CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702

God's Covenant with Abraham (ca. 1400)

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March 1, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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–kindergarten) is available after the Children's sermon.

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Deep River" Gerald Near

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: From where will our help come?
People: Our help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Leader: Who is our keeper?
People: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.
Leader: How long will God protect us?
People: God will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

***Hymn 274** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" Picardy

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

God our helper, our shade, our protector,
you are able to give life to the dead,
to call into being things that do not exist.
We trust in your power to make all things new;
to keep us in sunlight and moonlight,
along rocky paths and pathways unknown;
until all our going and coming brings us at last
to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

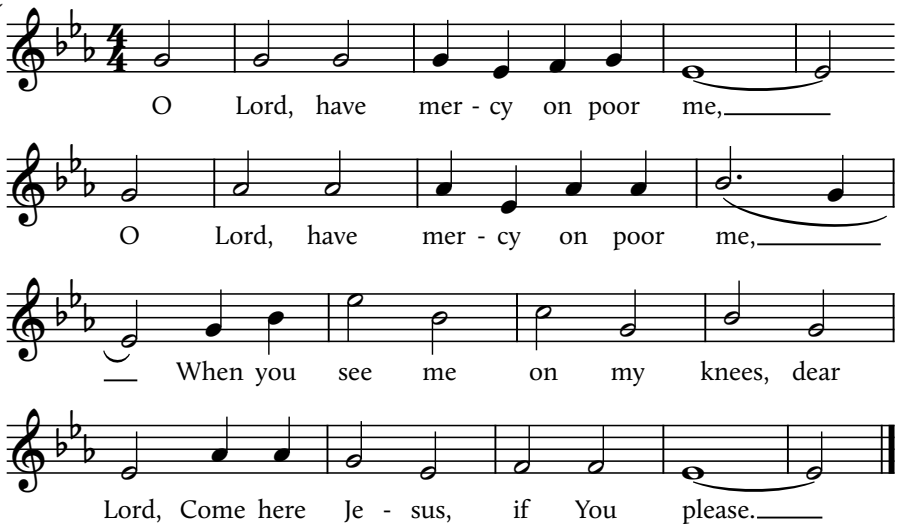
Call to Confession

We cannot earn God's grace or favor.
It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given.
Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly,
we confess our sins in faith.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace.
You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.
We justify our actions and words,
though we know they are not what you require.
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,
preferring old habits to risky change.
Forgive us, we pray.
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,
trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith.

Kyrie



***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason,
God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **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** RESTORATION

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms

Anthem "Little Things" Mark Burrows
Children's Choir

Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
and the beauteous land.

Little deeds of kindness,
little words of love,
Make our earth an Eden,
like the heaven above.

All the little moments,
humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages of eternity.
Little deeds of kindness...

And even in the winter chill
or in the darkest night,
A single little candle
can fill a room with light. *Little deeds...*

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the Children's sermon, children ages 3 through kindergarten are invited to follow the teachers out for children's church. Children first-grade and older will return to sit with their families. 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 signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again,
seeking understanding and the new life it offers.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds
so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. **Amen**.

Epistle Reading *"The Example of Abraham"* Romans 4:1–5, 13–17
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 916
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 187–88

Gospel Reading *"Nicodemus Visits Jesus"* John 3:1–17
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 863–64
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 114

Sermon "Hush-hush" Rev. Michael Wallace

Our Response to the Word

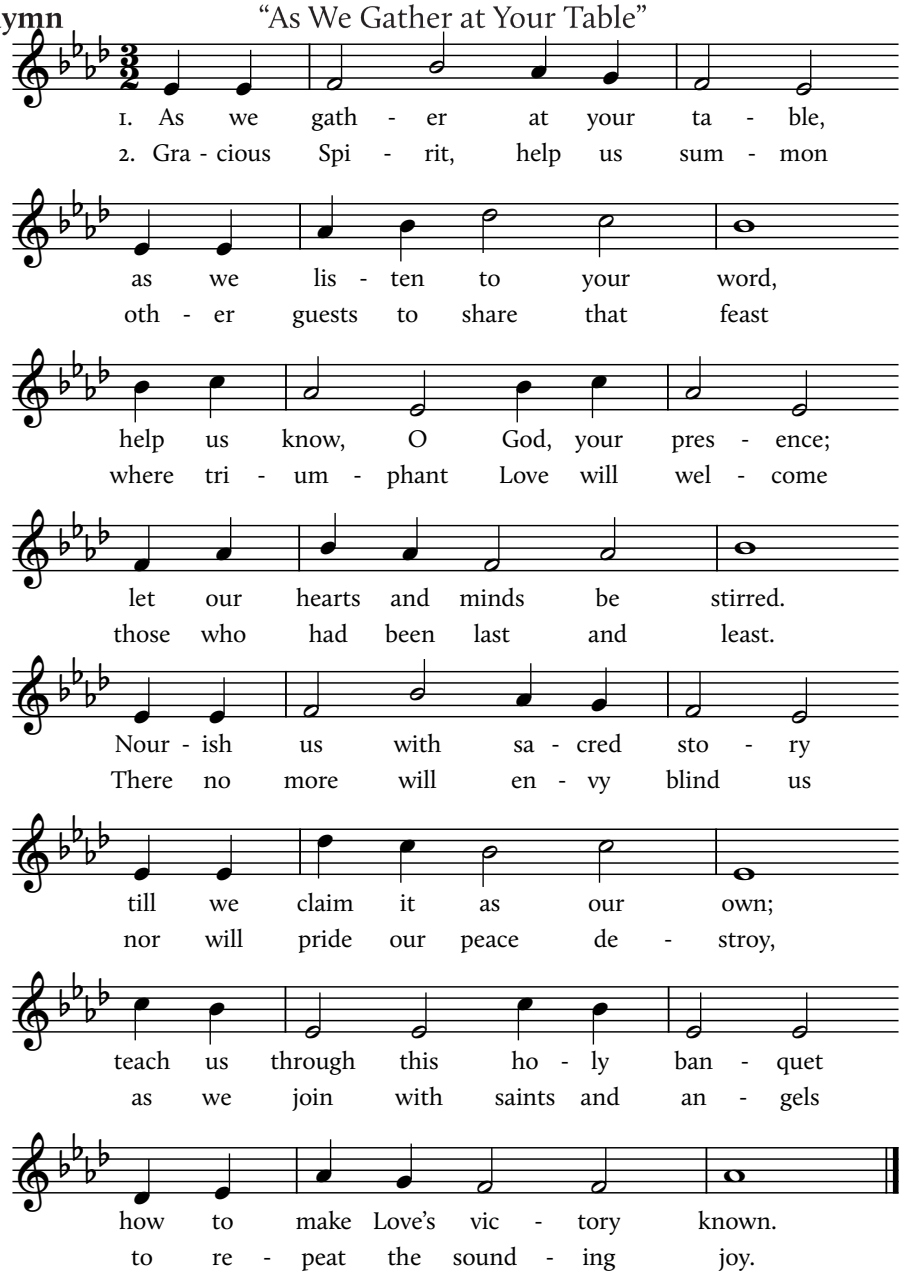
***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed,* p. 34

The Great Thanksgiving

The bread used for Holy Communion is free of nuts, gluten, dairy, and preservatives. The cup contains unfermented grape juice. For persons having difficulty handling the communion elements, a small cup containing both the bread and juice is offered by the communion servers.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Hymn** "As We Gather at Your Table"



***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: Blessings and thanks belong to you, promising God…
…singing your unending praise

Sanctus: Hymn 552 LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, 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: Faithful God, in Jesus you fulfilled all righteousness…
…Great is the mystery of faith.
People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Leader: Generous God, you loved the world so much…
…Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
People: Amen.

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God" Christiansen

Andante cantabile from *Symphony no. 4* C.M. Widor

Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "God So Loved the World" Bob Chilcott

***Doxology: Hymn 717** PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

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

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude—for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes.
In Christ we pray. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 800** "Sometimes a Light Surprises" SALLEY GARDENS

***Benediction**
Response "Worthy Is Our Earthly Jesus" Holst, arr. Cooper

Voluntary "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Raymond Henry

Activities for the Week of March 1, 2026

Sunday, March 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	Youth Group: Destination Unknown

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 Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Online)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
6:00 PM	Lenten Taizé 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, March 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)

The Chancel Flowers are given in memory and honor of Louis C. Kopf's 114th birthday from his daughter, Alice Rauch

The Cathedral Hour this morning is in memory of my mother, Vivian Everhard Griffin, from Cyndy Lucas.

Christ Presbyterian Church

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