



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702



*Trim Your Sails and Set Your Sight:
Chart Your Course Toward His Light (1986)*
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January 25, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 25, 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

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 377 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

God, our light and our salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom
and called his disciples to be fishers of people.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
that our lives may bear witness
to the good news of the kingdom at hand
and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation;
through your Son, Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God,
the source of freedom and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Almighty God,
we confess that we have not been faithful to you in
our thoughts and actions.
We have been selfish in our desires
and quarrelsome in our relationships.
We have allowed fear to divide us
from those who seem different,
and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.
Shine your light into our darkened hearts.
Save us from our divisive ways.
Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ
who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit
in perfect harmony. Amen.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance.

People: **Therefore, we trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.**

*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

O Je - su, vir - gin - born to thee e - ter - nal

praise and glo - ry be, whom with the Fa - ther

we a - dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed
our eyes may see your kingdom,
our ears may hear the call of Jesus,
and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading *“Light Shines for Those in Darkness”* Isaiah 9:1–4
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 555
People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, pp. 780–81

Epistle Reading *“An Appeal for Unity in the Gospel”* 1 Cor. 1:10–18
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 926
People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, pp. 201–2

***Hymn 726** *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* KELVINGROVE
vs. 1 all • vs. 2 upper voices • vs. 3 lower voices • vs. 4 choir • vs. 5 all

Gospel Reading *“Christ Revealed as a Prophet”* Matthew 4:12–23
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 785
People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible, p. 4

Sermon *“Light Dawns in Darkness”* 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 light,
People: **Hear our prayer**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem *“Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee”* Bairstow
Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

***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 our salvation, receive these gifts we offer
and bless them for the work of your kingdom,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 662** *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”* RATISBON

***Benediction**
Response *“Christ in the Eyes”* GREEN TYLER

Voluntary Voluntary on HYFRYDOL R. Vaughan Williams

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor
of William & Ida McKinley's 155th Wedding Anniversary
and to Celebrate Jim & Cincy Camp's 57th Wedding Anniversary

The Cathedral Hour this morning is made possible
by the Louella Williams Endowment.

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 February 1, 2026

Mon: Micah 6:1-8

Thurs: Matthew 5:1-12

Tues: Psalm 15

Fri: Micah 6:1-8

Wed: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sat: Psalm 15

Activities for the Week of January 25, 2026

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Pastors' Bible Study (Parlor)
- 11:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Young Adult Cluster (Offsite)

Wednesday

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Online)
- 8:00 AM Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry
- 9:15 AM Endowment Meeting (Parlor)
- 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, February 1, 2026

- 8:30 AM Worship Service (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Various)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 AM Children's Choir and Youth Resound Music Retreat

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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word*
and *The Book of Common Worship*

Deacons

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Gail & Eric Mueller
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The bread used for Holy Communion

is free of nuts, gluten, dairy, and preservatives.

*For persons having difficulty handling the communion elements,
a small cup containing both the gluten free bread and grape juice
is offered by the communion servers.*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Hymn

"As We Gather at Your Table"



1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble,
2. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us sum - mon



as we lis - ten to your word,
oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence;
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come



let our hearts and minds be stirred.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Worthy of praise and thanksgiving are you, Lord God...

...we join the unending hymn

Sanctus: Hymn 562

SANCTUS (Schubert)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

please be seated

Leader: Sustaining God, in you many become one...

..."Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Generous God, in Christ you threw wide the net...
...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Music during Communion

“Agnus Dei”

Fedak

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.

“Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. Marianne Kim

Activities for the Week of February 1, 2026

Sunday, February 1, 2026

- 8:30 AM Worship Service (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Various)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 AM Children’s Choir and Youth Resound Music Retreat

Monday

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study (Online)
- 10:00 AM Staff Retreat (Offsite)
- 1:30 PM Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
- 6:00 PM Taizé Evening Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Camp Wakonda Board Meeting (Online)

Thursday

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

- 8:30 AM Worship Service (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Various)
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 am A/V Training for Youth