CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street W, Canton, Ohio 44702

Christ the Light
Kelly Latimore

March 15, 2026

The Order for Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" Brenda Austin
Christ Church Ringers

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: God does not see as mortals see. *1 Sam. 16:7*
We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.
People: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!
Leader: Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light,
we are called to what is good and right and true.
People: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

***Hymn 386** "Come, Worship God" O Quanta Qualia

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

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see?
Bring us again and again into your light *Eph. 5:8–9, 13*
until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us.
Touch us so that we are utterly changed, *John 9:6*
that we may say, "One thing I do know, *John 9:25*
that though I was blind, now I see."
Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ's light, we pray. Amen.

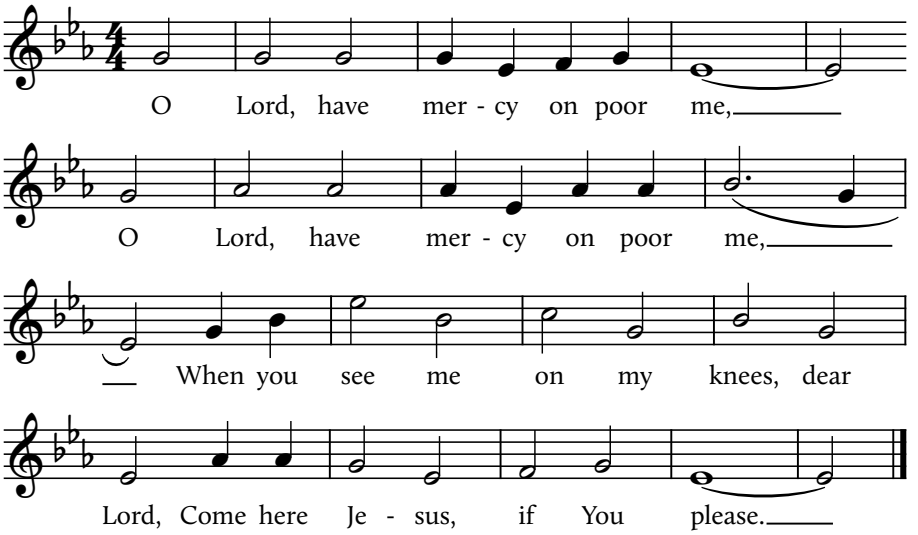
Call to Confession

As children of God's light, *Eph. 5:8–10*
we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord:
to participate in what is good and right and true,
and expose what is unfruitful and evil.
Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God,
so that what is hidden in us becomes visible,
and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Gracious God,
we are people who still love darkness rather than light. *John 3:19*
We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue.
We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others.
We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable,
but step back, protecting ourselves.
Forgive us, we pray.

Kyrie



***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

People: We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us. 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

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

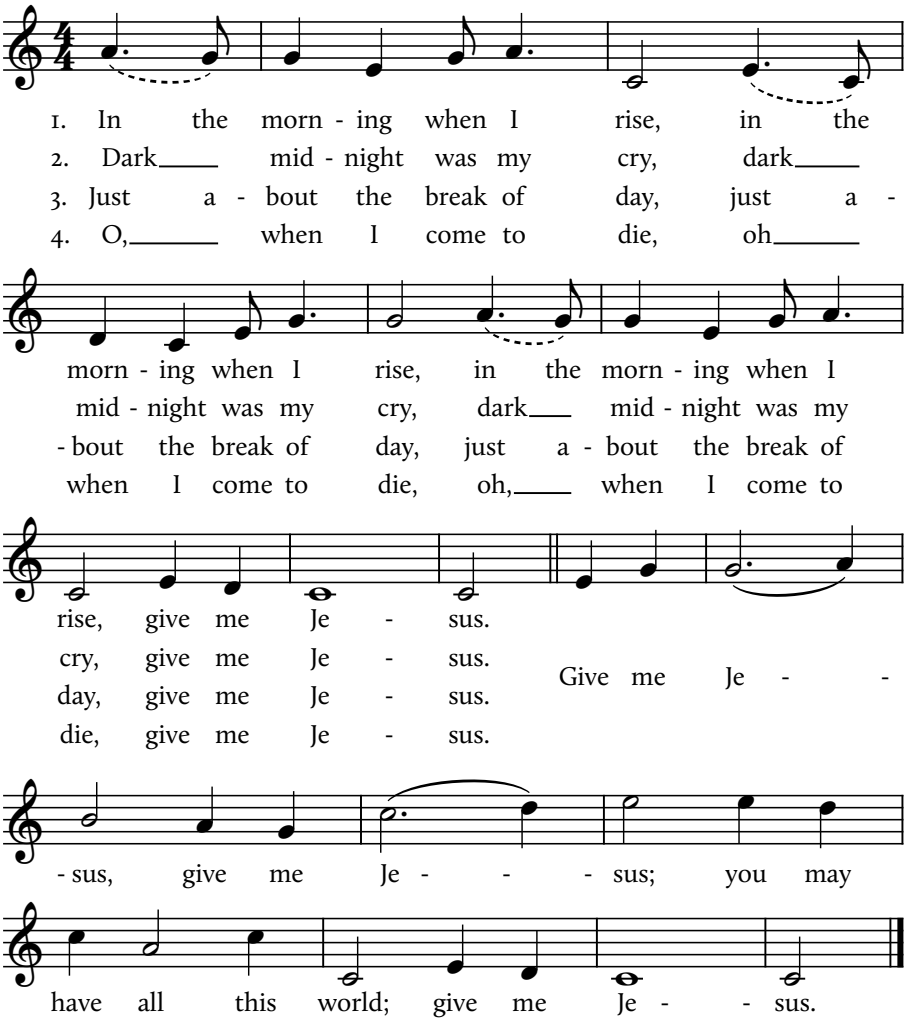
Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds
as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed,
so that by the power of your Holy Spirit
we may see what is good and right and true.
And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you,
so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds.
In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"David Anointed as King"* 1 Samuel 16:1–13

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 226–27

People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 322

Epistle Reading *"Fruit of the Light"* Ephesians 5:8–14
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 951–52
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 237–38

***Hymn** "Give Me Jesus"

Gospel Reading *"Blindness Healed"* John 9:1–41
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 871–72
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 125–26

Sermon "So Many Questions" 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 "My God Is a Rock" arr. Parker/Shaw
Britt Cooper, baritone

My God is a rock in a weary land and a shelter in a time of storm.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter One, when the Lord God's work was just begun
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Two, when the Lord God's written his Bible through.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Three, when the Lord God died on Calvary.

Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Four, when the Lord God visit among the poor.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Five, when the Lord God brought the dead alive.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Six, He went in Jerusalem and healed the sick.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Seven, died and risen and went to heaven.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Eight, John seen Him standin' at the Golden Gate.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Nine, Lord God turned the water to wine.
Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Ten, John says he's comin' in the world again.
My God is a rock in a weary land and a shelter in a time of storm.

***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*)**

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table,
into your presence, into your house.
For all that you have done for us,
most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ,
we offer our thanks and praise.
We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you
and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ,
who awakens those who sleep,
and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 802** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBA

***Benediction Response** "O Radiant Light" CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Voluntary Prelude on St. COLUMBA Healey Willan

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

Activities for the Week of March 15, 2026

Sunday, March 15, 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	Interfaith Seder Meal (Westminster Hall)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday • Tydings Deadline

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Online)
8:30 AM	Young Adults' Bible Study (Online)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
6:00 PM	Lenten Taizé Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday

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

Friday

7:00 PM	Concert Series: Bryan Anderson, Organ (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 22, 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	CPR and First Aid Training (Westminster Hall)

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of John Stewart by his wife, Peg Stewart.

The Cathedral Hour this morning is in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert H. Smith, Sr., by Cynthia Minter, Albert H. Smith, Jr. and their families