salvation"* Matthew 24:36–44
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 806
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 33–34

Sermon "History, Mystery, and Majesty" 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

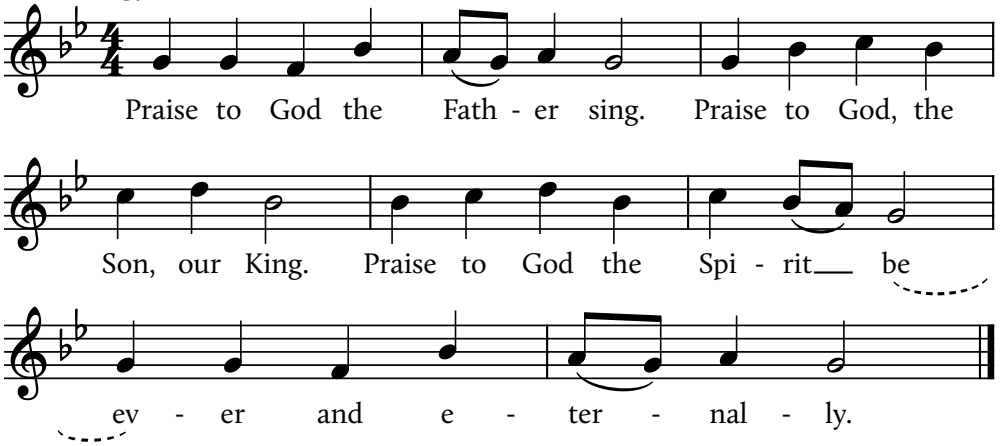
Leader: God of our salvation,
People: hear our prayers.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Thou Shalt Know Him" Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,
nor his manners, nor his airs, nor anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes,
not by his crown or by his gown,
but his coming known shall be,
by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

***Doxology** NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



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

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have built us up in faith
and bound us together in love.
By your grace, may all that we do
show the glory of your name
and serve the good of your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 93**	"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"	TRURO
***Benediction Response**	"Prepare the Way of the Lord"	PREPARE THE WAY
Voluntary	Paean on DIVINUM MYSTERIUM	John Cook

The chancel flowers are given in honor
of the anniversary of Paul and Barb Batchelder

The Cathedral Hour this morning is in memory of
my parents, Bill and Jane Olds, by Barb Gheen

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 December 6, 2025

Mon: Isaiah 11:1–10	Thurs: Matthew 3:1–12
Tues: Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19	Fri: Isaiah 11:1–10
Wed: Romans 15:4–13	Sat: Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19

Activities for the Week of November 30, 2025

Sunday, November 30, 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)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Pastors' Bible Study
11:15 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM	Finance Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 PM	Mission Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Online)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)

Thursday

9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
1:30 PM	Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday

10:00 AM	Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 7, 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	Breakfast in Bethlehem (Westminster Hall)
4:00 PM	Concert Series: Vivaldi *Gloria* Singalong (Sanctuary)

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