



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702



Христос в пустыне (1872)
(*Christ in the Desert*)

Ivan Kramskoi
Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia

February 22, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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

"The Word Was God"

Rosephanye Powell

Columbus Alternative High School Choir

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

People: **The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

Leader: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

People: **Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

Leader: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad,
whom will you serve?

People: **We worship the Lord our God alone.**

*Hymn 165

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

Wild God of wilderness,
as we devote these forty days to you,
shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord,
so that we may be ready, by your grace,
to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life.
Amen.

Call to Confession

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence,
but name their sin and seek God's grace.

Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.

You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life.

You know our nakedness, and you know our sin.

We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care
and relying on our own cleverness.

Have mercy on us, we pray:

cover us with your grace,

feed us with the bread of life,

and re-create us in your image;

through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!
Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*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 441, vs. 1

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

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 Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread,
and may the leading of your Spirit become our way;
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading "Eating of the Tree of Knowledge" Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 2

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, pp. 2-3

*Hymn 226 "There in God's Garden" SHADES MOUNTAIN

vs. 1 all • vs. 2 upper voices • vs. 3 lower voices • vs. 4-6 all

Epistle Reading "Death Came, Life Comes" Romans 5:12-19

Leader: The Word of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 917

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, p. 189

Gospel Reading "The Temptation of Jesus" Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

Pew Bible, p. 785

People: **Thanks be to God**

Large Print Bible, pp. 3-4

Sermon "Not Today, Satan" 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 “Bring Me All Your Dreams” Christopher Harris
Columbus Alternative High School Choir

Bring me all of your dreams,
You dreamers.
Bring me all of your
Heart melodies
That I may wrap them
In a blue cloud-cloth
Away from the too rough fingers
Of the world.

—Langston Hughes

***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 and praise, O God,
for the free and abundant gift of grace
you have given us in Jesus Christ.
Let the simple gifts of our lives
be a sign of our unending gratitude
for your undying love;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 819**

“Be Still, My Soul”

FINLANDIA

***Benediction**

Response

“Come Here Jesus, If You Please”

African-American
Spiritual

Voluntary

“Carillon”

Herbert Murill

Dr. Collin Richardson, organ

*We welcome the Columbus Alternative High School Choir
as musical leaders in today's worship service.
They are led by conductor and organist Dr. Collin Richardson*

The Chancel Flowers are given in in memory and honor
of Louis C. Kopf's 116th birthday by her daughter, Alice.

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

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 March 1, 2026

Mon: Genesis 12:1-4a

Thurs: Matthew 17:1-9

Tues: Psalm 121

Fri: Genesis 12:1-4a

Wed: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Sat: Psalm 121

Activities for the Week of February 22, 2026

Sunday, February 22, 2026

- 8:30 AM Worship Service (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 9:15 AM Sunday School (Various)
- 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:45 AM Youth Group: Fellowship

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)
- 5:30 PM Finance Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Online)
- 8:00 AM Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting (Parlor)
- 8:00 PM Young Adult Cluster (Offsite)

Thursday

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

Saturday

- 8:00 AM Food Ministry Breakfast (Westminster Hall)

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- 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 Youth Group: Destination Unknown

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