CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702

John Baptizes Jesus, and the Dove Speaks the Father's Words
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January 18, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 18, 2026 — Ten-Thirty in the Morning

**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 "Ich ruf zu dir Herr Jesu Christ" J.S. Bach

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise,
People: for God has done wondrous deeds,
and is great beyond compare!

***Hymn 403** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" Unser Herrscher

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

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world,
so that all may know the brightness of your love.
Fill us with your grace this day
that we too may bear witness to his light
and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God,
for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things,
and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain.
Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern,
that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream.
Through Jesus Christ we pray.

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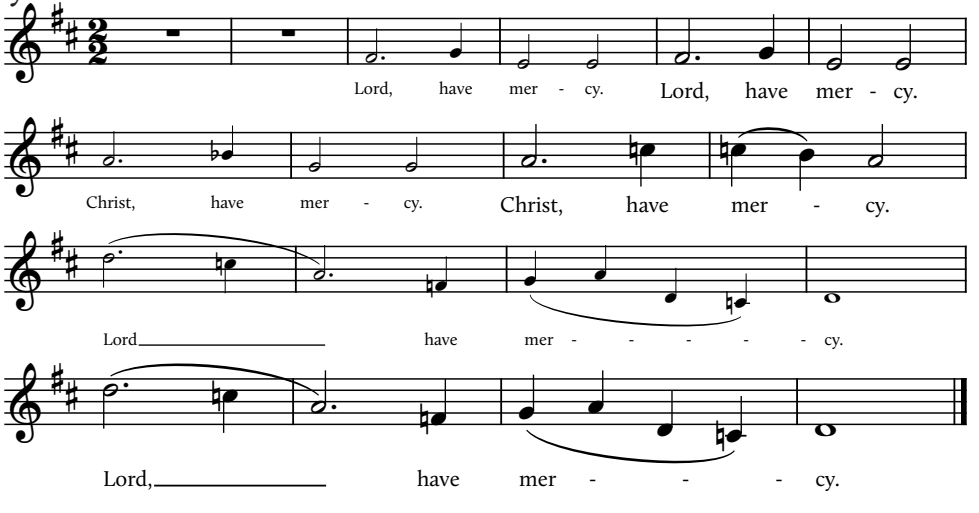


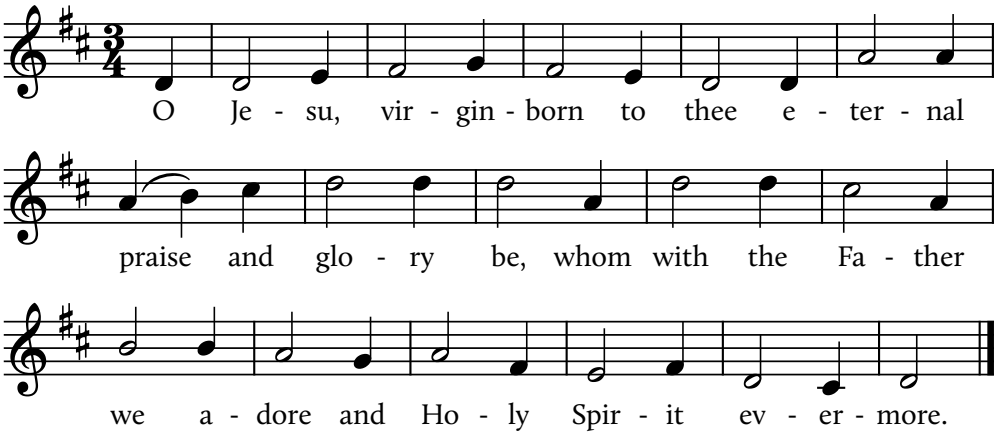
***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ,
the Lamb who bears our sin.
**People: Happy are those who put their trust in God,
and delight to do God's will, for God makes
our footing sure upon the rock of Christ. Amen**

***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** PUER NOBIS NASCITUR



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

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove:
Open our ears to the truth of your word,
that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us
and the glad news of deliverance revealed. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"The Servant's Mission"* Isaiah 49:1–7
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 592
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 830–31

Epistle Reading *"Salutation"* 1 Corinthians 1:1–9
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 926
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 201

***Hymn 649** "Amazing Grace" AMAZING GRACE

Gospel Reading *"The First Disciples"* John 1:29–42
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 862–63
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 112

Sermon "Called to Follow and Proclaim" 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 "Lamb of God" F. Melius Christiansen
Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy, O Jesu!

***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*)**
We give you thanks, O loving God,
that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people
the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will.
Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation
and restore all people to Christ. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 725** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Nyland

***Benediction**
Response "Sevenfold Amen" Lutkin

Voluntary Prelude in A minor J.S. Bach

This morning, we welcome Paul Watkins, guest organist.

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of
Mr. Alvin J. Gibbs from the Gibbs Trust Investment Fund.

The Cathedral Hour this morning is
in memory of Betty M. Wooten, from her family.

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 January 25, 2025

Mon: Isaiah 9:1–4
Tues: Psalm 27:1, 4–9
Wed: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18
Thurs: Matthew 4:12–23
Fri: Isaiah 9:1–4
Sat: Psalm 27:1, 4–9

Activities for the Week of January 18, 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Mission Luncheon: Refuge of Hope (West. Hall)
11:45 AM	Youth Group

Monday • Church Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Tuesday

6:00 PM	Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday • Tydings Deadline

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Online)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday

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

Sunday, January 25, 2026 • Pajama Jam Sunday!

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Youth Group

Christ Presbyterian Church
Ministers: The People of Christ Church
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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word* and *The Book of Common Worship*

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